

OFFICER/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

By signing this form, I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to follow the 2023 Beaufort County Plan of Organization.

BC GOP Officer or Executive Committee Member

Print Name

Signature

Date

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS, AUTHORITY, AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS PLAN

A. Amendments to Plan of Organization

Plan of Organization Committees shall have the authority to correct any spelling or typographical errors in the Plan of Organization, as a housekeeping matter, that does not change the substance of the Plan.

B. Authority

1. **Parliamentary Authority** - The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern all proceedings, except when inconsistent with this Plan or Convention Rules properly adopted.
2. **Controversies** in any County or District concerning the organizations set up therein under this Plan shall be referred to the State Arbitration Committee.
3. **Arbitration** - Parties before the Arbitration Committee shall have a reasonable opportunity to present their case through argument and evidence. The length and parameters of such argument, as well as the admission and consideration of such evidence, shall be solely within the discretion of the Arbitration Committee, but the Arbitration Committee must afford parties a reasonable opportunity to present their case. Rulings from the Committee shall be made within 60 days, and their decision shall be final. All parties who participate in the arbitration shall have access to the final, written decision of the Arbitration Committee.

C. Effective Date

This Plan of Organization shall become effective and repeal and supersede all other rules, except as specifically noted, immediately following adjournment of the County Convention. This, however, shall not invalidate any action taken under the previous rules before the convention date. The adoption of this Plan shall not affect the term of those officeholders at the time of the adoption of this Plan.

Date of County Convention Saturday, March 25, 2023

Chair Signature

Carolyn Harris Carolyn Harris

Secretary Signature

April Holloway April Holloway

Plan may be taken without a meeting by unanimous written consent of all members of such committee. The action must be evidenced by one or more written consents signed by each member of such committee before or after such action, describing the action taken, and included in the minutes or filed with the committee's records. Action so taken is effective when the last member of such committee signs such consent unless the consent specifies a different effective date. Such consent has the effect of a meeting vote and may be described as such in any document.

grant such an exemption with a two-thirds affirmative vote. This exemption shall be deemed void if any other Republican files with the Board of Elections for the same public office within that election cycle.

I. Notice

1. "Notice" as used in this plan shall be defined as the actual providing of the required information to the intended recipient by direct means which are substantially likely to inform the recipient. "Notice" can include, but is not limited to, US Mail First Class postage prepaid, telephonic communications, FAX transmissions, and/or email. Any individual providing notice under the plan shall document the time and manner of providing notice in the event of a challenge to providing proper notices.
2. "Written Notice" as used in this plan shall mean notice sent through the United States Postal Service (USPS) first class mail. The date postmarked by the USPS shall be conclusive as to the date notice was given.
3. "Public Notice" as used in this plan shall be defined as the procedure for informing interested persons by means that ensure full and timely notice to the public of the event requiring notice. The primary means for Public Notice shall be the County party's website. Other media such as radio, television, email, or U.S. mail may be used. All Public Notices must appear or be broadcast at least 10 days before the event.

J. Media

All meetings of the Beaufort CEC are closed to the media unless otherwise determined by the CEC. (possible update, waiting for clarification.)

K. Endorsements in Elections

In non-partisan elections or in elections where there is no primary election, the CEC shall have exclusive authority to endorse registered Republicans running in the county. The CEC shall not issue endorsements in races unless the political subdivision resides entirely within Beaufort County. All members of the CEC may vote on the endorsements for districts wholly encompassed within that county, regardless of whether Committee members live within the District in question.

L. Participation by Telephone or Other Electronic Conference Call

The Chair of any committee organized under this Plan may permit any one or more members of such committee to participate in a meeting of such committee using a telephone or other electronic conference call that allows all persons participating in the meeting to simultaneously hear each other during the meeting, and such participation in a meeting shall be deemed present in person at such meeting.

M. Proxy Voting

No proxy voting shall be allowed at any meeting or convention held under this Plan.

