

BYLAWS

Kenton County Republican Committee

Preamble

We are the Party of the open door. With these Rules, we seek to transform that transcendent principle into accepted practice. But written Rules are no substitute for personal commitment. As Republicans, we are and we must be, committed to encouraging the broadest possible participation in the affairs of our Party. We must, and we do, encourage every Kenton Countian to seek that level of Party leadership for which his talents and energy recommend him. No false distinctions of age, race, sex, or religion shall bar anyone from any Party position. Devotion to our Party's principles and loyalty to its candidates are, and should be, the only qualifications for holding any position in the Republican Party — the Party of the open door.

1.00 COMMITTEE:

.01 Name: This Committee shall be designated the "Kenton County Republican Committee," hereinafter to be referred to as the "County Committee."

.02 Purpose and Duties:

a) This County Committee shall be organized pursuant to the authority of the Republican State Central Committee of Kentucky and shall be the governing body of the Republican Party in Kenton County, Kentucky.

b) The County Committee shall promote the election of Republican candidates and the implementation of programs called for in the Republican Party platform.

c) The County Committee shall see to the proper organization of the Republican Party in Kenton County on the precinct level and shall carry out all the duties imposed on the Republican Party at the county level whether by Party or governmental law.

d) The County Committee shall be the judge of all Party disputes in Kenton County and shall provide for and impose penalties for violations of the Party rules subject to due process and any other limitations of applicable law. Any judgment of the County Committee in accordance with State Party Rules is subject to due process and any other limitations of applicable law.

.03 Organization of County Committee:

a) Membership: The County Committee shall be composed of the duly elected Precinct Officers of Kenton County (Sec. 2.03), Members-at-Large (Sec. 4.00), the Chairmen of Standing Committees (Sec. 6.00), and Presidents of Auxiliary Organizations (Sec. 6.0.7). Elected Republican public officials may serve as ex-officio members of this County Committee without voting privileges (Sec. 5.0.1). Republicans elected to nonpartisan public offices may be appointed or elected to the County and Executive Committees as regular members. Other Republicans elected to nonpartisan public offices may serve as ex-officio members without voting privileges after being administered the Oath of Office (Sec. 5.0. I). All members of this County Committee shall be registered Republicans and residents of Kenton County.

b) Special Meetings: Special meetings of the County Committee may be called at the discretion of the County Chairman or upon written notice of seventeen (17) members of the County Committee, or eleven (11) members of the Executive Committee. Written notice shall be made by the most feasible method. The "most feasible method" would include letter, fax or email since all are a form of written communication.

c) Notice of Meetings: A written notice shall be sent to all Committee members to arrive at least two (2) days before all regular and quarterly meetings. Written notice shall be made by the most feasible method.

.04 Quorum: A quorum of seventeen (17) has been established to conduct the business of the County Committee.

.05 Oath of Office: The following Oath of Office will be administered to each member before taking a place on the County Committee.

"I am a believer in the principles of the National Republican Party. I am in favor of an active, aggressive campaign at every election, and will endorse and support, as long as I am a member of this County Committee, each and every candidate nominated by the Republican Party."

2.00 PRECINCT ORGANIZATION

.01 Organization: All registered Republicans in each precinct of Kenton County shall comprise the precinct organization and membership of that precinct.

.02 Precinct Elections: One or more meetings will be held for the purpose of electing a Precinct Captain, Co-Captain, and Youth Chairman (the precinct officers) for each precinct at a location or multiple locations as chosen by the Executive Committee, in such years as provided by the Rules of the Republican Party of Kentucky. Only residents of a precinct may vote for the officials in that precinct. The precinct officers automatically become members of the County Committee.

.03 Precinct Meetings: Each year within sixty (60) days following the primary Election each Precinct Captain shall call an annual precinct meeting and notify all registered Republicans residing within that precinct of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting. They shall be notified by the most feasible method. The Precinct Captain shall certify in writing to the County Committee within ten (10) days following the precinct meeting the minutes of said meeting including all action taken, number in attendance, and the results of action.

