



October 26, 2021

York Count Board of Elections
28 East Market Street
York, PA 17401

Dear York County Board of Elections:

Please be advised that I am filing herewith a certified copy of the recently amended bylaws of the York County Republican Committee. Your attention should be especially directed to the most recently adopted amendment. On October 9, 2021, the full committee adopted an amendment which in total eliminated the gender requirement for elected and appointed committee people. No longer will we be electing one committeeman and one committeewoman from each precinct. **Henceforth beginning in the Spring, 2022 Primary Election we will be electing two committee people from each precinct.**

I call this to your attention because as you will be preparing the Spring Primary Ballot a change in your candidate and office selection and ballot instructions will be necessary. **The instructions should indicate that as Republican electors cast their ballots, they will be voting for two committee people for 4-year terms from each precinct, not one committeeman and one committeewoman.**

Should you have any questions concerning this matter please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey E. Piccola, Chair, York County Republican Committee

Cc: Holly Kelley, Vice Chair
Jared Mellott, Esquire
Executive Committee

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York County Republican Committee

**RULES OF YORK COUNTY
REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE
(As Amended 10-9-2021)**

Rule I
ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The York County Republican Committee shall be composed of two (2) members from each election district of the County of York. Such members shall be qualified electors and registered Republicans residing in said district.

Section 2. The members of the County Committee shall be elected to four-year terms in every other even-numbered year commencing in 2010 and shall serve until their successors have been duly elected and certified.

Section 3. Whenever any vacancy shall exist in the membership of the County Committee, the County Chair shall fill such vacancy by appointment of a qualified Republican elector residing in the election district wherein such vacancy exists.

Rule II
OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the County Committee shall consist of a County Chair, a Vice Chair, Executive Director, Legal Counsel, one or more Secretaries and a Treasurer. (The position of Executive Director shall be appointive and filled only when the proper funding is available in the Party's budget in order to fill said position.)

Section 2. The County Chair and Vice Chair shall be elected on roll call vote by a majority of the County Committee members present in person or represented by valid proxy at the biennial reorganization meeting of the County Committee and shall serve until the date of the next succeeding biennial reorganization meeting.

Section 3. An Executive Director may be appointed by the County Chair with the consent of the Executive Committee who shall set their salary and/or benefits.

Section 4. A Legal Counsel shall be appointed by the County Chair.

Section 5. The Secretary, or so many Secretaries as the County Chair shall determine, and the Treasurer shall be appointed by the County Chair.

Section 6. None of the aforesaid officers need be members of the County Committee at the date of their election or appointment.

Section 7. Should a vacancy occur in the office of County Chair or of Vice Chair, by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, such vacancy shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

Section 8. Any vacancy occurring in any office appointed by the County Chair shall be filled by appointment made by said County Chair.

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Rule III
DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Section 1. The County Chair shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the County Committee. He shall preside at all meetings at which he shall be present, shall appoint all standing and special committees and perform such other services as shall be conducive to the welfare of the Republican Party, or which shall be imposed upon his office by these rules and/or the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2. The Vice Chair shall, in the absence of the County Chair, perform the duties of such last named officer.

Section 3. The Executive Director of the Republican Party of York County shall report to the County Chair and be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Party.

Section 4. The Legal Counsel of the Republican Party of York County shall assist the County Chair with regard to legal and election matters of the Party.

Section 5. The Secretary, or one of the Secretaries so designated by the County Chair, shall keep correct minutes of the proceedings of the County Committee, maintain an accurate roll of Committee members and their mailing addresses, and perform such other duties as may be directed by the County Chair.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall receive, keep and disburse all funds which may be paid or contributed to the County Committee and shall file requisite accounts of all election expenditures as required by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 7. DUTIES OF A COMMITTEEPERSON - The duties of a member of the York County Republican Committee shall consist of the following:

- a.) To faithfully attend meetings of the York County Republican Committee;
- b.) To support Republican candidates;
- c.) To arrange for appropriate distribution of campaign literature, signs and other election materials;
- d.) To arrange for appropriate coverage of polling places on primary and general election days;
- e.) To register new Republican voters;
- f.) To dependably support the official functions and fundraising events of the York County Republican Committee; and
- g.) To perform such other duties as may be assigned by the County Chair.

Section 8. Assistant Committeepeople. The County Chair may, at his discretion and with consultation with the District Chairs, appoint assistant committeepeople to aid the elected committeepeople in carrying out their duties. These appointed assistant committeepeople shall be added to the Party master mailing list and be invited to Party functions but shall not have a vote on the county committee.