N. Action without Meeting

Action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of any committee organized under this

F. Appointments and Nominations

1. Notification

It shall be the duty of the State Chair to transmit notice of known vacancies on a County, District, or State level to those persons having jurisdiction over such appointments.

2. Filling Vacancies

- a. When a vacancy occurs in a governmental office for which a Party recommendation is called for, the vacancy shall be filled per the laws of the State of North Carolina and according to the terms of this Plan. The abovementioned recommendation shall be provided by the committee having jurisdiction over the district, which is the subject of the vacancy.
- b. In multi-county offices or state legislative offices, the responsibility for calling the meeting rests with the State Chair. The State Chair may delegate this authority to the appropriate county Chair if the county or district, as the case may be, encompasses the entire county in which the vacancy occurs.
- c. Unless otherwise provided by law, notice to committee members of the time, date, location, and purpose of the meeting at which a recommendation for filling the vacancy will be considered, must be made according to Article V.I. to the last known address of the committee member. The notice must be mailed at least ten days before the date of the meeting unless good cause exists for shortening the time. In no case may the meeting be scheduled for a time and date less than five days after the mailing of the notice to committee members.
- e. In those cases where the County Chair calls the meeting, the State Chair shall designate the person to chair the meeting. The vote shall be conducted in a method reasonably calculated to assure accuracy and fairness to all potential candidates for the position.
- f. Should any clause or provision found in this section be deemed inconsistent with the laws of the State of North Carolina, those laws shall govern as to the particular clause or provision and the remainder of this section shall apply.

G. Refrain from Utilizing Powers of Office in Republican Primary

Each Officer and each Member of any Committee created under this Plan shall refrain from utilizing the powers and dignity of his/her office or position in any Republican Primary for public office at any level. Nor shall any Committee created under this Plan endorse, in any way, manner, or form, a candidate in any Republican Primary for public office.

H. Party Officers as Candidates

If the Chair or Vice-Chair of the County Party, shall announce his intentions to run for public office or shall file a notice of candidacy with the Board of Elections, that person shall be deemed to have resigned his office within the Party, effective seven days after the close of filing, and the then-existing vacancy shall be filled as provided for herein. In those cases where the Party office held by a said person is at the county level, the Party official may petition the CEC for exemption from this provision and the CEC may, for good cause shown,

writing immediately upon his/her conviction of a felony; as long as the failure of this Member to so notify the Chair shall not delay, prevent or restrict the expulsion of such Member from such Committee.

- c. For the purposes hereof, a "conviction" shall be defined as the conviction of or the entering of a guilty plea, an Alford plea, or a plea of no contest to a felony.

5. Removal by Unexcused/Excused Absences

- a. Any member or officer of the Beaufort CEC, who misses ~~three~~ two (2) meetings in 12 months, starting with the first absence without an excused absence approved by the Chair, shall be presumed to have resigned.
- b. Any member or officer of the Beaufort County CEC, who misses 50% + 1 of meetings in 12 months, starting with the first excused absence, shall be presumed to have resigned.
- c. The Secretary shall, without any further action, remove that member from the CEC roll and notify the Chair of said action. All absences will be documented. Excused and unexcused absences will be documented as such.
- d. The Chair at the next CEC meeting shall inform members of a vacancy in the CEC.

6. Forfeiture of Official Privileges

a. Removal or Resignation from Committees

Any current or former officer or Member of a Precinct Committee or County Executive Committee who, for any reason, is removed or resigned from said position shall forfeit all rights and privileges in any way connected with that position.

b. Party Disloyalty

- C. Any registered Republican attempting to influence or influencing the outcome of any election against a Republican candidate other than supporting an opposing Republican Candidate in a Republican primary shall be declared ineligible to hold office under the Plan of Organization at the County, District, State, and Precinct level for Party Disloyalty by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the County Executive Committee. The members of the County Executive Committee may declare a Republican found to have engaged in Party disloyalty as ineligible to serve in any office under the Plan of Organization for some time between six (6) months and five (5) years.

Non-Partisan Candidates and Office Holders

The Beaufort CEC and its committees shall not offer an opportunity for a candidate for, or current office holder of a nonpartisan office who is not a Registered Republican to address a Republican Convention or other Republican function.