.04 Removal of Precinct Officers: The County Committee may, upon its own initiative, or upon the recommendations of the Precinct Leadership Committee, forthwith dismiss a Precinct Officer for failure to perform the duties as set forth by the Precinct Leadership Committee.

3.00 OFFICERS OF COUNTY COMMITTEE

.01 Election of Officers: In accordance with the rules of the Republican Party of Kentucky, the County Committee shall, immediately after the March County Convention meeting in each Presidential Election year, elect officers for a term of four years. The officers shall be the officers for both the County Committee and the Executive Committee. The Chair of the Executive Committee (Sec. 5.0.1) shall, prior to the March meeting of the County Committee, in each Presidential Election year, present to the Nominations Committee the names and qualifications of individuals recommended for each office to be filled.

.02 Nominations Committee: The Nominations Committee shall review the presented individuals then nominate a person for each office to the County Committee for their vote. Each officer will serve until his successor is duly qualified and installed.

.03 Officers and Duties

a) Chairman: The Chairman shall serve as the Executive Officer of the Republican Party of Kenton County and shall preside at all County Committee meetings and Executive Committee meetings. The Chairman shall be the spokesman for the County Committee and shall have such powers as set forth within these Bylaws, the Bylaws of the Republican Party of Kentucky, by operation of law and, unless otherwise provided, as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

b) Vice-Chairman: The position of Vice Chairman shall be occupied by a person of the opposite sex from the Chairman. The Vice Chairman shall serve in the absence of the Chairman and shall perform any other duties as so designated by the County chairman and the County Committee.

c) Secretary: The Secretary of the County Committee shall record the minutes of all meetings of the County Committee and the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall be responsible for all official County Committee and Executive Committee correspondence and meeting notices. The Secretary shall keep all official records of the Party, other than the financial records. The Secretary may appoint such assistant secretaries as are necessary for the purpose of taking care of the business of the County Committee and the Executive Committee.

d) Treasurer: The Treasurer shall receive and disburse funds, keep accurate financial records and make regular reports to the County Committee and the Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep all necessary records and make all necessary reports as required under Federal law. The Treasurer shall present a proposed budget at the April meeting each year.

e) Youth Chairman: The Youth Chairman shall recruit new members to the Republican Party and work with the Precinct Leadership Committee to recruit and train Precinct Officers, and shall work as liaison with other youth organizations, including, but not limited to young Republicans, campus Republicans and teen Republicans.

4.00 MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

.01 The Chairman shall appoint fifteen (15) members-at-large to the Executive Committee to serve at his discretion.

.02 The County Committee shall elect fifteen (15) members-at-large to the Executive Committee to serve at the discretion of the County Committee.

.03 Members-at-large shall be selected for their past and present service to the Kenton County Republican Party and their ability to advise and counsel as to Party policies and activities. Republican public officials elected to partisan offices may not serve as members-at-large.

.04 Any vacancy in the elected positions shall be filled by the Executive Committee. Any vacancy in the appointed positions shall be filled by the Chairman.

5.00 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

.01 Membership: The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers, fifteen (15) members-at-large appointed by the County Chairman, fifteen (15) members-at-large to be elected by the County Committee at the meeting immediately following the Precinct Elections as provided in **Section 2.02** and the Presidents of all Kenton County Republican Clubs or organizations officially recognized by the Executive Committee. Republican public officials elected to partisan offices who are residents of Kenton County may be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee. Republican public officials elected to non-partisan offices who are residents of Kenton County may be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee after being administered the Oath of Office (Section 1.05).

.02 Powers and Duties: The Executive Committee shall meet monthly with the exception of December, unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Committee and shall have all the duties and powers of the County Committee between quarterly meetings. Emergency meetings may be called by the Chairman at any time.

.03 Quorum: A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be eleven (11) members and written notice shall be sent to arrive at least two (2) days before each regular or special meeting.

.04 Appointed Position Vacancies: When a vacancy occurs in an appointed position, the vacancy shall be announced to all members of the Executive Committee. Recommendations will be made to the Chairman by the Nominations Committee and others. An appointment will be made based on the Chairman's discretion.

.05 Elected Position Vacancies:

a) When a vacancy occurs in an elected position, the vacancy shall be announced to all members of the Executive Committee. Letters of nomination should then be presented to the Chairman or the Nominations Committee setting forth the qualifications of the person to be considered. Those qualifications would include service to the Party and/or talents that person has which could be used on the Party's behalf.

b) The names will be presented to the Nominations Committee in executive session for discussion. If a majority of the Nominations Committee approves of the individual, then that person is presented to the Executive Committee and must be accepted by a majority of the Kenton County Executive Committee.

c) The candidate will then be contacted to determine his or her willingness to serve and of his or her acceptance by the Executive Committee. A formal nomination will then be made. The individual must be elected by a majority of the Executive Committee.

6.00 COMMITTEES: The following Standing Committees are hereby created. The Chairman of the County Committee shall appoint Chairmen for each Standing Committee.

.01 Planning Committee: The Planning Committee shall consist of the County Chairman, all officers and, as required, the necessary advisors appointed by the County Chairman. Responsibilities are planning, coordinating and directing Party action, with the agreement of the Executive Committee.

.02 Candidate Support Committee: The Candidate Support Committee shall consist of a Chairman and any advisors and activity chairmen appointed by the Candidate Support Committee Chairman, with the approval of the County Chairman. Responsibilities are coordinating Party activities with those of the candidate campaigns (includes rallies, phone banks, mass mailings, yard signs) and supervising office staff.

.03 Finance and Fund Raising Committee: The Finance and Fundraising Committee shall consist of a Chairman, the Party Treasurer and three (3) other members appointed by the Finance Chairman with the approval of the County Chairman. Responsibilities are fund raising, budget, and collecting Executive Committee dues.

.04 Precinct Leadership Committee: The Precinct Leadership Committee shall consist of a Chairman, the Youth Chairman, the Republican County Elections Officer, and other members appointed by the Precinct leadership Committee Chairman, with the approval of the County Chairman. Responsibilities are: recruiting and training district, community, city, and area chairpersons as may exist, precinct captains, co-captains and youth chairpersons, and, door-to-door canvassing; voter registration' get-out-the-vote drives; training Party poll workers; and, staffing polling places.

.05 Rules and Resolutions Committee: The Rules and Resolutions Committee shall consist of a Chairman and other members appointed by the Rules Committee Chairman with the approval of the County Chairman. Responsibilities are Bylaws, procedural rules, meeting minutes, and parliamentary procedures, and to draft any resolutions, as needed. The Rules and Resolutions Committee shall be the final arbiter of disputes regarding these Bylaws and the rules and procedures of the County Chairman.

.06 Public Affairs And Issues Committee: The Public Affairs and Issues Committee shall consist of the County Chairman who shall be the Chairman, Republican public officials elected to partisan offices who are residents of Kenton County, Party nominees, and other members, as appointee by the County Chairman. Responsibilities are issue identification, coordination of issue strategy, media contacts, public relations efforts, and keeping Executive Committee members informed of these positions. Principle: Party Chairman speaks for the Party — candidates speak for their campaigns.

.07 Auxiliary Affairs Committee: The Auxiliary Affairs Committee shall consist of a Chairman, and three (3) other members appointed by the Auxiliary Affairs Committee Chairman with the approval of the County Chairman. Responsibilities are enlisting support of auxiliary organizations, such as the Republican Women's Club, the Young Republicans Club, and any other Kenton County Republican Clubs officially recognized by the County Committee.

.08 Candidate Recruitment Committee: The Candidate Recruitment Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Republican public officials elected to partisan offices who are residents of Kenton County, the County Chairman and other members appointed by the Candidate Recruitment Committee Chairman with the approval of the County Chairman. Responsibilities are selecting and recruiting top quality Republican candidates for public office.

.09 Nominations Committee: The Nominations Committee shall consist of a Chairman and four (4) other members appointed by the Chairman with the approval of the County Chairman, and shall receive and review nominations for officers and elected members of the County Committee or the Executive Committee, as the case may be, and shall make the nominations of selected officers and members to the County Committee or Executive Committee for their vote.

.10 The Lincoln 100: The Lincoln 100 shall be a fundraising Committee consisting of seven (7) members, four (4) of whom shall be appointed by the County Chairman from current members of the Executive Committee and three (3) others elected by the members of the Lincoln 100 and who shall be registered' Republicans and who may be members of the Executive Committee. The County Chairman shall appoint the Chairman of the Lincoln 100. The Lincoln 100 shall raise funds principally to foster a fertile environment promoting Republican causes and new Republican candidates.

.11 Convention Committee: The Convention Committee shall be responsible for the County reorganization Convention in Presidential Election years and shall consist of a Chairman, the Officers of the Party and other members as appointed by the Chairman, with the approval of the County Chairman.

7.00 QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP: All members of the County Committee, the County Executive Committee, all officers, and any person holding any position as set out in this document shall be a registered Republican, and a resident of Kenton County. All Republicans who participate in the Precinct elections, County Mass Meeting, County Convention, District Convention, or State Convention shall be a registered Republican, a resident of Kenton County, and shall be eligible to vote in the Primary election in the year of any of the above specified meetings and Conventions.

.01 Removal From Committees Or Offices: The Committee may itself remove any member, Officer, or Precinct Officer for unexcused absence from three (3) consecutive meetings, misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance in office subject to the same appeal as provided in contested elections to the Republican State Central Committee.

.02 Dues: All members of the Executive Committee shall pay dues of \$30.00 per year payable on April 1 of each year.

.03 Voting: Any member holding more than one position within the Party shall be allowed only one vote. No person shall be entitled to vote by proxy.

8.00 AMENDMENTS: These articles may be amended by a majority of the members of the County Committee present and voting at the specified meeting, provided that notice, in writing, of the proposed amendments shall have been given by the County Chairman to the members of the County Committee at least ten(10) days prior to the meeting, at which meeting the proposed amendment or amendments are to be acted upon. Written notice shall be made by the most feasible method.

9.00 PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY: Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, will be the Rules of the County Committee and the County Executive Committee, except as otherwise provided.

10.00 CONVENTION: The County Convention and the selection of delegates to District, State, and National conventions shall be conducted as prescribed in the Rules of the Republican Party of Kentucky.

11.00 Emergency Procedures: In the event that any provision of these Bylaws as it relates to the election of the Precinct Officers, County Committee and Executive Committee cannot be performed due to acts of God, wars, national emergencies, or state emergencies, the Executive Committee is authorized to implement an alternative method by which such nominations and elections shall be conducted. Such alternative method may include electronic meetings, virtual elections, caucuses, or meetings, electronic or paper ballots, virtual conventions, or any method authorized by the Executive Committee. It may also include changing the date and/or timing of the elections. If enacted, this provision would allow for the election process to be delayed or rescheduled as needed to accommodate for the emergency situation.

This provision may be invoked by a vote of the Executive Committee at any regular or special meeting.

Such rules and procedures that will govern this process during an emergency shall be submitted by the County Chairman to the State Executive Committee. Once the alternative rules and procedures for the nomination and election of County Committee and Executive Committee are approved, such procedures and methods shall take the place of the relevant provisions of these Bylaws and shall have the full force and effect until such procedures are exhausted.

Approved by the Kenton County Republican Party Executive Committee 2/8/2021. Ratified by the Kentucky Republican Party Executive Committee _____.