

**REPUBLICAN PARTY OF DARE COUNTY
PLAN OF ORGANIZATION
MARCH 11, 2023**

PREAMBLE

We, the Members of the Republican Party of Dare County, North Carolina, dedicated to the principles fostered by that party, conscious of our civic responsibilities and rights, 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 do, for the purpose of uniting and coordinating our efforts for maximum effectiveness and efficiency, herewith establish this instrument, The Plan of Organization of the Dare County Republican Party of North Carolina.

ARTICLE 1 - MEMBERSHIP

A. MEMBERS

All Citizens of Dare County who are registered Republicans are Members of the Republican Party of Dare County, North Carolina and shall have the right to participate in the official affairs of the Republican Party in accordance with 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 North Carolina Republican Party, at any level, shall be a resident of the jurisdiction in which he or she seeks office. A candidate running for any level of Republican Party office shall be a registered Republican resident of the jurisdiction in which he or she 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 Executive Committee of the jurisdiction may disqualify such candidate from recognition, endorsement, and the utilization of party resources.

ARTICLE II - PRECINCT ORGANIZATION

A. ANNUAL PRECINCT MEETINGS

1. Call for Meetings

In every year, the County Chairman shall call Precinct Meetings during the month of February or March, after giving no less than 10 days written notice to each Precinct Chairman and by Public Notice as provided for in Article IX.1.3 of the State Plan of Organization. The Precinct Chairs will also be informed as to the number of registered Republicans entitled to cast votes at the county convention, and in accordance with Article IX.1.3 of the State Plan of Organization. Failure of the County Chairman to act in compliance with the provision above shall be cause for any Member of the County Executive Committee to call said Precinct Meetings by Public Notice as provided for in Article IX.1.3 of the State Plan of Organization. Every Republican registered as of January 31 preceding the Meetings shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote, except that the January 31 requirement shall not apply to residents who have moved into the Precinct within 30 days of the Precinct Meeting.

ganization; or upon similar call of 1/3 of the Members of the Precinct Committee, or 10 Members of the general Precinct Membership. There shall be no proxy voting.

b. In the event a Precinct fails to properly organize or the Precinct Chairman fails to act, the County Chairman shall appoint a Temporary Precinct Chairman who shall serve for a period not to exceed 60 days, during which time a County Executive Committee Meeting shall be called and a new Precinct Chairman shall be elected by the County Executive Committee. All County Executive Committee members present at a County Executive Committee Meeting called for the purpose of electing a new Precinct Chairman may vote in the election; there is no requirement for a voting County Executive Committee member to be registered in the precinct for which a new Precinct Chairman is being elected.

6. Annual Precinct Meetings Scheduling

When circumstances beyond the control of the County Party prevent access to, or use of, the annual precinct facilities(s) (including but not limited to inclement weather conditions), it shall be the responsibility of the County Chairman to consult with the County Vice-Chairman, County Secretary and County Treasurer/Finance Chair and make a decision on the cancellation and rescheduling of said Annual Precinct Meetings in the most timely manner possible. All efforts should be made by the County Chairman to notify local news outlets, and social media outlets, of said cancellation and rescheduling information. Notice of cancellation and rescheduling shall be given to Republican State Headquarters within twenty-four (24) hours or on the next business day.

B. PRECINCT COMMITTEE

1. Duties of Precinct Committee

The Precinct committee shall cooperate with the County Executive Committee in all elections and Party activities, provide the County Chairman with a list of Party Members within the Precinct suitable for appointment as election Officials, and promote the objectives of the Party within the Precinct.

2. Duties of Precinct Committee Officers

The Chairman of the Precinct committee, with the advice and consent of the Precinct Committee, 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 Precinct Committee or the County Executive Committee. The Vice-Chairman shall function as Chairman in the absence of the Chairman. 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 Precinct committee or the County Executive Committee.

3. Vacancies and Removals

a. Vacancy due to death, resignation, discontinuance of residency within the Precinct, removal of any Officer or Member of the Precinct Committee, or for any other reason, shall be filled by

2. Convention Action

a. Each year, the county convention shall adopt or amend a written County Plan of Organization which is consistent with the State Plan of Organization, a current copy of which shall be on file at County Headquarters and at 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 the State Plan of Organization. Failure to comply may result in the County Delegation not being seated at the State Convention by the Credentials Committee. Failure of the County Republican Party to submit a County Plan to the NCGOP State Headquarters, within 30 days of its adoption, shall constitute agreement by the County Party to adopt the State Plan of Organization for that county.

b. Elections

i. In every odd-numbered year the Dare County Convention shall elect Dare County Republican Party Officers consisting of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer/Finance Chair, and other officers as may be deemed necessary, who shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected.

ii. In every odd-numbered year the County Convention shall elect 5 at-large members, who shall serve for a term of two (2) year or until their successors are elected. The County Executive Committee may elect additional members to serve on the County Executive Committee in addition to those members previously elected by the County Convention.

iii. The County Convention shall elect one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate to Congressional District and State Conventions, plus one (1) additional Delegate and one (1) Alternate for every 250 Republicans, or major fraction thereof, registered in the county as of January 31 of that year. Each County shall further elect 1 Delegate and Alternate for each Republican elected to the state legislature and to public office on the state or national level from said County in the last election held for that office. With respect to the District Convention, the additional one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate shall only be elected to the District in which said Republican elected to the State Legislature and to public office on the state or national level actually lives. There shall be no proxy voting.

B. COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Voting Membership of County Executive Committee

The County Executive Committee shall consist of:

- a. Dare County Republican Party Officers
- b. The immediate past Dare County Republican Chairman, as ex-officio non-voting Member, who shall not affect quorum.
- c. All At-Large Committee Members
- d. All Precinct Chairmen, and Dare County Republican Commissioners, as ex-officio voting members, who shall not affect quorum.

2. Powers and Duties of County Executive Committee

a. The County Executive Committee shall cooperate with the District and State Committees in all elections and Party activities; shall encourage qualified Republican candidates to seek office within the County; shall adopt a budget; and shall recommend nominees to the State Chairman for appointments for the County Board of Elections; and shall have active management of Party affairs within the County. It shall approve a Finance Committee and an Audit Committee of not less than three (3) members each, and may approve such other Committees as may be deemed necessary. The County Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and County Treasurer/Finance Chairman shall be Ex-Officio Members of all committees indicated in this paragraph. In the event that it is determined that the Dare County Plan of Organization is not consistent with the State Party Plan of Organization, the County Executive committee must, at the next called meeting, bring the County Plan of Organization into compliance with the State Party Plan of Organization. Under any circumstances, the County Plan of Organization must be brought into compliance within 90 days. The County Executive Committee may amend the Dare County Plan of Organization upon a 2/3 vote after providing written notice via first class United States Mail of the meeting advising members regarding the substance of the proposed amendment and provided a quorum is present. County Republican Parties shall submit, by certified United States mail, return receipt requested, their county plans of organization, and amendments thereto, to the NCGOP State Headquarters within 30 days after their adoption, in order for the Plan and/or amendment to be considered valid.

b. The Dare County Executive Committee, as a whole, shall have voting privileges over all motions made, with the exception of:

(1). Candidate campaign contribution decisions involving monetary amounts over \$500.00 will be solely at the discretion of the four (4) Executive Committee Officers - Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer/Finance Chair.

(2). Disciplinary and expulsion decisions. If any offenses are deemed to have been committed under Article IV.A. of this plan, the four (4) executive committee officers above named, shall have the duty and authority to determine what, if any, disciplinary action is appropriate. This action must be with the advice and consent of the majority, one-half plus one, of the County Executive Committee members.

5. Vacancies and Removals

a. Vacancy due to death, resignation, discontinuance of residency within the County, removal of any Officer or Member of the County Committee, or for any other reason, shall be filled by the remaining members of the County Committee.

b. The procedure for removal of any Member or Officer is defined in Article IV.A.1 of this plan. Such removal may be appealed to the State Central Committee within 20 days, and their decision shall be final.

C. COUNTY AUDIT AND ETHICS COMMITTEES

1. Audit Committee

The members of the Audit Committee, consisting of a minimum of three (3) Republican Party Members, nominated by the County Chairman and the names shall be represented for the advice and consent of the County Executive Committee. The Audit Committee, once approved, shall conduct a yearly review of the financial records of the Dare County Republican Party and report such review to the Dare County Executive Committee for approval. The review to be conducted shall be of the type and nature which the Audit Committee, in its discretion, deems appropriate.

The audit committee shall conduct an audit after each major fund raising event that the County Party may conduct. A major fundraiser is defined as any event with proceeds exceeding \$1,000.00.

2. Ethics Committee

The members of the ethics committee shall be composed of the Dare County Chairman, Dare County Vice-Chairman, the Dare County Treasurer/Finance Chair, and the Dare County Secretary and shall have authority to enforce all ethics complaints against a member of a committee. Any action must be with the advice and consent of the majority, one-half plus one, of the County Executive Committee members.

ARTICLE IV - GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

A. FORFEITURE OF OFFICIAL PRIVILEGES

1. Vacancies and Removals

a. As stated in Article III C.3 any member of a committee organized under this Plan may be removed by a unanimous decision by the four (4) Executive Committee members who comprise the Ethics Committee, charged with the authority to carry out all decisions regarding ethics complaints. The member shall be furnished with notice of the charges against him or her. Any Republican against whom charges are brought shall be furnished with 2 weeks' notice of said charges and be given an opportunity to present a defense. Removal shall be confined to gross

race, who is not a member of the Republican Party and is running in opposition to a member of the Republican party, shall have been deemed to have automatically resigned from the committee and any position. In addition, no Committee Member or Officer shall serve as a treasurer or member of a campaign committee for any Candidate, in any race, if that Candidate is not a member of the Republican Party and is running in opposition to a member of the Republican Party.

B. ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

Except as herein provided, meetings of the following bodies are to be held in person:

1. All State, District, and County conventions;
2. All State Executive Committee and State Central Committee meetings;
3. All required District Executive Committee meetings (Art. V.A.3); and
4. All required county executive committee meetings (Art.III.A.3).

These in-person meetings may be broadcast, as provided below.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a county or district chair may petition, in writing or via email, the State party chairman for relief from the in-person meeting requirement. County or district chairs may join together in a written or emailed petition. Grounds for relief consist of a need for a meeting which cannot be postponed; an event consisting of an adverse weather event; or a public health crisis; or an unforeseeable occurrence which counsels prudence against an in-person meeting. The State party chairman may grant the petition after a majority vote on consultation with the Vice-Chair, the General Counsel, the Treasurer, and the Secretary. The State Secretary shall record all votes for and against the petition.

On the same grounds the State party chair may grant relief from the in-person meeting requirement for State conventions, State Executive Committee meetings, and State Central Committee meetings, on a majority vote after consultation with the Vice-chair, the General Counsel, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, as well as the National Committeeman and National Committeewoman. The State Secretary shall record all votes for and against the petition.

In addition, any District Executive Committee meetings or County Executive Committee meetings beyond the required quarterly meetings may be held in person or electronically at the discretion of the chair of the respective committee.

Each State, District, and County Executive or Central Committee may authorize any standing or special committee formed under its jurisdiction to be conducted as an electronic meeting.

When the State Party Chair grants relief from any in-person meeting requirement for a State Convention, or a meeting of the State Executive Committee or the State Central Committee, the State Party Chair shall provide an alternative broadcast by electronic means of a meeting. When the State Party Chair grants relief from any in-person meeting requirement for a District or County Convention or executive committee meeting, the respective chair of any such District or County party shall provide an alternative broadcast by electronic means of a meeting. In any such case, the County chair may provide a place for in-person participation.

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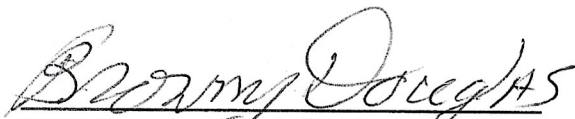
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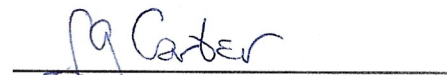
The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern all proceedings, except when inconsistent with the State Plan of Organization or Convention Rules properly adopted.

C. EFFECTIVE DATE

1. Effective Date of This Plan

This Plan of Organization shall become effective and repeal and supersede all other rules, except as specifically noted, immediately following the adjournment of the Dare County Republican Convention in Wanchese, March 11, 2023. This, however, shall not invalidate any action taken under the previous rules prior to the date above. The adoption of this Plan shall not affect the term of those office holders at the time of the adoption of this Plan.


2023 Dare County GOP Chairman
Alexander Brown Douglas


2023 Dare GOP Convention
Secretary - Judy Carter


2023 Dare County Plan of Organization
Committee Chair - Carole Warnecki