D. Official Records

Minutes shall be kept by all Committees and Conventions of official actions taken, and a copy shall be filed with the Chair of the appropriate Committee or Convention and with Republican State Headquarters.

E. Financial Accounts

The Chair, Treasurer, and Finance Chair of the CEC shall keep faithful and accurate records of all monies received by them for the use of the said Committees and shall make faithful and accurate reports thereof when so requested.

ARTICLE V - GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

A. General Election Procedure

The allocated Delegate slots and then the allocated Alternate slots allotted under this Plan to a Precinct or a County shall be filled first by the election of those duly qualified registered Republicans, eligible to vote, present at such Meeting or Convention, and desiring to be elected to fill such slots. All duly qualified Republicans registered to vote may be elected by qualified Republicans attending the meeting to fill slots that have not been filled by Republicans attending the meeting or conventions.

B. Vacancies and Removals

1. Vacancies

- a. In case of death, the CEC shall remove the member's name from the roll and record it in the minutes.
- b. In the case of resignation or discontinuance of residence within the county, the CEC shall remove the member's name from the roll and record it in the minutes.
- c. Any member removed from the CEC of his/her office shall receive an immediate notification either by Meeting of the CEC, letter, telephone, or email.

2. **Filling Vacancies** - Vacancies due to death, resignation, residency, removal, or for any other reason, shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the CEC at a scheduled meeting one month following the nominations for the vacant seat(s). At the time of nomination, the nominee(s) must submit a letter and short biography of him/herself, and a statement agreeing to serve on the committee if elected.

3. Removal by Committee

- a. Any Member of a Committee organized under this Plan may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the respective committee after being furnished with notice of the charges against him/her, signed by not less than one-third of the Members of the Committee.
- b. Any Republican against whom charges are brought shall be furnished with two weeks' notice of said charges and be allowed to present a defense.
- c. Removal shall be confined to gross inefficiency, "party disloyalty" as defined herein, or failure to comply with the Plan of Organization. Such removal may be appealed to the State Central Committee within 20 days and their decision shall be final.
- d. In this Plan, "Party Disloyalty" shall be defined as actively supporting a candidate of another Party or an independent candidate running in opposition to a Republican candidate or a Republican endorsed by the CEC in a non-partisan election.

4. Removal by Felony Conviction

- a. If a Member of a Committee is convicted of a felony after the election to such Committee organized under this Plan, the member will be removed without the need for any further action immediately effective upon such conviction. The seat shall be declared vacant.
- b. Each Member shall have the affirmative duty to inform the Committee Chair in

national level from Beaufort County in the last election held for that office.

6. **Certification of Credentials** - The Chair and Secretary of the CEC shall certify the election of Officers, Committee Members, Delegates, Alternates, and Precinct Chairs to the District and State Conventions, on forms created by the State Central Committee. Completed Credentials shall be in the hands of or in the email box of the Congressional District Secretary and the State Headquarters no later than 10 days following the date of the County Convention. The postmark date will be used to determine compliance for mailed credentials. No Delegates or Alternates shall be added to the Credentials list following the adjournment of the County Convention. Copies of all Notices, in addition to a list of county and precinct officers, shall be submitted to the NC Republican Party and all applicable Congressional District Committees along with County Credentials.
7. **Convention Fee** -A \$5 fee will be charged to all delegates and alternates who attend the Beaufort County Convention to defray county convention expenses along with state and district convention fees set by the State Central Committee to defray the costs of mailing convention materials to such elected Delegates and Alternates. Additional donations will be accepted from all who attend the county convention.
8. **Meeting Cancellation Due to Circumstances out of Party's Control** - When circumstances beyond the control of the County Party prevent access to or use of the County Convention facility (including but not limited to inclement weather conditions), it shall be the responsibility of the County Chair to consult with the County Vice-Chair, County Secretary and County Treasurer and make a decision on the cancellation and rescheduling of said County Convention in the ~~most timely~~ **timeliest** manner possible. All efforts should be made by the County Chair to notify local news outlets of said cancellation and rescheduling information. Notice of cancellation and rescheduling shall be given to Republican State Headquarters within 24 hours or on the next business day.
9. **Voting Procedure** -
 - a. No Precinct shall cast more votes than it has duly elected Delegates on the floor at the County Convention.
 - b. No person shall be seated as a Delegate at any County Convention unless such person shall have been duly elected a Delegate or Alternate by the appropriate Precinct Meeting except, the registered Republican or Republicans, present at a County Convention from an unorganized Precinct, which has not had its credentials accepted, shall have the right to vote one vote per Precinct, prorated among those present from that Precinct.
 - c. No Delegate, Alternate, or any other Member of a Convention shall cast any vote by proxy.

credentials committee serves, nor shall a committee member publicly support anyone for an office to be elected by the said convention.

- c. Except when voting in the convention, members of credentials committees shall strive to maintain the integrity of the convention and the committee by conducting the business of the committee with impartiality and strict neutrality on the business and elections of said convention.
3. **Challenges** - Challenges to Delegates and Alternates must be made in their capacity as individual Delegates and Alternates. The successful challenges of individuals in their capacity as Delegates and Alternates shall not affect the seating of other Delegates and Alternates in the same Precinct or County unless it can be demonstrated by a preponderance of the evidence that the previous election of such successfully challenged Delegates and Alternates resulted in the election of other Delegates and Alternates within such Delegation who would not otherwise have been elected, but for the votes of the unqualified Delegates or Alternates.
 4. **Convention Action**

Each year, the County Convention shall adopt or amend a written County Plan of Organization not inconsistent with the State Plan of Organization, a current copy of which shall be on file at County Headquarters and State Headquarters. If the County Convention fails to adopt a written County Plan of Organization, the previously adopted County Plan of Organization shall remain in effect, to the extent not inconsistent with this State Plan of Organization. If a County has never adopted a County Plan of Organization and fails to adopt a written County Plan of Organization at a County Convention, the State Plan of Organization shall control. Failure to comply may result in the County Delegation not being seated at the State Convention by the State Credentials Committee. Failure of a County Republican Party to submit a County Plan to the NCGOP State Headquarters, within 30 days of its adoption, shall constitute an agreement by the County Party to adopt the State Plan of Organization for that county.
 5. **Elections**
 - a. In every odd-numbered year, the County Convention shall elect officers as provided for in Article III.A.4. herein, who are registered Republicans as of January 31 of that year and who shall serve for a term of two years or until their successor is elected.
 - a. In every odd-numbered year, the County Convention shall elect a County Executive Committee of five and no more than 21 voters, in addition to the County Officers, who shall hold their places for a term of two years or until their successors are elected. The County Executive Committee may elect additional members of the County Executive Committee elected by the County Convention.
 - b. The County Convention shall elect one Delegate and one Alternate to Congressional District and State Conventions, plus one additional Delegate and Alternate for every 250 Republicans, or a major fraction thereof, registered in Beaufort County, as of January 31 of that year. Each County shall further elect one Delegate and Alternate for each Republican elected to the state legislature and to public office on the state or

rescheduling of said Annual Precinct Meetings in the most timely manner possible. All efforts should be made by the County Chair to notify local news outlets of said cancellation and rescheduling information. Notice of cancellation and rescheduling shall be given to Republican State Headquarters within 24 hours or on the next business day.

B. County Conventions

1. Call of Convention

- a. A County Convention shall be called every year by the Chair of the CEC, at a suitable location within the county, within March, at least 10 days before the scheduled District Convention.
- b. If the county Chair fails, refuses, or neglects to call a County Convention as required by this Article, it shall become the duty of the Vice-Chair to act in this capacity. If the County Chair or Vice-Chair does not call such a meeting, it shall be cause for any Member of the CEC, with the approval of the Congressional District Chairs, to call such County Convention.
- c. The County Convention shall be called to order by Chair, or in the absence of the Chair, by the Vice-Chair or Secretary, in order slated, who shall have the power to appoint the necessary Convention Committees and Temporary Officers at or before the convening of the Convention.

2. Credentials Committee

- a. At or about the time of the call of the Convention, the County Chair, with the advice and consent of the CEC, shall appoint a Credentials Committee consisting of no less than three people, who will meet and issue its report on Delegates and Alternate Delegates certified to that Convention.
 - i. If Precinct Meetings are held before the County Convention, the Credentials Committee shall issue its report on Delegates and Alternates certified to the County Convention at least three days in advance of the convening of the County Convention. When Precinct Meetings are held before the date of the County Convention, all Delegates and Alternates challenged in the report of the Credentials Committee shall be notified before the day of the Convention and allowed to present their case to the Credentials Committee before the convening of the Convention.
 - ii. If Precinct Meetings and the County Convention are held on the same day, the Credentials Committee shall issue its report on Delegates and Alternates certified to the County Convention before the transaction of any business at the County Convention. When Precinct Meetings are held concurrently on the same day with the County Convention, all Delegates and Alternates challenged in the report of the Credentials Committee shall be notified on that day and allowed to present their case to the Credentials Committee. The Delegates and Alternates elected at the Precinct Meetings, unless successfully challenged, shall sit as Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention.
- b. No member of a credentials committee created by this Plan shall be eligible to be elected to an officer or executive committee position at the convention for which the

ARTICLE IV - CONVENTIONS

A. Annual Precinct Meetings

1. **Call for Meeting** - In every year, the County Chair shall call Precinct Meetings during February or March, if held concurrently with the County Convention, after giving no less than 10 days written notice to each Precinct Chair and by Public Notice as provided for in Article V.I. Precinct Chairs shall be informed as to the number of registered Republicans entitled to cast votes at the county convention, and per Article IV.A.3. Failure of the County Chair to act in compliance with the provision above shall be cause for any Member of the CEC to call said Precinct Meetings by Public Notice as provided for in Article V.I. Every Republican registered as of January 31 preceding the Meetings shall be entitled to cast one vote, except that the January 31 requirement shall not apply to residents who have moved into the Precinct, or turned eighteen years of age within 30 days of the Precinct Meeting.
2. **Election of Precinct Officers** - At odd-year Precinct Meetings, at which a quorum is one person, attendees shall elect a PC consisting of a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and as many Members-at-Large as deemed necessary to conduct the business of the Precinct. Members of the PC shall hold their offices for two years or until their successors are chosen.
3. **Election of Delegates and Alternate Delegates** - The annual Precinct Meeting shall elect one Delegate and one Alternate to the County Convention. They shall also elect one additional Delegate and Alternate for each 100 registered Republican voters, or a major fraction thereof, in the precinct as of January 31 of that year. Precinct members do not need to be in attendance to be elected as Delegates or Alternates.
4. **Credentials** - The Chair and Secretary of each Precinct shall certify the election of Officers, Committee Members, and Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention. Complete credentials shall be in the hands of the County Secretary by the deadline set by the County Chair, which shall be at least two days before the Credentials Committee Meeting; provided, however, that when the Precinct Meetings and the County Convention are held on the same day, the complete credentials shall be in hands of the County Secretary at the time set by the County Chair on that day. No Delegate or Alternate shall be added to the Credentials List following the adjournment of the Precinct Meeting. This delegate list shall be made immediately available to any Republican candidate, at that candidate's reasonable expense, after the county Chair receives a confidentiality and use agreement, signed by the candidate, stating the list will be used only for Republican activities related to the candidate's run for office.
5. **Meeting Cancellation Due to Circumstances out of Party's Control** - When circumstances beyond the control of the County Party prevent access to or use of the annual precinct facility(ies) (including but not limited to inclement weather conditions), it shall be the responsibility of the County Chair to consult with the County Vice-Chair, County Secretary and County Treasurer and make a decision on the cancellation and

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PC = Precinct Committee, CEC = County Executive Committee

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in all questions regarding the State Plan of Organization, the interpretation thereof, or any issues that impact the State Party, the county general counsel shall have no authority to contradict the State General Counsel or Arbitration Committee.

5. **Vacancies and Removals** - The procedure for removal of any Member or Officer is defined in Article V.B. Such removal may be appealed to the State Central Committee within 20 days and their decision shall be final.

B. County Finance and Auditing Committees

1. **Finance Committee** - The County Finance Committee shall be composed of the County Finance Chair, the County Chair, County Vice-Chair, the County Treasurer, and not less than three persons approved by the CEC. They shall cooperate with the Congressional District and State Finance Committees and shall have active management of fund-raising efforts within the County.
2. **Auditing Committee** - The members of the Auditing Committee shall be nominated by the County Chair and the names shall be presented for the advice and consent of the CEC. The Auditing Committee, once approved, shall conduct a mandatory yearly review of the financial records of the County and report such review to the CEC for approval. The review to be conducted shall be of the type and nature that the Auditing Committee, at its discretion, deems appropriate.

- x. serve on the State Executive Committee.
- c. The First Vice-Chair shall function as Chair in the absence of the Chair. The Vice-Chair shall be an ex-officio Member of all County Committees, a member of each District Executive Committee in which a portion of Beaufort County lies, and shall serve on the State Executive Committee.
- d. The Second Vice-Chair shall assist the Chair and First Vice-Chair in carrying out their responsibilities to the Party and CEC. The Second Vice-Chair shall have no voting authority on any District Executive Committee.
- e. The Secretary
 - i. shall keep all minutes and records and shall maintain a roster of all Precinct Officers and CEC Members. At a minimum, these records shall contain the name and address of each Precinct Officer and CEC Member. Such records shall be available, including all Credentials Lists, upon request, to any registered Republican within the County;
 - ii. shall furnish to the Congressional District Chair and State Headquarters up-to-date lists of all Precinct Chairs; and
 - iii. The CEC may appoint an assistant secretary as it deems appropriate. An assistant secretary may serve as an ex officio member of the CEC and have no voting authority.
- f. The Treasurer shall
 - i. receive and disburse all funds for Party expenditures under authority duly given by the CEC, shall make a financial report at all CEC Meetings and if unavailable to attend, provide a report to the Chairman three (3) days prior to said meeting;
 - ii. fulfill all financial reports and obligations required under State and Federal election laws; and
 - iii. successfully enroll in and complete the Mandatory Compliance Training provided by the North Carolina Board of Elections as soon as possible, but no later than sixty (60) days after the election.
 - iv. Be authorized to sign checks under \$1,000.00
 - v. two (2) signatures are required for checks of \$1,000.00 or more
 - vi. the Chairman may authorize the expenditure of up to \$250 per month for non-recurring expenses without the need for approval
 - vii. The CEC may appoint an assistant Treasurer(s) as it deems appropriate. If appointed, the Assistant Treasurer shall enroll and successfully complete the Mandatory Compliance Training provided by the North Carolina Board of Elections as soon as possible, but not more than sixty (60) days after their appointment.
- g. The General Counsel shall be an attorney licensed in North Carolina who shall provide general legal and parliamentary advice to the county party and be the chief election integrity officer of the county party working to identify and eliminate election fraud and to maintain trained and qualified election observers in every precinct. If no qualified Republican in a county is willing to serve as General Counsel, the CEC may select a person familiar with election procedures to chair an Election Integrity Committee to carry out the election integrity functions of the General Counsel.

- vii. approve Fundraising, Finance, and Auditing Committees of not less than 3 Members each and may approve such other Committees as may be deemed necessary. The County Chair and Vice-Chair shall be ex officio Members of all Committees indicated in this paragraph.
 - b. If it is determined that the County Plan of Organization is not consistent with the State Party Plan of Organization, the CEC must at the next called meeting bring the County Plan into compliance with the State Party Plan. Under any circumstances, the County Plan must be brought into compliance within 90 days. The CEC may amend the Plan of Organization upon a two-thirds vote after providing written notice according to Article V.I. and provided a quorum is present. The Beaufort County Republican Party shall submit their county plan of organization, and amendments thereto, to the NCGOP State Headquarters Executive Director, Political Director, and District Chair within 30 days after their adoption, for the Plan and/or amendment to be considered valid.
3. **Meetings** - The CEC shall meet at least ~~twice~~ six (6) times a year upon the call of the County Chair, or the call of one-third (1/3) of the Members of the CEC, after giving ten (10) days' notice, as that term is defined in Article V.I. herein, to all Members. A quorum shall be one-half of the membership. The CEC may act on any matter by polling members over the Internet, however, the voting period shall be held open for at least five days so members will have the ability to contact each other during that period over the internet. Any internet polling results shall be submitted to the Party Secretary.
4. **Duties of Officers**
- a. Officers and the County Executive Committee shall read the Beaufort County Plan of Organization and State Plan of Organization, and sign an acknowledgement form stating they have read, agree to follow, and understand both documents.
 - b. The Chair shall
 - i. have general supervision of the affairs of the Party within the County, with the advice and consent of the CEC;
 - ii. issue the call for Precinct Meetings, the County Convention, and Executive Committee Meetings, and the Chair shall preside at all meetings of the CEC;
 - iii. appoint a Finance Chair, Auditing Committee, and any other committees the Chair deems necessary to conduct the business of the CEC;
 - iv. appoint a Temporary Chair of the County Convention, who may be him/herself;
 - v. make periodic reports on the status of the Party within Beaufort County to the District Chair;
 - vi. be responsible for the creation and maintenance of a Republican organization in every Precinct within Beaufort County;
 - vii. obtain and preserve a list of all registered Republicans within Beaufort County;
 - viii. be an ex-officio Member of all County Committees;
 - ix. be a member of each District Executive Committee in which a portion of Beaufort County lies; and

ARTICLE III - COUNTY ORGANIZATION

Objectives of the Beaufort County Republican Party Executive Committee shall be:

- to promote an informed public through political education and community activity
- to increase the effectiveness of citizens in the cause of good government through active political participation
- to encourage loyalty to the Republican Party and to promote principles and candidates in all elections
- to promote the principles of freedom, equality, and justice upon which the government of the country is founded
- to endeavor to find candidates to run for office who support the Republican Party Platform in the performance of their duties

A. County Executive Committee (CEC)

1. Membership

- a. The Beaufort CEC shall consist of the County Officers, five or more at-large members elected by the Beaufort County Convention, the Beaufort County Finance Chair, the President of the Beaufort County Republican Women, the President to the Young Republicans, the immediate past chairman of the County Executive Committee, and the President of any Beaufort County affiliate club duly chartered by any Republican auxiliary organization recognized by the North Carolina Republican Party.
- b. The Beaufort County Precinct Chairs shall be ex officio members of the Beaufort CEC, with rights to be recognized to speak or debate, and hold standing committee positions, but not vote. Any Precinct Chair wishing to vote must be elected into the Beaufort CEC. Said Elections shall be held at the time of the Beaufort County Convention.
- c. Elected officials shall be ex officio members of the Beaufort CEC, with rights to be recognized to speak or debate but not vote. Any elected official wishing to vote must be elected into the Beaufort CEC. Said Elections shall be held at the time of the Beaufort County Convention.

2. Powers and Duties

- a. The CEC shall
 - i. cooperate with the District and State Committees in all elections and Party activities;
 - ii. encourage qualified candidates for office within the County;
 - iii. adopt a budget;
 - iv. recommend nominees to the State Chair for appointments to the County Board of Elections according to Article IX.D.2.d. in the State Plan of Organization;
 - v. shall elect the General Counsel at its first meeting after the county convention;
 - vi. have active management of Party affairs within the County;

ARTICLE II - PRECINCT ORGANIZATION

A. Precinct Committee (PC)

The Precinct Committee (PC) shall consist of a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and as many Members-at-Large as deemed necessary to conduct the business of the Precinct.

B. Duties of Committee

The PC shall cooperate with the County Executive Committee (CEC) in all elections and Party activities, provide the County Chair with a list of Party Members within the Precinct suitable for appointment as election judges, poll observers, Get Out the Vote (GOTV) in ALL elections, and promote the objectives of the Party within the Precinct.

C. Duties of Officers

The Chair of the PC, with the advice and consent of the PC, shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Party within the Precinct, shall preside at all Meetings of the Precinct, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the PC or the CEC. The Vice-Chair shall function as Chair in the absence of the Chair. The Secretary shall keep all minutes and records and shall maintain a list of registered Republican voters and workers within the Precinct unless otherwise provided by the PC or the CEC.

D. Precinct Meetings

1. **Other Precinct Meetings** - Other Meetings of the Precinct General Membership may be held at such time as shall be designated by the Chair of the PC after giving 5 days Public Notice of such Meeting, or by such other method of notification as may be specified in Article V.I.; or upon the similar call of one-third of the Members of the PC, or 10 Members of the general Precinct Membership.
2. **Unorganized Precinct(s)** - If a Precinct fails to properly organize or the Precinct Chair fails to act, the County Chair shall appoint a Temporary Precinct Chair who shall serve for a period not to exceed 60 days, during which time a CEC meeting shall be called and a new Precinct Chair shall be elected by the CEC. All CEC members present at a CEC meeting called to elect a new Precinct Chair may vote in the election; there is no requirement for a voting CEC member to be registered in the precinct for which a new Precinct Chair is being elected.
3. **Vacancies and Removals in the PC** - The procedure for vacancy and removal of any Member or Officer is defined in Article V.B. Such removal may be appealed to the CEC within 20 days and their decision shall be final.

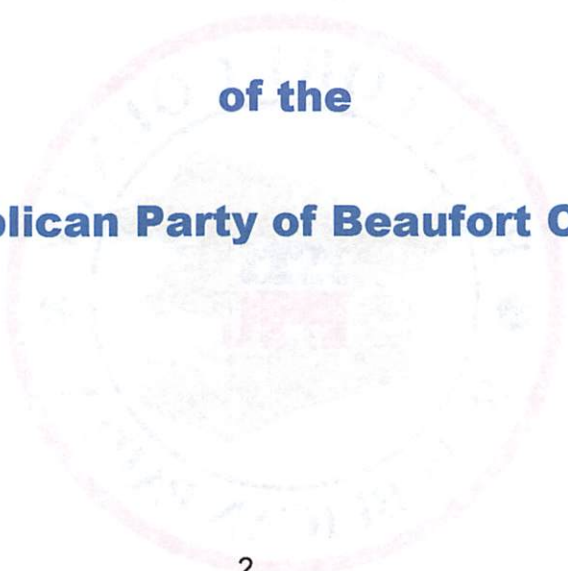
PREAMBLE

We, the Members of the Beaufort County Republican Party of North Carolina, dedicated to the sound principles fostered by our party, are conscious of our civic responsibilities and rights and are firm in our determination to give our strength to preserving the American principle that government ought and must be of all the people, by all of the people and for all of the people. Therefore, to unite and coordinate our efforts for maximum power and efficiency, and provide focus to win elections, we hereby establish this instrument, The Plan of Organization of the Beaufort County Republican Party.

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

All citizens of Beaufort County who are registered Republicans are Members of the Republican Party of Beaufort County and shall have the right to participate in the official affairs of the Republican Party according to these rules. All reference herein to Delegates, Alternates, Officers, and Members shall, in all cases, mean persons identified and registered with the Republican Party in the Precinct of their residence. Any person running for Party Office within the Beaufort County Republican Party, at any level, shall be a resident of the jurisdiction in which s/he seeks office. A candidate running for any level of Republican Party office shall be a registered Republican resident of the jurisdiction in which s/he seeks office. In the event, a candidate for public office was not a registered Republican as of January 31 of the year prior to the election in which that candidate seeks election, the Beaufort County Executive Committee of the jurisdiction may disqualify such candidate from recognition, endorsement, and the utilization of party resources.

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