Rule IV
COMMITTEES

Section 1. The County Chair shall within fifteen (15) days after the biennial reorganization meeting of the County Committee at which he was elected, appoint an Executive Committee of not less than twenty (20) nor more than forty (40) members to serve until the next succeeding biennial reorganization meeting unless removed in accordance with these rules, and shall designate one of such appointees as Chair of such Executive Committee. Members of the Executive Committee need not be members of the County Committee, but must be Republican electors residing in York County.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the County Chair and other County Committee officers and shall consider all matters referred to it by such officers or delegated to it by these rules. All meetings of the Executive Committee shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 3. The County Chair may, at his discretion, appoint any other committees and/or form coalitions, which in his judgment are necessary for the advancement of the Interests of the Republican Party.

Rule V
DISTRICTS

Section 1. Composition: The County should be divided into geographic districts. Each district shall be designated by a separate number. These districts shall be equivalent to districts for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives within York County. However, in the discretion of the County Chair, any district of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives with less than a majority of its residents residing in York County may be combined with any other District of the Committee.

Section 2 – By-Laws: District Committees may make rules which are not inconsistent with these by-laws to govern the operation of the Republican Party within their respective district. District committees shall file copies of such by-laws with the Secretary of the County Committee.

Section 3 - Appointment: District Chairs shall be appointed by the County Chair with the advice of the committee members from their respective district and serve at the Chair's pleasure. The District Chair must reside in the geographic district that he or she chairs. If a vacancy should occur in said position, the Chair shall appoint a replacement. As District Chair they shall serve on the Executive Committee.

Section 4 – Duties: The District Chairs shall have the general control and management, under advice and direction of the County Chair, of the campaign in their area. They shall keep the Chair fully advised of the political condition and of the requirements of their respective districts and look after the party's interest at all elections

Section 5 - Term: District Chairs shall serve for a term commencing on their appointment at the reorganization meeting and ending at the next reorganization meeting.

Section 6 – Meetings: Each District Chair shall convene at least two meetings per year of the committee people in their district. All district meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order. A quorum of each district meeting shall consist of a majority of all committee people in each district. In determining the presence of a quorum, the District Chair shall consider only committee positions that are occupied. Written notice shall be given of each district meeting by the District Chair to committee people in each district at their respective

mailing addresses as listed on the roll prepared by and in the custody of the Secretary, and mailed at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the meeting. Within the first two weeks of the month of January in each calendar year, each District Chair shall convene a meeting of committee people in their district for the purpose of considering candidates for endorsement in the next primary election. The committee people in each district shall then proceed to vote on recommendations for endorsement to the full Committee. The District Chair shall then report on the results of this meeting at the full Committee meeting held pursuant to Rule IX for the purpose of considering pre-primary endorsements.

Rule VI
REMOVALS

Section 1. Appointed officers, Chairs or members of a committee may be removed at the pleasure of the power by which they have been appointed.

Section 2. It is the duty of the members of the York County Republican Committee to support Republican candidates and principles. Any officer, elected or appointed, any member of the County Committee or any member of the Executive Committee who shall publicly oppose or announce opposition to a duly nominated candidate of the Republican Party, or any of them, may be removed from office or membership by the Executive Committee, after a hearing held upon such charges, of which hearing such person shall be given at least five (5) days written notice to appear. The member may elect to present a defense either in person or by counsel. The decision of the Executive Committee on such charges shall be final.

Rule VII
MEETINGS

Section 1. In each even-numbered year the incumbent County Chair shall, within sixty (60) days after the results of the Primary Election held in such year shall have been certified, call a meeting of the County Committee for the purpose of reorganization. Such meeting shall be called to convene on a Saturday at a place to be selected by the incumbent County Chair.

Section 2. At such reorganization meeting the County Committee shall elect a County Chair and a Vice Chair to serve until the next biennial reorganization meeting, and transact any additional business properly presented for consideration.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called at any time by the County Chair, and if such officer shall fail or refuse to call a meeting of the County Committee upon the written request of at least fifty (50) members thereof, the latter may, by written notice listing all names of members so acting, call the County Committee to meet at a time and place in said notice specified.

Section 4. Notice of all meetings of the County Committee, except as herein otherwise stipulated, shall be given by written notice signed by the County Chair, specifying the purposes for which said meeting is called. Such notices shall be mailed to the members of the County Committee at their respective mailing addresses as listed on the roll prepared by and in the custody of the Secretary, and mailed at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the meeting. All meetings shall occur within York County.

Section 5. A quorum at any meeting of the County Committee shall consist of committee members and valid proxies of committee members comprising a majority of committee member positions that are occupied and not vacant by the time for the convening of such meeting.

Section 6. Any member of the County Committee may appoint as his or her proxy a Republican elector residing in the same district of the County Committee as designated under Rule V, Section 1 of these Bylaws. All appointments of proxy shall be on the form provided by the County Committee, signed and dated by the member, and filed with the County Chair or a Secretary of the County Committee prior to the calling of the roll at the meeting.

Section 7. The proceedings of all meetings of the County Committee shall be regulated by the provisions of Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 8. The order of business at every meeting of the County Committee shall be as follows:

- (1) Roll call of members.
- (2) Reading of minutes of preceding meeting.
- (3) Reports of officers.
- (4) Reports of standing and/or special committees.
- (5) Unfinished business.
- (6) New business.
- (7) Adjournment.

Rule VIII CANDIDATE APPROVAL

The chairman, in consultation with the Executive Committee, may, at his pleasure declare one or more Republican Candidates as approved without specific endorsement.

Rule IX PRE-PRIMARY ENDORSEMENTS

On the Saturday immediately preceding the Tuesday upon which candidate petitions are legally permitted to be first circulated for the primary election for which they have declared their intention to stand, the full County Committee shall meet for the purpose of considering endorsement of candidates for office in the next primary election. District Chairs shall report to the full Committee their recommendations for endorsement, if any, made pursuant to Rule V, Section 6 of these Bylaws. After evaluation of all such eligible candidates, the Committee shall take a vote upon the issue of whether to recommend or not to recommend endorsement. If a majority of the Committee voting in person or by valid proxy votes to recommend endorsement, the Committee shall consider nominations for endorsement for each office up for election. Endorsement shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the members of County Republican Committee present and voting or voting by permissible proxy.

Rule X VACANCIES ON REPUBLICAN TICKET

Section 1. Any vacancy occurring on the Republican ticket for an office to be voted for by the electors of the County of York at large, where said vacancy arises by reason of death, withdrawal, failure to nominate, or any other cause whatsoever, shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Any vacancy occurring on the Republican ticket for any office to be voted for solely by the electors in

one of the legislative districts of the county shall be filled by the County Committee members representing the election districts within said legislative district: which said members shall be convened for the purpose upon written notice to each member within such group by the County Chair.

Section 3. Any vacancy occurring on the Republican ticket for an office to be voted for solely by the electors of any borough, township, ward, precinct or single voting district within the County of York may be filled by the members of the County Committee representing said political subdivision at a meeting to be convened as the members thereof may determine: the results of any said action to be certified to the County Chair.

Section 4. In case of any vacancy in the nomination for Congress, State Senate, State House and Delegate and/or Alternate Delegate to the Republican National Convention after the primaries of which this county is a part, such vacancy shall be filled by conferees selected by the counties composing the districts, and the conferees from this county shall be elected by the Executive Committee. The number of conferees shall be fixed as provided by law, or in the absence of any statute, this county shall have its proportionate number of conferees as its Republican votes cast at the last national election shall entitle it to in comparison with such votes in the other counties comprising the relevant district.

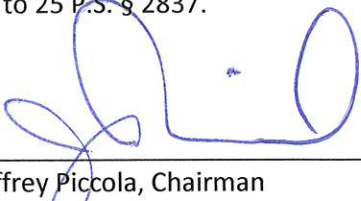
Rule XI AMENDMENT

The foregoing rules may be amended or altered from time to time by two-thirds vote of the members of the County Committee present in person or represented by valid proxy at any meeting, provided, however, that before any proposed alteration or amendment be acted upon the County Chair shall certify to all members of the County Committee a full and correct copy of the proposed alteration or amendment at least seven (7) days before the time of the meeting called for the purpose. Alterations or amendments proposed must be in writing and may be offered by members of the County Committee only.

CERTIFICATION

On behalf of, and as representatives for, the York County Republican Committee, the undersigned hereby certify, under penalty of perjury and to the best of their knowledge, information, and belief, that the foregoing Rules, as Amended, have been duly adopted by the York County Republican Committee as the official Bylaws of said Committee, and that the undersigned hereby request that the County of York deem the foregoing to be the effective Rules of the York County Republican Committee pursuant to 25 P.S. § 2837.

10/19/21
Date


Jeffrey Piccola, Chairman

10/19/21
Date


Laura Shue, Secretary

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of October

10/19/21
Date


Notary Public

My Commission expires 5/28/23

Seal:

