

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

STATE OF GEORGIA, )  
 )  
v. ) **INDICTMENT NO.:**  
 ) **23SC188947**  
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SHAWN STILL, )  
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Defendant. )

**DEFENDANT SHAWN STILL’S MOTION  
FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE OF FACTS**

COMES NOW, Defendant Shawn Still, by and through undersigned counsel, and hereby files this Motion for Judicial Notice of Facts pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 24-2-201, respectfully requesting the Court to take judicial notice of the fact that Mr. Still was an elected and qualified Republican presidential elector from Georgia for the 2020 presidential election.

**BACKGROUND**

In March 2020, per Georgia law, the State Executive Committee of the Georgia Republican Party elected Mr. Still as one of Georgia’s sixteen Republican presidential electors. *See* O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-134, 21-2-172 (providing that Georgia’s presidential elector nominees are selected through the state’s political parties); (*see also* Rules of the Georgia Republican Party, Inc., Rule 7.9, attached hereto as Exhibit A, p. 21 (“GOP Rule 7.9”)<sup>1</sup>; Declaration of Candidacy and Affidavit by Shawn Still, attached hereto as Exhibit B (the “Still Declaration”).<sup>2</sup> Indeed, GOP Rule 7.9

<sup>1</sup> GOP Rule 7.9 attached as Exhibit A is a certified copy which was on file with the Georgia Republican Party. (Ex. A, p. 2.)

<sup>2</sup> The Still Declaration attached as Exhibit B is a certified copy which was on file with the Georgia Secretary of State’s Office. (Ex. B, p. 2.) As such, the Still Declaration is self-authenticating under Georgia law. O.C.G.A. § 24-9-902(4), (8). Defense counsel has redacted the “residence address” and city listed on page three of the Still Declaration. (*See* Ex. B at p. 3.)

provides that the Republican nominees for the Electoral College “shall be *elected* by the State Executive Committee; provided, however, such *election* may be by primary if authorized by the State Committee.” (Ex. A, p. 21 (emphasis added).) The Georgia Republican Party subsequently certified to the Georgia Secretary of State that Mr. Still was qualified to serve as a presidential elector. (See Qualified Presidential Elector Candidates for the November 3, 2020 General Election, attached hereto as Exhibit C, p. 3 (the “Presidential Elector List”) (providing that Mr. Still was a “qualified presidential elector candidate”)<sup>3</sup>; Republican Party of Georgia SOS Listing of End of Qualifying, attached hereto as Exhibit D, p. 3 (the “Qualifying List”) (providing that Mr. Still “qualified with [the State Executive Committee]” as a Republican presidential elector).)<sup>4</sup> After being elected by the State Executive Committee and qualifying as a presidential elector, Mr. Still served as a Republican presidential elector during the 2020 presidential election. (See Governor’s Certificate of Ascertainment, attached hereto as Exhibit E, p. 2 (the “Governor’s Certificate”) (naming “Shawn Still” as an “elector” receiving votes).)<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> The Presidential Elector List attached as Exhibit C is a certified copy which was on file with the Georgia Secretary of State’s Office. (Ex. C, p. 2.) As such, the Presidential Elector List is self-authenticating under Georgia law. O.C.G.A. § 24-9-902(4), (8).

<sup>4</sup> The Qualifying List attached as Exhibit D is a certified copy which was on file with the Georgia Secretary of State’s Office. (Ex. D, p. 2.) As such, the Qualifying List is self-authenticating under Georgia law. O.C.G.A. § 24-9-902(4), (8). Defense counsel has redacted the addresses listed under each candidate from Exhibit D. (See Ex. D at pp. 4–6.)

<sup>5</sup> The Governor’s Certificate attached as Exhibit E contains the seal of the State of Georgia and Governor Brian Kemp’s signature. (Ex. E, p. 2.) As such, the Governor’s Certificate is self-authenticating under Georgia law. O.C.G.A. § 24-9-902(1). Furthermore, the Certificate is available on the 2020 Electoral College Results page of the National Archive’s official website: NATIONAL ARCHIVES, *2020 Electoral College Results*, <https://www.archives.gov/electoral-college/2020> (last visited Apr. 17, 2024); NATIONAL ARCHIVES, *2020 Electoral College Results*, <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnribpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.archives.gov/files/electoral->

## STANDARD OF REVIEW

The Court may take judicial notice of a fact which is not subject to reasonable dispute because that fact is “[c]apable of accurate and ready determination by resort to sources whose accuracy cannot be reasonably questioned.” O.C.G.A. § 24-2-201(b)(2). A court (1) “shall take judicial notice if requested by a party and provided with the necessary information,” O.C.G.A. § 24-2-201(d), or (2) may take judicial notice on its own initiative, whether or not requested by a party, O.C.G.A. § 24-2-201(c). Furthermore, a court may take judicial notice of a fact at “any stage of the proceeding.” O.C.G.A. § 24-2-201(f). Upon timely request, a party is entitled to “an opportunity to be heard as to the propriety of taking judicial notice and the tenor of the matter noticed.” O.C.G.A. § 24-2-201(e).

## DISCUSSION

The Court may take judicial notice of the following facts because such facts are capable of accurate and ready determination by resort to sources whose accuracy cannot be reasonably questioned: (1) Mr. Still was an *elected Republican presidential elector* for the 2020 presidential election; (2) Mr. Still was a *qualified* Republican presidential elector for the 2020 presidential election; and (3) Mr. Still was a Republican presidential elector *from Georgia* for the 2020 presidential election.<sup>6</sup>

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college/2020/ascertainment-georgia.pdf (last visited Apr. 17, 2024).

<sup>6</sup> Mr. Still has also requested that the Court take judicial notice of the following facts: (1) Republican candidate for President of the United States Donald J. Trump had, on December 4, 2020, filed an action contesting the results of the 2020 general election in the State of Georgia, *Trump et al. v. Raffensperger et al.*, case number 2020CV343255, in the Superior Court of Fulton County, Atlanta Judicial Circuit, State of Georgia, and (2) the action was still pending as of December 14, 2020. More specifically, Co-Defendant David Shafer filed a Motion for Judicial Notice of Facts and Law by the Court, requesting the Court take judicial notice of the

**I. The Court may take judicial notice of the fact that Mr. Still was an *elected* Republican presidential elector.**

The Court may take judicial notice of the fact that Mr. Still was an *elected* Republican presidential elector for the 2020 presidential election because that fact is capable of accurate and ready determination from Georgia law, the official rules of the Georgia Republican Party, and documents on file with the Georgia Governor’s Office and the National Archives, all sources whose accuracy cannot be reasonably questioned.

First, these sources establish that Mr. Still was an elected presidential elector. Georgia law provides that political parties select their own presidential electors. O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-134, 21-2-172. Furthermore, GOP Rule 7.9 provides that the Republican nominees for presidential electors “shall be *elected* by the State Executive Committee; provided, however, such *election* may be by primary if authorized by the State Committee.” (Ex. A, p. 21 (emphasis added).) Finally, the Governor’s Certificate lists Mr. Still as an “elector” receiving votes in the 2020 general election. (Ex. E, p. 2.) Notably, under Georgia law, the Governor’s Certificate could not have listed Mr. Still as an “elector” unless the State Executive Committee elected Mr. Still. *See* O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-134, 21-2-172.

Second, these sources’ accuracy cannot be reasonably questioned. Concerning the Governor’s Certificate, courts often take judicial notice of facts contained in documents on file

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aforementioned facts. *State v. Shafer*, 23SC188947, Def. Shafer’s Mot. for Judicial Notice of Facts and Law by the Court (filed Nov. 30, 2023). Mr. Still previously adopted Mr. Shafer’s Motion. *State v. Still*, 23SC188947, Motion to Adopt, p. 4 (filed Jan. 5, 2024). During the December 1, 2023, hearing, the Court granted Defendant Shafer’s Motion for Judicial Notice of Facts and Law by the Court. Judge Scott McAfee (@judgescottmcafee), YOUTUBE, *12/1/23 State v. Trump, Smith, Cheeley, & Shafer*, at 15:21–15:31 (Dec. 1, 2023), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fRmyWkxIsxA>.

with a government entity or facts found on an official government website. *See* Background Section, n.5, *supra* (providing official government website to access the Governor’s Certificate). Thus, the accuracy of the Governor’s Certificate listing Mr. Still as a presidential elector cannot be reasonably questioned. *See Riley v. Ga. Assoc. of Club Execs.*, 313 Ga. 364, 366 (2022) (taking judicial notice of the fact that the Georgia Governor, pursuant to Georgia statute, appointed a Revenue Commissioner because the appointment was a “matter of public record”); *see also, e.g., Wisener v. Gullede*, 251 Ga. 419, 421 (1983) (taking judicial notice of a fact from a document on file in the Secretary of State’s office); *see also, e.g., Banks v. McIntosh County*, 530 F. Supp. 3d 1335, 1346 n.7 (S.D. Ga. 2021) (“Courts routinely take judicial notice of factual information found on official government agency websites.”); *Jaycee Atlanta Dev., LLC v. Providence Bank*, 330 Ga. App. 322, 324 n.4 (2014) (trial court properly took judicial notice of information on a government agency’s website).

Concerning GOP Rule 7.9, Exhibit A is a certified copy of the rules of the Georgia Republican Party. Thus, its accuracy cannot be reasonably questioned under O.C.G.A. § 24-2-201(b)(2).

Accordingly, the Court may take judicial notice of the fact that Mr. Still was an elected Republican presidential elector for the 2020 presidential election.

**II. The Court may take judicial notice of the fact that Mr. Still was a *qualified* Republican presidential elector.**

The Court may also take judicial notice of the fact that Still *qualified* as a presidential elector pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 24-2-201(b)(2) because that fact is capable of accurate and ready determination by documents on file with the Georgia Secretary of State’s Office, a source whose accuracy cannot be reasonably questioned.

First, the Qualifying List and the Presidential Elector List show that Mr. Still qualified as a Republican presidential elector. Indeed, the Qualifying List states that Mr. Still “*qualified* with [the State Executive Committee].” (Ex. D, pp. 3, 6 (emphasis added).) Furthermore, the Presidential Elector List names Mr. Still as a “qualified presidential elector candidate.” (Ex. C, p. 3.) Thus, these documents establish that Mr. Still was qualified.

Second, the accuracy of the Qualifying List and the Presidential Elector List cannot be reasonably questioned because those documents are on file with the Georgia Secretary of State. Indeed, courts often take judicial notice of documents on file with the Georgia Secretary of State’s Office and other governmental entities. *See Wisener*, 251 Ga. at 421 (taking judicial notice of a fact from a document on file in the Secretary of State’s office); *Kingdom Retail Grp., LLP v. Pandora Franchising, LLC*, 334 Ga. App. 812, 817 n.4 (2015), *aff’d sub nom. Pandora Franchising, LLC v. Kingdom Retail Grp., LLP*, 299 Ga. 723 (2016) (taking judicial notice of the location of a foreign company’s principal place of business because that fact was contained in a document on file with the Georgia Secretary of State) (citing *Orkin Exterminating Co., Inc. v. Gilland*, 130 Ga. App. 788, 790 (1974)).

Accordingly, the Court may take judicial notice of the fact that Mr. Still was a *qualified* Republican presidential elector for the 2020 presidential election.

**III. The Court may take judicial notice of the fact that Mr. Still was a presidential elector from Georgia for the 2020 presidential election.**

The Court may also take judicial notice of the fact that Mr. Still was a Republican presidential elector *from Georgia* for the 2020 presidential election because that fact is capable of accurate and ready determination from documents on file with the Georgia Secretary of State’s Office and the Governor’s Office, sources whose accuracy cannot be reasonably questioned.

First, the Still Declaration and the Governor’s Certificate show that Mr. Still is *from* Georgia. (Ex. B at p. 3; Ex. E at p. 2 (Governor’s Certificate listing Mr. Still as a *Georgia* “elector”).) Furthermore, the accuracy of the Still Declaration cannot be reasonably questioned because that document is on file with the Georgia Secretary of State’s Office. *Wisener*, 251 Ga. at 421; *Kingdom Retail Grp., LLP*, 334 Ga. App. at 817 n.4; *Jaycee Atlanta Dev., LLC*, 330 Ga. App. at 324 n.4. Similarly, the accuracy of the Governor’s Certificate cannot be reasonably questioned because that document is on file with the Governor’s Office and is available on an official website of a governmental entity. *See Riley*, 313 Ga. at 366; *see also, e.g., Wisener*, 251 Ga. at 421; *see also, e.g., Banks*, 530 F. Supp. 3d at 1346 n.7; *Jaycee Atlanta Dev.*, 330 Ga. App. at 324 n.4 (2014).

### CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, the fact that Defendant Shawn Still was an elected and qualified presidential elector from Georgia for the 2020 presidential election is a fact capable of accurate and ready determination by sources whose accuracy cannot be reasonably questioned. Accordingly, the Court should grant Defendant Still’s Motion to Take Judicial Notice.

This 18th day of April, 2024.

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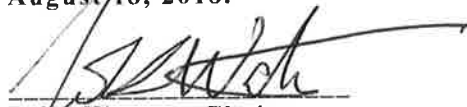
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# **EXHIBIT A**

# **RULES OF THE GEORGIA REPUBLICAN PARTY, INC.**

**I hereby certify that the  
Attached is a true and  
correct copy of the Rules  
of the Georgia Republican  
Party, Inc. as adopted  
August 18, 2018.**



**John Watson, Chairman  
Georgia Republican Party, Inc.**

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# **RULES OF THE GEORGIA REPUBLICAN PARTY**

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## **1. MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION**

### **1.1 QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN PARTY ACTIONS**

All electors<sup>1</sup> who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, believe in its declaration of policy and are in agreement with its aims and purposes may participate as members of the Georgia Republican Party, Inc. (hereinafter "GRP") in its conventions or mass meetings. All chairmen<sup>2</sup> and members of committees, delegates to conventions and voters in mass meetings, provided for in these Rules, shall be members of the GRP and must be electors of the respective units which they represent as chairmen, members, delegates, or voters in mass meetings.

### **1.2 PUBLICATION OF QUALIFICATIONS**

The qualifications and conditions for participation in the GRP shall be published in all official calls for mass meetings and conventions called pursuant to these Rules and pursuant to the Rules and Call of the Republican National Convention.

## **2. STATE COMMITTEE**

### **2.1 STATE COMMITTEE**

While in session, the State Committee shall be the governing body (except while the State Convention of the GRP is in session) of the GRP, which is a political organization and political party. While in session, the State Committee shall be vested with all the duties, power, and

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<sup>1</sup> As defined by O.C.G.A. § 21-2-2(7).

<sup>2</sup> The terms, "Chairman" and "Vice-Chairman", and all other such terms used in these rules, except the terms "National Committeeman" and "National Committeewoman", shall be gender neutral so that a person of either gender may hold such office.

privileges possessed by the State Convention and the State Executive Committee. The State Committee, while in session, shall act for the GRP.

## **2.2 MEMBERS**

The State Committee shall be composed of the following members who shall be voting members unless otherwise specified, and no person may simultaneously hold more than one voting position:

- A) State Chairman**
- B) National Committeeman**
- C) National Committeewoman**
- D) First Vice-Chairman**
- E) Second Vice-Chairman**
- F) Secretary**
- G) Assistant Secretary**
- H) Treasurer**
- I) Assistant Treasurer**
- J) The immediate past Chairman of the GRP.**
- K) General Counsel**
- L) Finance Chairman**

**M) The Chairs of the Under 80,000 and Over 80,000 Caucuses.** One county chairman elected by caucus of county chairmen from counties of 80,000 people or more and one county chairman elected by caucus of county chairmen from counties less than 80,000 people, which caucuses have been convened by the State Chairman at State Conventions where official business includes the biannual election of party officers. Population of the various counties for purpose of this provision shall be as determined by reference to the then most recent decennial U.S. Census.

**N) District Chairmen.** Elected by the District Conventions.

**O) At Large Members.** In addition to the District Chairmen, there shall be one hundred fifty (150) members elected by the various District Conventions of which one shall be allocated to each Congressional District and the remainder of which shall be allocated among the Congressional Districts in accordance with the number of votes cast therein for the Republican nominee for President in the immediately preceding General Election for such office.

**P) Honorary Members**

The following members shall be considered honorary members *ex officio* of the State Committee, shall not have a vote and shall not be counted for a quorum, and shall not be present for any decision on expenditure of Party funds:

**1) Elected Officials**

- a) Georgia Republican United States Senators;
- b) Republican Constitutional Executive Officers of Georgia elected statewide;
- c) Georgia Republican Members of Congress;
- d) The Republican Speaker of the Georgia House;
- e) The Republican Speaker Pro Tempore of the Georgia House;
- f) The Republican President Pro Tempore of the Georgia Senate; and
- g) The Republican majority or minority leaders of the Georgia House and Senate

**2) Allied Organizations**

- a) The President of the Georgia Federation of Republican Women
- b) The Chairman of the RNC Georgia Senior Republican Network
- c) The Chairman of the Georgia Federation of Young Republican Clubs
- d) The Chairman of the Georgia College Republicans
- e) The President of the Georgia Black Republican Council
- f) The State Chairman of the Georgia Teenage Republicans
- g) The Chairman of Georgia Republican Veterans
- h) The Chairman of the Hispanic Grassroots Taskforce

Allied Organizations are the former GRP Auxiliaries. These groups are officially recognized by the GRP for their activities. The GRP has no authority over these organizations and does not assume any responsibility or liability for their activities.

**Q) Non-voting members appointed by the State Chairman**

- 1) Parliamentarian
- 2) Chief Deputy General Counsel
- 3) Executive Director



R) No person may hold more than one voting position on the State Executive or State Committee.

### **3. STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **3.1 AUTHORITY**

The State Executive Committee shall have the duty, responsibility, power, and authority to conduct the affairs of the GRP between meetings of the State Committee and between State Conventions, including without limitation exercising statewide jurisdiction and control over party affairs.

#### **3.2 MEMBERSHIP**

**A) Voting Members.** The Voting members of the Executive Committee of the State Committee shall be composed of those positions specified in Rule 2.2 (A) through (N) provided, however, that no person shall simultaneously hold more than one voting position.

**B) Non-Voting Members.** The following members shall be considered “honorary” members *ex officio* of the State Executive Committee, shall be non-voting members, shall not be counted for a quorum and shall not be present for any decision on expenditure of Party funds:

##### **1) Elected Officials**

- a) Georgia Republican United States Senators;
- b) Republican Constitutional Executive officers of Georgia elected statewide;
- c) Georgia Republican Members of Congress;
- d) The Republican Speaker of the Georgia House;
- e) The Republican Speaker Pro Tempore of the Georgia House;
- f) The Republican President Pro Tempore of the Georgia Senate; and
- g) The Republican majority or minority leaders of the Georgia House and Senate.

##### **2) Allied Organizations**

- a) The President of the Georgia Federation of Republican Women
- b) The Chairman of the RNC Georgia Senior Republican Network
- c) The Chairman of the Georgia Federation of Young Republican Clubs

- d) The Chairman of the Georgia College Republicans
- e) The President of the Georgia Black Republican Council
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### **3) GRP Officials**

- a) Chief Deputy General Counsel
- b) The Parliamentarian
- c) Executive Director

### **4) Appointee of the Georgia Republican Party to the State Election Board**

**C) Voting Restriction.** Any voting member of the State Executive Committee who is also a member of a steering committee for a federal candidate shall not participate in decisions of the GRP with regard to the solicitation, transfer, donation or spending of funds.

## **4. MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEES**

### **4.1 NOTICE; FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS; MINUTES**

**A)** Meetings of the State Committee and the State Executive Committee shall be held on written notice setting forth the agenda mailed, faxed, or sent by written electronic communication not less than twelve (12) days prior to the meeting on the call of the Chairman or upon a call issued by the Secretary upon the written request of one-third (1/3) of the voting members of such committee.

**B)** When the Georgia Election Code or the Rules of the Republican National Committee requires action by the State Committee or the State Executive Committee in a time frame shorter than the notice period specified in Rule 4.1(A), the State Committee or State Executive Committee, as the case may be, shall be authorized to suspend the time period for notice of a meeting required under Rule 4.1(A) upon a two-thirds vote.

C) Attendance at a meeting of the State Committee or State Executive Committee by a member shall constitute a waiver by that person of any notice required for such meeting.

D) The Executive Committee shall meet not less than quarterly, provided, however, that two of those must be an in-person meeting.

E) The State Committee shall meet not less than semi-annually, provided, however, that one of those must be an in-person meeting.

F) Written minutes of all business transacted at meetings shall be mailed, faxed, or sent by written electronic communication to every member of both committees within ten (10) days after each meeting.

#### 4.2 QUORUM

A majority of the voting members present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

#### 4.3 FORM OF PROXY

All proxies shall be in writing, shall be signed by the maker, and shall be substantially in the following form:

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT I \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ County do hereby constitute and appoint \_\_\_\_\_ my true and lawful attorney to vote at a meeting of the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, or at any adjourned meeting thereof, and for me in my name, place and stead to vote upon any question that properly may come before such meeting, with all the power that I should possess if personally present, hereby revoking all previous proxies.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.**

#### 4.4 VOTING OF PROXIES

Members may be represented by proxies, subject to the following conditions: (a) Any member may direct his proxy only to another voting member, (b) no proxy may be directed to or voted by the State Chairman, and (c) no member may vote more than five (5) proxies.

#### **4.5 ATTENDANCE AND VOTING BY ELECTRONIC MEANS**

A) Meetings of the State Committee and the State Executive Committee may be attended in person, by proxy as provided in Rule 4.4, or by audio or video conference call.

B) Except as to votes requiring a secret ballot, any action required or permitted to be taken by the State Committee or the State Executive Committee may be taken without a meeting by written consent as follows:

1) The action must be evidenced by one or more consents in writing or by electronic transmission describing the action taken, signed (including electronically) by no fewer than the required number of Committee members, and delivered to the State Secretary.

2) Action taken by written consent shall be effective when the last Committee member required for approval signs and delivers the consent, unless the consent specifies a different effective date.

3) The Secretary of the GRP shall report to the members of the applicable Committee, the results of any matter as to which action is proposed to be taken by consent within eight (8) business days of submission to the Committee Members.

4) A consent signed and delivered by a Committee Member has the same force and effect as a vote cast by a Member at a meeting.

C) Votes cast and taken by audio or video conference call shall be taken pursuant to roll call vote, which roll call may be conducted electronically.

### **5. OFFICERS**

#### **5.1 DUTIES OF THE STATE CHAIRMAN**

The State Chairman shall be the Chief Executive Officer, chairman of the State Committee, chairman of the State Executive Committee and spokesman of the GRP and shall perform the duties required by these Rules, the State Convention, the State Committee, and the State Executive Committee. The State Chairman shall convene the State Committee and the State Executive Committee when the needs of the GRP require or at such other time as specified in Rule 4.1. The State Chairman shall preside at all State Committee meetings and State Executive Committee meetings and at all State Conventions until temporary organization of the Convention

is completed. The State Chairman shall appoint all pre-convention committees with the approval of the State Executive Committee. The State Chairman shall be responsible for the general direction of the GRP. The State Chairman shall, with the approval of a majority of the State Executive Committee, appoint the General Counsel and Finance Chairman who shall be voting members of the State Committee and the State Executive Committee. The State Chairman shall appoint other members as provided in Section 2.2(P) and such other members as he deems necessary, who shall be non-voting members of the State Committee and shall fill any vacancies which shall occur in such positions due to death, resignation or removal. The State Chairman shall remove such officers and dissolve such committees when he deems desirable.

## **5.2 DUTIES OF THE VICE-CHAIRMEN**

**A)** The First Vice-Chairman shall perform the duties of the State Chairman during the period of any incapacity of the State Chairman and shall perform other duties assigned by the State Chairman, the State Committee, or the State Executive Committee.

**B)** The Second Vice-Chairman shall serve under the direction of the State Chairman and shall, in the event of any incapacity of both the State Chairman and First Vice-Chairman, perform the duties of State Chairman and shall have other such duties and responsibilities as assigned by the State Chairman, the State Committee, or the State Executive Committee.

## **5.3 DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

**A)** The Secretary shall keep minutes of State Committee and State Executive Committee meetings and shall be the custodian of those minutes. The Secretary shall also serve as secretary to all State Conventions until temporary organization of the Convention is completed. The Secretary shall give all notices required for meetings under these Rules and shall furnish copies of all minutes required. The Secretary shall, under the direction of the State Committee which shall meet for that purpose immediately before each State Convention, prepare the temporary roll of Delegates and Alternates of the said State Convention, placing thereon the names of all who are certified to the Secretary by the respective County Chairmen. Said roll shall govern the proceedings of the State Convention until changed by the State Convention itself. The Secretary shall keep a roster of the names and addresses of all County and District Chairmen and State Committee members and shall perform such other duties prescribed by the State Committee.

**B)** The Assistant Secretary shall, subject to the direction of the Secretary, assist the Secretary in the performance of the duties of the Secretary and in the absence of the Secretary shall perform those duties.

#### **5.4 DUTIES OF THE TREASURER AND ASSISTANT TREASURER**

**A)** The Treasurer shall have the custody and responsibility of the funds of the GRP, shall deposit said funds in a bank or banks selected by the State Executive Committee, which funds may be drawn as prescribed by the State Executive Committee. The State Executive Committee shall annually secure a review or audit of the GRP's financial statements, and shall provide a copy of any such review or audit to the members of the State Committee within ten (10) business days of its receipt. The Treasurer shall present at each State Committee meeting and State Executive Committee meeting a financial report. The Treasurer shall be an accountant, bookkeeper, CPA, or financial advisor

**B)** The Assistant Treasurer shall, subject to the direction of the Treasurer, assist the Treasurer in the performance of the duties of the office of Treasurer and in the absence of the Treasurer, perform those duties and have the right to vote at any meeting of the State Committee and State Executive Committee. The Assistant Treasurer shall be an accountant, bookkeeper, CPA, or financial advisor.

**C)** Upon the authorization of any two of the following, one of which must be elected, the State Chairman, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Executive Director, and such person as the State Chairman shall designate with the approval of the State Executive Committee, shall have the authority to draw checks on GRP bank accounts and shall be covered by a fidelity bond in an amount deemed appropriate by the State Executive Committee.

#### **5.5 DUTIES OF THE FINANCE CHAIRMAN**

The Finance Chairman shall be Chairman of the State Finance Committee and shall be responsible for raising the funds of the GRP and for obtaining adequate financing for the GRP.

#### **5.6 DUTIES OF THE PARLIAMENTARIAN**

The Parliamentarian shall be responsible for all interpretation of GRP Rules.

**5.7 DUTIES OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL AND CHIEF DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL**

A) The General Counsel shall be responsible for providing legal advice to the GRP.

B) The Chief Deputy General Counsel shall be responsible for such duties prescribed by the General Counsel and, in the absence of the General Counsel, perform those duties and have the right to vote at any meeting of the State Committee and State Executive Committee.

**5.8 DUTIES OF THE UNDER 80,000 AND OVER 80,000 CAUCUS CHAIRS**

The chairs of the Under 80,000 and Over 80,000 caucuses shall have such duties and responsibilities as assigned to them by, and shall serve under the direction of, the State Chairman.

**5.9 DUTIES OF OTHER OFFICERS**

The other officers shall have the normal duties attendant to such offices not inconsistent with these Rules, and such other duties as may be prescribed by the State Committee or the Executive Committee.

**5.10 TERM LIMITS**

Effective upon the convening of the 2012 State Convention, no person may be elected to the position of National Committeeman or National Committeewoman who shall have been elected to and have served at least three (3) four-year terms in such position and no person may be elected to the position of State Chairman who shall have been elected to and have served at least three (3) two-year terms in such position.

**6. COMMITTEES**

**6.1 PERMANENT RULES COMMITTEE**

The Chairman shall appoint, with the approval of the State Executive Committee, a permanent Rules Committee consisting of one (1) member from each congressional district and not less than four (4) and no more than five (5) members at large ensuring an odd number of members for the committee. This member from each Congressional District shall be selected from a list of not less than three (3) persons recommended by their respective District Chairs. Two (2) of the

remaining members at large shall include the State General Counsel and the State Parliamentarian, with the other members being named by the State Chair from the existing State Committee or State Executive Committee. The permanent Rules Committee shall make a report concerning the Rules at each meeting of the State Committee. The permanent Rules Committee shall prepare and present the Call to the State Committee for its approval. The Chair of the Rules Committee may delegate this authority to a subcommittee of the Rules Committee.

## **6.2 STATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The State Finance Committee shall adopt rules to govern its operation not inconsistent with the Rules, subject to revision by the State Committee.

## **6.3 COMMITTEE ON APPEALS**

All appeals made to the State Committee under this rule shall first be referred to a subcommittee known as the Committee on Appeals. The Committee on Appeals shall be appointed by the State Chairman. The Committee on Appeals shall investigate the matter referred, review appropriate documents, receive and review written representations from the parties involved in the dispute which may include a stenographic record, testimony and other evidence. The Committee may hold hearings if it deems necessary. For each case referred to it, the Committee on Appeals shall make a report of its findings, including a proposed judgment, to the State Committee not more than seventy-five (75) days from receipt of the appeal by the Appeals Committee. The State Committee shall vote on the report and proposed judgment of the Committee on Appeals not more than forty-five (45) days after receipt of the report and proposed judgment. In all cases the decision of the State Committee shall be final, and there shall be no appeal from the decision of the State Committee.

# **7. ELECTION AND REMOVAL OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS; PROCEDURE FOR FILLING VACANCIES**

## **7.1 ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS, NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN, NATIONAL COMMITTEEWOMAN AND NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES**

A) In odd numbered years, the State Convention shall elect State officers, including the



Chairman, the First Vice-Chairman, the Second Vice-Chairman, the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Assistant Treasurer. In Presidential Election Years, the State Convention shall elect the National Committeeman and National Committeewoman and Delegates at Large and Alternates at Large to the Republican National Convention in accordance with Rule 7.3. For the 2013 – 2015 term, the Assistant Treasurer shall be elected by the State Committee in accordance with the terms of Rule 7.7.

## **7.2 STATE PRIMARIES AUTHORIZED BY STATE CONVENTION OR STATE COMMITTEE**

Any State Convention or State Committee meeting duly constituted under these Rules, may by a majority vote of those present, authorize and approve the holding of primary elections, either statewide or within any Congressional District, County or other political subdivision of Georgia for the election of officers, Delegates or Alternates of the GRP or any of its appropriate political subdivisions and may prescribe such rules and regulations, including the time of qualification, which are consistent with Georgia law.

## **7.3 ELECTION OF NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES**

**A)** In accordance with these Rules, the Call of the Republican National Committee and as allowed by the Georgia Presidential Preference Primary Act, as amended, the Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention shall be elected from the Districts at the respective District Conventions and the Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention from the State at large shall be elected at the State Convention and shall be bound to vote for the Presidential nominee elected in the Georgia Presidential Primary, as provided in the Georgia Presidential Preference Primary Act, as amended. (See O.C.G.A. § 21-2-190, et seq. The GRP does not, therefore, choose to elect any of its Delegates and Alternates to the Republican National Convention by primary.

**B)** The Republican Presidential candidate receiving the highest number of votes in the Presidential Preference Primary in each Congressional District shall receive all votes of such Congressional District Delegates and seated Alternates to the Republican National Convention. The Republican Presidential candidate receiving the highest number of votes in the Primary statewide shall receive all statewide (State at Large) Delegate and seated Alternate votes to the

Republican National Convention, and such Delegates and Alternates shall file a qualification oath as required by O.C.G.A. § 21-2-196.

**The following was adopted by the State Committee on September 24, 2011 as a temporary amendment to the Rules for the 2012 Presidential election cycle:**

B) Delegates and Alternates shall be apportioned as follows:

- 1) No State at large Delegate or Alternate shall be allocated to any candidate who receives 20% or less of the vote in the Georgia Presidential Preference Primary.
- 2) No fractional Delegate or Alternate shall be allocated.
- 3) In each Congressional District, the three (3) Delegates and three (3) Alternates shall be allocated proportionally based on the following: (1) any candidate who receives the majority (50% + 1) of the Congressional District's Presidential Preference Primary vote shall be allocated all three (3) of the Congressional District delegates and alternates; (2) if no candidate receives the majority (50% + 1) of the Congressional District's Presidential Preference Primary vote, the candidate receiving the highest number of the Congressional District's Presidential Preference Primary votes shall be allocated two (2) delegates and two (2) alternates and the candidate receiving the second highest number of the Congressional District's Presidential Preference Primary votes shall be allocated one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate.
- 4) At large Delegates and Alternates shall be allocated by numerical slot to the candidate(s) receiving more than 20% of the vote based on his or her percentage of the Statewide Presidential Preference Primary vote. Any remaining Delegates and Alternates not allocated initially shall be apportioned sequentially and in order to candidate(s) receiving an initial allocation. For the purpose of this allocation, RNC Delegates (State Chairman, National Committee Woman and National Committee Man) shall be considered at large delegates and be allocated to the candidate receiving the largest percentage of the vote.
- 5) All Delegates and Alternates shall file a qualification oath as required by O.C.G.A. § 21-2-196.

C) Except as provided in Section 7.3.B., hereinabove, a District Convention may instruct, commit or pledge the Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention elected by it.

Except as provided in Section 7.3.B., hereinabove, the State Convention may instruct, commit or pledge the Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention elected by it. However, no District Convention or State Convention may instruct, commit or pledge the Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention so as to conflict with the provisions of these Rules. This Rule applies to both nominations for President and Vice President of the United States. The failure of a District Convention to instruct its Delegates and Alternates shall not give the State Convention the power to instruct such Delegates and Alternates elected by the District Convention.

**D)** The State Executive Committee is delegated the authority to take such additional acts as may in its discretion be required for the GRP to comply with the provisions of the Georgia Presidential Preference Primary Act, as amended.

#### **7.4 TERMS OF OFFICE**

The terms of the members of the State Committee and the State Executive Committee who are elected at a convention shall begin immediately following the adjournment of the convention at which each was elected. The terms of other members of the State Committee and State Executive Committee shall begin upon the occurrence of the respective event which qualifies each for membership on the State Committee or State Executive Committee.

#### **7.5 REMOVAL OF STATE OFFICERS**

**A)** Any State officer, other than those appointed by the State Chairman, may be removed from office for cause by a vote of a two-thirds (2/3) of a quorum present at any duly called meeting of the State Committee; provided however, such individual must be given written notice of said meeting mailed or circulated by written electronic communication at least thirty-two (32) days in advance thereof, setting forth the grounds for removal, and be given an opportunity to be heard in person or by his representative. "Cause" as used herein shall include continued failure to perform his duties or conduct detrimental to the best interests of the GRP, all as may be determined by the two-third (2/3) vote of a quorum of the State Committee.

**B)** Absent dispensation by the committee with appropriate jurisdiction, if a member of the State Committee, a District Committee, or a County Committee shall publicly advocate the

election of another candidate for an office for which the Republican Party has nominated a candidate, that member shall be removed from party office.

C) As soon as a State officer or State Executive Committee member accepts a paid position of employment with the GRP or qualifies to run for an elected public office for which at least one other Republican has also qualified, he shall be deemed to have resigned. An officer who qualifies as a candidate for an elected public office for which no other Republican has also qualified shall be deemed to have resigned immediately upon being elected to that office. As soon as an officer qualifies as a candidate for elected office as a candidate of any political party other than the Republican Party, he shall be deemed to have resigned all positions in the GRP.

#### **7.6 RESTRICTIONS ON ENDORSEMENTS BY GRP OFFICIALS**

Members of the State Executive Committee, the State Committee, GRP employees, appointed GRP Officials, County Chairmen, members of any County Committee and members of any District Committee shall not use their official title in any manner in connection with their support of, any candidate for any public office in the State of Georgia in either a special election or for the Republican nomination in a primary where there is at least one other announced Republican candidate.

#### **7.7 FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICES ELECTED BY THE STATE CONVENTION**

In the event of death, resignation, or removal from office of any elected State officer except State Chairman, State Treasurer, and National Committeeman and National Committeewoman, the State Executive Committee shall elect a successor by a majority vote of a quorum present. In the event of a vacancy in the position of State Chairman, the First Vice-Chairman shall automatically serve as acting Chairman until the State Committee elects a State Chairman. In the event of a vacancy in the position of National Committeeman or Committeewoman, the State Committee will elect a replacement. In the event of a vacancy in the position of Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer shall automatically serve as acting Treasurer until the State Executive Committee elects a State Treasurer. If any such vacancies are not filled within ninety (90) days after those vacancies occur, the State Executive Committee may fill such vacancies by a majority vote on its own motion. All resignations are deemed to be effective upon notice. No vote to accept a resignation shall be required.

**7.8 FILLING VACANCIES IN STATE COMMITTEE POSITIONS ELECTED BY DISTRICT CONVENTIONS**

In the event of the death, resignation, or extended failure to function of a State Committee member elected by a District Convention, the District Executive Committee shall fill such vacancy and shall notify the State Secretary at the GRP headquarters within five (5) days after the election. If such vacancy is not filled within ninety (90) days after it occurs, the State Executive Committee may fill such vacancy by a majority vote on its own motion.

**7.9 CANDIDATES FOR THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE**

The Republican nominees for the Electoral College shall be elected by the State Executive Committee; provided, however, such election may be by primary if authorized by the State Committee, certified to the Secretary of State as provided by law.

**8. DISTRICT, COUNTY AND LOCAL ORGANIZATION**

**8.1 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT**

The Georgia Election Code refers to “Election Districts” as “Precincts.” Only electors of the Precinct, County, or Congressional District (as the case may be), may serve on the respective committees described in this Section 8.

**8.2 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT COMMITTEES, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS**

There shall be a committee in each Congressional District officially known as the “\_\_\_\_\_ Congressional District Republican Committee” hereinafter the “District Committee.” The District Committee shall be composed of a District Chairman, a First Vice-Chairman, one or more Vice-Chairmen, a Secretary, a Treasurer, State Committee members and such additional officers and members as shall be provided in the District Rules.

**8.3 CONGRESSIONAL REAPPORTIONMENT**

When Congressional Districts are reapportioned, the officers and members of the Congressional District Committees for the Congressional Districts which result from the Reapportionment shall be determined as follows:

**A)** The highest ranking officer who, on the date the new Congressional District became legally effective, was an officer of a Congressional District Committee and who is an elector in the new Congressional District, shall serve as temporary presiding officer for purposes of convening a meeting of the Congressional District Committee as provided in this Section. In the event that there is more than one officer of the same rank, the convening officer shall be determined (1) by the ranking officer whose delegates represent the highest percentage of the delegates in the new District, or (2) if the highest percentage of delegates cannot be determined, the convening officer shall be determined by drawing lots.

**B)** The Congressional District Committee shall consist of Committeemen who, on the date the new Congressional District was determined, were serving as committeemen of a Congressional District Committee, and who are electors of the new Congressional District.

**C)** The Congressional District Executive Committee shall be likewise constituted as set out above, substituting the term "District Executive Committee" for "District Committee."

**D)** The Congressional District Committee, as comprised pursuant to Section 8 shall meet upon ten (10) days' notice to its members to elect officers of the Congressional District to serve until the next Congressional District Convention as provided in Section 8.5 and Section 9.

#### **8.4 DUTIES OF DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

**A)** The District Committee shall make arrangements in each odd-numbered year and each Presidential Election year for the purpose of holding District Conventions consistent with these Rules and the State Call.

**B)** In the event of controversies, other than those involving the election of National Convention delegates and alternates, originating within the District GRP organization, petition shall first be made to the District Committee by filing with the District Chairman, setting forth the particulars of the controversy. Said petition by at least five (5) qualified Republican voters shall be filed with the District Chairman no later than thirty (30) days from the date of the alleged event giving rise to the controversy. The petition shall be heard by the District Committee within forty-five (45) days following receipt by the District Chairman. For each case referred to it, the District Committee shall make a report of its findings and decision to the parties involved not more than forty-five (45) days from receipt of the appeal. Appeals of such District Committee decisions may be made to the State Committee within thirty (30) days from the date of said decision, if signed by twenty-five (25) qualified Republican voters of the

District. Said appeal shall then be heard by the State Committee as provided in Rule 6.3. Said petition shall be filed with the State Secretary at GRP headquarters. The foregoing shall not apply to appeals to the District Committee arising from action of County Committees, as those shall be handled in accordance with Paragraph 8.4 (C) below.

**C)** The District Committee shall hear any appeals arising from a County Committee in accordance with Rule 8.8, with the right of petition to the State Committee. Appeals from County Committees to the District Committee shall be investigated by the District Committee by reviewing appropriate documents and written representations from the parties involved in the dispute, which may include a stenographic record, testimony and other evidence. The District Committee may hold hearings if it deems necessary. For each case referred to it, the District Committee shall make a report of its findings and decision to the parties involved not more than forty-five (45) days from receipt of the appeal.

**D)** The District Committee shall have such other functions as assigned by the State Committee. The District Committee may provide in its rules for a District Executive Committee with powers as provided in its rules.

## **8.5 ELECTION OF DISTRICT OFFICERS AND STATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The officers and members of the District Committee and representatives to the State Committee elected from their respective Districts shall be elected in odd numbered years by the respective District Conventions. They shall begin office at the adjournment of the District Convention and shall hold office for two years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified, unless sooner removed from office in accordance with these Rules or the District Rules. As soon as an officer qualifies as a candidate for an elected public office for which at least one other Republican has also qualified, he shall be deemed to have resigned. An officer who qualifies as a candidate for an elected public office for which no other Republican has also qualified shall be deemed to have resigned immediately upon being elected to that office. As soon as a member qualifies as a candidate for elected office as a candidate of any political party other than the Republican Party, he shall be deemed to have resigned all positions on the District Committee.

## **8.6 DUTIES OF THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN**

The District Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the District Committee. The District Chairman shall convene the District Committee when the needs of the Party may require or as required by the District Rules. He shall preside at meetings of said District Committee and the District Executive Committee. He shall appoint such additional officers (nonvoting) and committees as he deems advisable. The District Chairman shall send written notices mailed or circulated by written electronic communication at least ten (10) days in advance to all Delegates and Alternates of the time, place and date of the Congressional District Convention, which notice shall indicate that the Congressional District Convention is to be held pursuant to the State Call.

### **8.7 COUNTY COMMITTEES AND THEIR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS**

There shall be a committee in each County officially known as the “\_\_\_\_\_ County Republican Committee” hereinafter the “County Committee.” The County Committee shall be composed of a County Chairman, First Vice-Chairman, Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such additional officers and members as may be determined by the County Convention, with not less than one member from each Precinct in said County having any Precinct officers. The County Conventions shall elect County Delegates and Alternates to the District and State Conventions. The County Committee exercises county-wide jurisdiction and control over party affairs, as defined by and required under O.C.G.A. § 21-2-111, which powers may in part be delegated as provided in these rules and the County Rules to a subcommittee of the County Committee called the “County Executive Committee.” As soon as an officer qualifies to run for an elected public office for which at least one other Republican has also qualified, he shall be deemed to have resigned. An officer who qualifies as a candidate for an elected public office for which no other Republican has also qualified shall be deemed to have resigned immediately upon being elected to that office. As soon as an officer qualifies as a candidate for elected office as a candidate of any political party other than the Republican Party, he shall be deemed to have resigned all positions on the County, Municipal, Precinct or other GRP governing committees.

### **8.8 DUTIES OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEES**

A) The County Committee shall publish a notice of the State Call and make arrangements for the County Convention and the Precinct Mass Meetings and fix the basis of representation by Delegates to the County Convention and the time and place for holding the



County Convention consistent with these Rules and the State Call. It shall cooperate with the State Committee and its District Committee in conducting all elections, conventions, and meetings within its boundaries.

**B)** Each County Committee shall decide all controversies arising within its jurisdiction, with a right to appeal the decision of the County Committee to the District Committee. In the event of controversies arising within the County GRP organization, petition shall first be made to the County Committee. Said petition by at least qualified five (5) qualified voters as defined in Rule 1.1, setting forth the particulars of the controversy shall be filed with the County Chairman no later than thirty (30) days from the date of the alleged event giving rise to the controversy. The petition shall be heard at the next regularly scheduled County Committee meeting, but in no event more than forty-five (45) days following receipt by the County Chairman of the petition. Appeals of the County Committee decision may be made within thirty (30) days from the date of the decision appealed from by petition signed by at least five (5) qualified voters as defined in Rule 1.1 if the county had fewer than 100 elected delegates to its last County Convention or at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters as defined in Rule 1.1 if the county had 100 or more elected delegates to its last County Convention. Said appeal shall be heard by (a) District Committee if the County is located entirely within a district or, (b) the District Committee of the District having a plurality of the elected delegates from the respective County to the most recent District Convention. Appeals to the District Committee shall be filed with the District Chairman. There shall be a right to file a petition to request that the State Committee review the decision of the District Committee on appeals under this Rule. Said petition by at least five (5) qualified voters as defined in Rule 1.1 setting forth particulars of the controversy shall be filed with the State Secretary at GRP headquarters. The State Secretary shall refer such petition to the Committee on Appeals. The Committee on Appeals, may, in its discretion, hear such petition or recommend to the State Committee that the State Committee summarily affirm the decision of the District Committee. If the Committee on Appeals elects to hear the petition, it shall do so in accordance with Rule 6.3.

## **8.9 ELECTION OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE**

The officers and members of the County Committee shall be elected in odd-numbered years by the respective County Conventions. They shall begin office at the adjournment of the County Convention and shall hold office for two years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified, unless sooner removed in accordance with these Rules or the County Party Rules.

#### **8.10 DUTIES OF COUNTY CHAIRMAN**

The County Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the County Committee. The County Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the County Committee and the County Executive Committee. He shall appoint such additional officers (nonvoting) and committees as he deems advisable. The County Chairman shall appoint a temporary presiding officer for each Mass Meeting or consolidated Mass Meeting (as the case may be), who shall preside until a temporary chairman is elected. The temporary presiding officer shall not necessarily be an elector of the area in which the Mass Meeting was held. The County Chairman shall appoint interim County Convention Committees and their respective Chairmen subject to the approval of the County Committee. Except as provided in Rule 9.2(B), the County Chairman shall send written notices mailed or circulated by written electronic communication at least ten (10) days in advance to all Delegates and Alternates of the time, place and date of the County Convention, which notice shall indicate that the County Convention is to be held pursuant to the State Call.

#### **8.11 PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN**

Any vacancies on the Precinct Committee not filled pursuant to Rules 9.1 or 9.4 may be filled by the County Committee. Except as provided in Rule 9.1, each Precinct Committee shall elect its own Chairman and other officers in accordance with any applicable County Party Rules or otherwise as it deems necessary.

#### **8.12 REPUBLICAN MUNICIPAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The County Committee is authorized to provide rules or adopt regulations as it deems necessary or desirable to establish a municipal Executive Committee in each municipality principally located in said County for the purpose of encouraging participation in any partisan municipal election including the nomination of Republican candidates therein. Said organization shall be consistent with the Rules of the Georgia Municipal Election Code.

**8.13 NOTICE AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS**

Meetings of the District, County and Precinct Committees shall be held upon written notice mailed, faxed, or sent by written electronic communication at least ten (10) days in advance unless otherwise provided by their respective rules, on the call of the Chairman or on the call of one-third (1/3) of the members. Each District and County committee shall meet at least twice each year. Each committee shall transact all other necessary and proper business of the Party.

**8.14 QUORUM**

Twenty-five percent of the voting members of each District, County and Precinct Committee, present in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, unless a greater number is otherwise provided by their respective rules.

**8.15 PROXIES**

Where District or County Committee rules specifically permit, members of the District, County and Precinct Committees may be represented by proxy; provided however, that a proxy may be given only to a member of the respective committee.

**8.16 REMOVAL FROM OFFICE OF DISTRICT, COUNTY, AND PRECINCT OFFICERS AND COMMITTEEMEN**

**A)** Any officer or member of a District, County or Precinct Committee may be removed from office for cause by his respective committee on the same terms and conditions as prescribed in Rule 7.5(A) or 7.5(B) for removal of officers and members of the State Committee.

**B)** Whenever the State Committee determines that any County or District Chairman or other officer is subject to removal for cause as defined in Rule 7.5(A) or 7.5(B) and remedial action has not been taken as provided in Rules 8.16(A) and 8.17 within thirty (30) days after written notice has been mailed or circulated by electronic communication to such County and individual, the State Committee shall remove such Chairman or officer and shall appoint a new Chairman or officer. The Chairman or officer thus appointed shall perform the duties of the office until his successor is duly elected at a County or District Convention.

**8.17 VACANCIES IN OFFICES OF DISTRICT, COUNTY, AND PRECINCT COMMITTEES**

Vacancies created by death, resignation, removal from office, or other cause of any District, County or Precinct Chairman, officers or Committee members shall be filled by a majority vote of a quorum present of the voting members of the respective committee, unless rules of the District, County or Precinct provide otherwise.

## **9. MASS MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS**

### **9.1 THE STATE CALL**

Pursuant to the Call issued by the State Committee, on the dates and times set forth, or within the range of dates allowed, in the Call, there shall be held in each odd-numbered year and in each Presidential Election year:

**A)** Mass Meetings for each Precinct, which shall elect Delegates and Alternates to the respective County Conventions, and in each odd-numbered year shall also elect Precinct officers and Precinct Committeemen.

**B)** County Conventions, which in odd-numbered years shall elect officers and organize the Party in the respective Counties for the next two years and adopt any new or amended rules pursuant to Rule 9.8, and which in both odd-numbered and in Presidential Election years shall elect Delegates and Alternates to the Congressional District and State Conventions and conduct all other necessary and proper business.

**C)** District Conventions, which in odd-numbered years shall elect officers, District Committee members, and State Committee members for the next two years, adopt any new or amended rules pursuant to Rule 9.8, and conduct all other necessary and proper business, and which in Presidential Election years shall elect National Delegates and Alternates to the Republican National Convention.

**D)** The Call shall be issued a reasonable time prior to the Mass Meetings, shall include a copy of all forms to be used, and shall be sent by the State GRP headquarters to each County Chairman and Congressional District Chairman.

**E)** The County Chairman, upon receipt of this Call, shall cause a meeting of the County Committee to be held to make all arrangements necessary for the Mass Meetings and the County Convention, including, but not limited to, the adoption of any plan authorized by these Rules.

### **9.2 HOLDING OF MASS MEETINGS AND COUNTY CONVENTIONS**

**A)** Mass Meetings shall be held for each Precinct in accordance with the Call at a single location as determined by the County Committee; provided, however, that a County Committee may adopt a plan to include one or more of the following:

- (1) to hold Precinct Mass Meetings in multiple locations grouped by other political subdivisions;
- (2) to hold Precinct Mass Meetings on a date or at a time other than that set forth in the Call; provided that such alternative date and time shall, other than as provided in Rule 9.2(A)(5), fall within the ten (10) day period ending on the date and time for Mass Meetings for such County as set forth in the Call;
- (3) to hold the County Convention on a date or at a time other than that set forth in the Call; provided that such alternative date and time shall fall within the ten (10) day period ending on the date and time for County Conventions as set forth in the Call;
- (4) for Counties having a population of over 100,000, to provide for the use of one of the alternate divisor numbers specified in Rule 9.5(B) for determining the number of Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention;
- (5) for Counties having a population of 80,000 or fewer, to opt out of the provisions of Rule 9.2(E) specifying that such County hold both its Precinct Mass Meetings and County Convention on the same date and to hold such County's Precinct Mass Meetings either: (a) on the date and time set forth in the Call for Precinct Mass Meetings for Counties over 80,000 in population (or within the ten (10) day period ending on the date and time for such Precinct Mass Meetings), or (b) on a date and at a time between the period described in Rule 9.2(A)(2) and the date and time set forth in the Call for County Conventions for Counties with a population of 80,000 or fewer.

**B)** Any such plan must be submitted in writing by the County Chairman or other person designated by the County Committee to the State Executive Committee to the attention of the State Secretary at GRP headquarters on or before December 15 of the year preceding such Mass Meetings or Conventions. With regard to any such plan submitted, the State Executive Committee may: (1) approve the plan as submitted, (2) approve the plan subject to certain conditions, or (3) reject the plan. If the State Executive Committee takes no action on the plan on

or before January 5 of the year in which such Mass Meetings are to be held, such plan shall be deemed approved and the County may proceed with the plan.

C) If, at a Mass Meeting, any precinct does not caucus or does not elect a full delegation, any unfilled delegate or alternate positions for that precinct may not be filled by any other precinct or by the Mass Meeting.

D) Counties whose population is 80,000 or fewer shall hold both their Mass Meetings and County Conventions on the date set by the Call for County Conventions unless such County shall have filed a plan pursuant to Rule 9.2(A)(5) and such plan shall not have been rejected by the State Executive Committee.

E) There will be only one Mass Meeting Chairman, one Mass Meeting Secretary, and one registration committee appointed by the County Chairman (or as otherwise specified in the County party rules) for each Mass Meeting location. The County Chairman shall appoint a temporary Mass Meeting Chairman for each Mass Meeting. The County Chairman may also appoint, or shall delegate to the Mass Meeting Chairman the authority to appoint, a temporary Precinct Chairman for each Precinct Meeting, giving preference where possible to the ranking officer of such precinct.

F) The County Chairman shall appoint interim County Convention Committees and their respective Chairmen, subject to the approval of the County Committee. Except when the County's Mass Meeting and County Convention shall be held on the same date pursuant to Rule 9.2(D), the County Chairman shall send written notice of the date, time, and location of the County Convention by mail or by written electronic communication at least ten (10) days in advance of the date of the Convention to all Delegates and Alternates elected to such Convention at the Mass Meeting, which notice shall indicate that the Convention is to be held pursuant to the Call.

### **9.3 HOLDING OF DISTRICT CONVENTIONS**

A) Congressional District Conventions shall be held in each Congressional District in accordance with the Call at a location as determined by the District Committee ; provided, however, that in a non-presidential election year a District Committee may adopt a plan to hold the District Convention on a date or at a time other than that set forth in the Call; provided that

such alternative date and time shall fall within the ten (10) day period ending on the date and time for District Conventions as set forth in the Call.

**B)** Any such plan must be submitted in writing by the District Chairman or other person designated by the District Committee or District Executive Committee to the State Executive Committee to the attention of the State Secretary at GRP headquarters on or before December 15 of the year preceding such Convention. With regard to any such plan submitted, the State Executive Committee may: (1) approve the plan as submitted, (2) approve the plan subject to certain conditions, or (3) reject the plan. If the State Executive Committee takes no action on the plan on or before January 5 of the year in which such Convention is to be held, such plan shall be deemed approved and the District may proceed with the plan.

**C)** Each District Chairman shall send written notice of the date, time, and location of the Congressional District Convention by mail or by electronic communication at least ten (10) days in advance of the Convention to all Delegates and Alternates elected by the applicable County Conventions, which notice shall indicate that the Convention is to be held pursuant to the Call.

#### **9.4 PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF MASS MEETINGS**

**A)** Each County Chairman shall cause to be printed in a newspaper of general circulation in their County a notice of the date, time, and place of each Mass Meeting to be held in such County at least fifteen (15) days, but not more than sixty (60) days, before the date of the Mass Meeting and shall arrange for such other notice of the Mass Meeting as may be directed by the County Committee.

**B)** The date, time, and place of the County Convention and, if known, the District Convention for each Congressional District located in whole or in part in the County shall be included in this notice.

**C)** If a County's Mass Meetings and County Convention are to be held on the same date, the notice shall specify that the Mass Meetings and County Convention will be held at separate times on the same date and will specify the location for each.

**D)** The County Chairman shall provide a written or electronic copy of the notice to the State Secretary at GRP headquarters within five (5) business days after publication.

## **9.5 ALLOCATION OF DELEGATES TO COUNTY CONVENTIONS**

**A)** Each Precinct shall be entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate to the County Convention. Each Precinct shall be entitled to one additional Delegate and one additional Alternate for each 50 votes and major fraction thereof (26 or more) cast for the Republican candidate for President in the immediately preceding presidential general election.

**B)** Provided however, that in lieu of the foregoing calculation, pursuant to a plan adopted by the County Committee as provided in Rule 9.2(A)(4): (1) in Counties having population of over one hundred thousand (100,000), each Precinct shall be entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate for each one hundred fifty (150) votes and major fraction thereof (76 or more); or (2) in counties having a population of over five hundred thousand (500,000), each precinct shall be entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate for each two hundred and fifty (250) votes and major fraction thereof (126), cast for the Republican candidate for President in the immediately preceding presidential general election.

**C)** Any county which has had changes in precinct lines since the last Presidential Election may use the vote totals cast for the Republican candidate for Governor in the immediately preceding gubernatorial general election to allocate their county convention delegates. In such case the calculation of the number of delegates and alternates for each precinct shall be the same as previously specified in this Rule 9.5.

## **9.6 ALLOCATION OF DELEGATES TO DISTRICT AND STATE CONVENTIONS**

**A)** Each County shall be entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate to the State Convention. Each County shall be entitled to one additional Delegate and one additional Alternate for each one-thousand (1,000) votes or major fraction thereof (501 or more), cast in that County for the Republican candidate for President in the immediately preceding presidential general election.

**B)** Each County shall be entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate to the District Convention. In Counties situated in more than one Congressional District, such Delegate shall be allotted to the Congressional District with the largest number of votes cast in that County for the Republican candidate for President in the immediately preceding presidential general election. With respect to each Congressional District each County shall be entitled to one additional Delegate and one additional Alternate for each seven hundred fifty (750) votes or major fraction



thereof (376), cast in that portion of the County located within such Congressional District for the Republican candidate for President in the immediately preceding presidential general election.

C) Delegates and Alternates may not be transferred among Counties within a Congressional District or between Congressional Districts.

## **9.7 REPORTS AND FILING OF CREDENTIALS**

**A) Mass Meetings.** Within two (2) business days after adjournment of the Mass Meeting, the Chairman of the Mass Meeting shall file with the County Chairman:

- (1) a list (including residence addresses, telephone numbers, and (if provided) email addresses) of Delegates and Alternates elected to the County Convention;
- (2) in odd-numbered years, a list of the Precinct officers and committeemen duly elected at such Mass Meeting.

The County Chairman shall file copies of the above documents with the State Secretary at GRP headquarters within seven (7) business days of the adjournment of the Mass Meeting. One set of the lists will be retained by the Mass Meeting Secretary. The provisions of this Rule 9.7(A) shall not apply to Counties holding Mass Meetings and County Convention on the same date pursuant to Rule 9.2 (E).

**B) County Conventions.** Within five (5) business days after the adjournment of the County Convention, the Chairman of the County Convention shall file with the State Secretary at GRP headquarters, and with the Chairman of each Congressional District in which a part of the County is located:

- (1) a certified copy of the convention minutes and a certified list (including residence addresses, telephone numbers, and (if provided) email addresses) of the Delegates and Alternates elected to the Congressional District and State Conventions; and
- (2) in odd-numbered years, a certified list of the officers and members of the County Committee duly elected by the County Convention.

A copy of the lists will be retained by the Secretary of the County Committee.

**C) Congressional District Conventions.** Within five (5) business days of the adjournment of the District Convention, the Chairman of the District Convention shall file with the State Secretary at GRP headquarters:

- (1) in odd-numbered years, a certified list (including residence addresses, telephone numbers, and (if provided) email addresses) of the members of the State Committee and the officers and District Committee of the Congressional District duly elected at the Convention accompanied by the convention minutes; or
- (2) in Presidential Election years, a certified list (including residence addresses, telephone numbers, and (if provided) email addresses) of the National Delegates and Alternates elected by the District Convention; and
- (3) in all years, a certified copy of the convention minutes..

A copy of the lists will be retained by the Secretary of the Congressional District Committee.

**D) National Convention.** The GRP State Chairman shall file with the Secretary of the Republican National Convention the list of National Delegates and Alternates elected at the Congressional District Conventions and the State Convention, as required by the Rules adopted by the most recent Republican National Convention.

## **9.8 ADOPTION AND FILING OF COUNTY AND DISTRICT RULES**

**A)** Each County Convention and each District Convention may amend their respective rules or may adopt new rules for each respective County and District, provided such rules shall not be inconsistent with the Rules of the GRP.

**B)** A certified copy of the current County Rules shall be filed: (1) within five (5) business days of the adjournment of the County Convention with the District Chairman of each applicable District and with the State Secretary at GRP headquarters; and (2) in accordance with the Georgia Election Code, within thirty (30) days after the adjournment of the County Convention with the election superintendent of the County.

**C)** A certified copy of the current District Rules shall be filed with the State Secretary at GRP headquarters within five (5) business days following the adjournment of the District Convention.

## **9.9 APPEALS RELATING TO MASS MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS**

Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 8.4 and Rule 8.8, the following appeal procedures shall apply to disputes regarding Mass Meetings, County Conventions and District Conventions:

**A)** Any disputed action regarding a Mass Meeting that occurs prior to the date of the County Convention shall be appealed in writing to the County Committee (with copies of the appeal filed with the applicable District Committee, and the State Committee on Appeals) within five (5) days of adjournment of the Mass Meeting. No appeal petition shall be heard unless it shall be in writing and signed by a number of registered participants in the Mass Meeting equal to not less than twenty percent (20%) of the number of Delegates to the County Convention allocated to the Precinct(s) from which such disputed action shall have arisen. If a County fails to hear and decide the appeal within ten (10) days of its receipt of the appeal, the appeal will be automatically be referred to the District Committee of the Congressional District in which the largest number of voters from the County reside.

**B)** If the Mass Meeting occurs the same day as the County any disputed actions regarding the Mass Meeting or regarding the County Convention must be appealed in writing to the District Committee, within five (5) days of adjournment of the County Convention in question, with a copy of such appeal filed with the State Committee on Appeals at GRP headquarters. No appeal petition shall be heard unless it shall be in writing and, if the appeal involves disputed actions arising from the Mass Meeting, signed by registered participants in the Mass Meeting equal to not less than twenty percent (20%) of the number of Delegates to the County Convention allocated to the Precinct(s) from which such disputed action shall have arisen, or if the appeal involves disputed actions arising from the County Convention, by not less than twenty percent (20%) of the registered Delegates to the County Convention. In Counties lying within multiple Congressional Districts, the appeal should be presented to the District Committee of the Congressional District in which the largest number of voters from the County reside.

**C)** Should the District Committee not hear and decide the appeal within ten (10) days of receiving the appeal, the appeal will automatically be referred to the State Committee on Appeals and reviewed and decided within ten (10) days of receipt of such referral by the State Committee on Appeals.

**D)** If the District Committee takes up the appeal, it shall report its findings to both the State Committee on Appeals and the appellants. Should a party wish to appeal the decision of the District Committee with respect to the County to the State Committee on Appeals, they shall do so within five (5) days of the date of the District Committee's decision.

**E)** Any disputed actions of a District Convention must be appealed in writing to the State Committee on Appeals within five (5) days of adjournment of the District Convention in question. In order to pursue an appeal, the appeal must be signed by not less than twenty percent (20%) of the registered Delegates to the District Convention.

#### **9.10 GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO MASS MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS**

**A) Open Meetings.** The Mass Meetings and Conventions shall be open to the public as spectators.

**B) Rules Regarding Delegates & Alternates.** (1) Only registered voters (electors) of a given Precinct, County, or Congressional District may be elected as a Delegate or Alternate to, or, hold office, vote or otherwise participate in the respective Mass Meetings or Conventions. No Mass Meeting or Convention may elect any Alternates before filling all allocated Delegate positions. (2) After all Delegate positions have been filled, Mass Meetings and Conventions shall attempt to elect a number of Alternates equal to the number of Delegates. (3) Delegates and Alternates shall not be paired. (4) No unit rule may be imposed by a Precinct, County, District, or State Convention on any Delegate elected by it. (5) A person does not have to be in attendance or be a Delegate or Alternate to the Convention at which they are elected to serve as Delegates or Alternates to another convention. (6) Delegates may not cast fractional votes.

**C) Meeting Locations.** Mass Meetings and County Conventions shall be held within the respective Counties. Congressional District Conventions shall be held in the respective Congressional Districts. All Mass Meetings and Conventions shall be held in buildings appropriate for public use, where practical.

**D) Certification & Filing of Documents.** All documents required to be filed pursuant to these Rules shall be signed: (1) with regard to the Mass Meeting, by the Mass Meeting Chairman and Secretary, (2) with regard to the County Convention, by the Chairman and Secretary of the County Convention, and (3) with regard to the District Convention, by the Chairman and Secretary of the District Convention. Each such signature shall constitute a certification that, to the best of signatory's knowledge the information in each document filed is true and correct and that the respective Mass Meeting, or Convention was conducted in accordance with these Rules. Each item required by this Rule 9 to be filed with the Secretary of

the GRP or with any County or District Chairman, in order to be timely filed, such item must either be delivered by hand, by electronic filing, or by mail if postmarked within any time period specified for delivery.

**E) Access to Lists.** Any person offering as a candidate for the position as a party officer, state committee member, or National Convention Delegate or Alternate shall be entitled to access on an equitable basis to the lists of the names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses (if provided) of Delegates and Alternates who are eligible to vote in the election in which such candidate is seeking office.

**F) Seating of Alternates.** At any Congressional District Convention or at the State Convention, should the total number of Alternates from a County registered and present at such Convention, when combined with the total number of Delegates registered from such County, not exceed the total allocation of Delegates from such County, then the Credentials Committee for such Convention will have the authority to elevate all Alternates from such County to Delegates. In all other cases, the Delegates of each delegation shall by caucus and by majority vote adopt a plan for the seating of Alternates for any missing Delegates of their delegation.

**G) Committees in Session.** No official business shall be transacted at any Convention while any of its Committees are in session.

**H) Determination of Population.** Population of the various Counties for all purposes under this Rule 9 shall be determined by reference to the then-most recent decennial U.S. Census.

#### **9.11 STATE CONVENTION PROCEDURES**

**A)** The procedure for submission of proposed resolutions and proposed rules to be considered at the State Convention shall be as provided in the Call, including, but not limited to, specifying a date for submission of proposed resolutions and proposed rules.

**B)** The procedure to qualify to run for an office to be elected by the State Convention shall be as provided in the Call, including, but not limited to, specifying a date for submission of a notice of candidacy and political resume.

**C)** The Permanent Rules Committee shall prepare recommended rules and orders of business for the conduct of each State Convention in advance thereof, which rules and order of business shall be submitted to the rules committee of each State Convention for its consideration

and report to the State Convention in session.

#### **9.12 RULES OF ORDER**

All Mass Meetings, County Conventions, District Conventions and the State Convention shall be governed and conducted: first, in accordance with these Rules and the Call, and second, except as modified by these Rules or by the Call, or, with regard to the respective County and District Conventions, by the respective rules of each such County or District, the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

#### **9.13 ORGANIZATION OF VACANT PRECINCTS**

Where for any reason a Mass Meeting is not conducted on the date set in the Call for such meetings in odd-numbered years (other than pursuant to a plan adopted in accordance with Rule 9.2(A)), the County Committee may, at any time after the State Convention held in such odd-numbered years, elect one or more Precinct officers and committeemen for such Precinct to serve until the next Mass Meeting or earlier removal from office in accordance with these Rules and the County Party Rules.

#### **9.14 ORGANIZATION OF UNORGANIZED COUNTIES**

Where for any reason a County Convention is not conducted on the date set in the Call for such Conventions in odd-numbered years (other than pursuant to a plan adopted in accordance with Rule 9.2(B)), one or more officers and County Committee members may be elected for such county: (A) if such County is located within a single Congressional District, by the District Committee for the District in which the County is located; or (B) if such County is located in more than one Congressional District, by the District Committee for the District in which the largest number of Republican votes was cast in such County for the Republican nominee for President in the most recent presidential election; or (C) if the applicable District Committee shall have failed to take action to organize such County within thirty (30) days following written notice from the GRP, by the State Executive Committee. Such officers and committee members shall serve until the earlier of the next County Convention or resignation or removal from office in accordance with these Rules and the County Party Rules.

## **10. CONDUCT OF REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES**

### **10.1 NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES AND SELECTION OF PARTY OFFICIALS**

The State Committee, or the State Executive Committee upon failure of the State Committee to act, may adopt and promulgate rules in accordance with Georgia law, providing for the manner of substitute nominations in the event a candidate nominated by a GRP primary should die, resign or otherwise become disqualified.

### **10.2 RULES FOR PRIMARIES**

The State Convention or the State Committee may adopt rules for the conducting of Republican primaries consistent with the provisions of Georgia law and these Rules. Such rules, if adopted, shall be appended as Appendix "A" to these Rules.

### **10.3 OATH OF AFFIRMATION OF CANDIDATES**

Any candidate for elective office running as a Republican Party candidate shall submit to the appropriate level of the Party the following oath affirming his or her allegiance to the party by signing the following oath<sup>3</sup>:

I DO SWEAR OR AFFIRM MY ALLEGIANCE TO THE GEORGIA REPUBLICAN PARTY.

Signature of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **11. MISCELLANEOUS RULES**

### **11.1 AMENDMENTS TO THESE RULES**

These Rules may be amended at any State Convention of the GRP by a 2/3rds vote of a quorum present or by the State Committee by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of a quorum present. If the Rules are amended at a State Committee meeting, the meeting must be duly held after written notice mailed, faxed, or sent by written electronic communication at least twelve (12) days prior to the meeting to all members of the State Committee setting forth in detail the proposed amendments.

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<sup>3</sup> See O.C.G.A. § 21-2-153(b)(4).

## **11.2 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THESE RULES**

These Rules and any amendments thereto, shall become effective upon the filing of a copy of the same, certified by the State Chairman, with the Georgia Secretary of State or upon such later date as may be specified therein.

## **11.3 EFFECT OF REORGANIZATION**

The parliamentarian is directed that the rules as reorganized on April 2, 2011 will be interpreted to implement and accomplish the original purpose of the rules, and the reorganization is not intended to change the substance of any rule.

## **11.4 RULES OF ORDER**

Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be followed in all meetings of the GRP, including , without limitation, the State Committee and State Executive Committee, the District Committees and District Executive Committees, and the County Committees and County Executive Committees, unless modified by, respectively, these Rules, applicable County Party rules, or applicable District Party rules; provided, however, that the provisions of Rule 9.12 shall govern all Mass Meetings, County Conventions, District Conventions, and the State Convention.

John Watson, Chairman

Vincent Russo, Chairman of the  
Permanent Rules Committee

### **History**

Amended and adopted on August 18, 2018.

Adopted on June 3, 2017.

Amended and adopted on March 28, 2015.

Amended and adopted on May 18, 2013.

On September 24, 2011, the State Committee adopted a temporary substitute to Rule 7.3 B for the 20 Presidential election cycle.

Adopted on May 14, 2011.

Amended and Adopted on April 2, 2011.

Amended and Adopted on May 16, 2009.



Amended and Adopted on May 19, 2007

- As a new Rule 2.11 was adopted at the May 2007 Convention, Rules 2.13 and 2.14 referred to in the note regarding amendments adopted on May 22, 1999, are now renumbered as Rules 2.14 and 2.15.

Amended and Adopted on May 7, 2005

Amended and Adopted on May 15, 2004

Amended and Adopted on May 15, 2003

Amended and Adopted on May 20, 2000

Amended and Adopted on May 22, 1999

- The following amendments shall become effective at the convening of the State Convention in 2001: 2.2, 2.9, 2.13, 2.14 D, and related footnotes.

Amended and Adopted on May 18, 1997

Amended and Adopted on May 9, 1996

# **EXHIBIT B**

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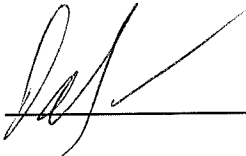
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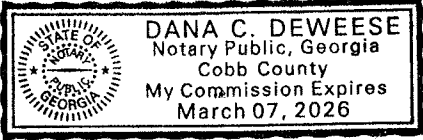
I, Dana C. Deweese, a Notary Public in and for the State of Georgia, duly appointed, certify that the instrument annexed is a true and accurate copy of **Presidential Elector Declaration of Candidacy and Affidavit** as the same appear on file and record in the Office of the Secretary of State Elections Division, the original of which I have examined located at 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. SE, Suite 802, Atlanta, Georgia, 30334.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023

Witness my hand and official seal.

  
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My commission expires March 7, 2026



To: The Chairman and Secretary of  
State Executive Committee of the  
Republican Party  
State of Georgia

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND AFFIDAVIT  
(STATE)

I, the undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath, do depose and say: my name is Shawn Mikah Still

my residence address is [redacted] (Street Number) [redacted] (Street)

[redacted] (City) Fulton (County) GA (State) 30022 (Zip Code)

my post office address is 2850 Simpson Circle, Norcross, GA 30071

my telephone number is [redacted] (Home)

my profession, business, occupation (if any) is CEO of a pool construction company

the name of my precinct is JC09. I am an elector of the county of my

residence and eligible to vote in the primary election in which I am a candidate for nomination, the name of the office

I am seeking is Presidential Elector (Circuit, District, or Post if Applicable) my date of birth is [redacted]

as of the general election for this office, I will have been a legal resident of the State of Georgia for 22

consecutive years; a legal resident of Fulton county for 19 consecutive years; a legal resident of my

district (if applicable) for 14 consecutive years; and a legal resident of my circuit (if applicable) for

14 consecutive years. I am a citizen of the United States; I am eligible to hold such office; I am a

candidate for nomination in the General (Primary) to be held on the 3rd day of Nov, 2020.

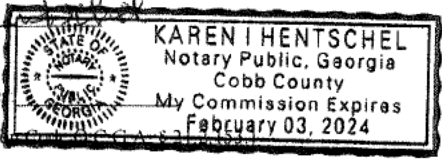
I have never been convicted and sentenced in any court of competent jurisdiction for fraudulent violation of primary or election laws, malfeasance in office, or felony involving moral turpitude or conviction of domestic violence under the laws of this State, any other State, or of the United States, or, if so convicted that my civil rights have been restored and at least ten years have elapsed from the date of the completion of the sentence without a subsequent conviction of another felony involving moral turpitude; I am not a defaulter for any federal, state, county, municipal, or school system taxes required of such officeholder or candidate if such person has been finally adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction to owe those taxes, but such ineligibility may be removed at any time by full payment thereof, or by making payments to the tax authority pursuant to a payment plan, or under such other conditions as the General Assembly may provide by general law (pursuant to Ga. Const. Art. II, Sec. II, paragraph III); I will not knowingly violate any provisions of the Georgia Election Code (O.C.G.A. § 21-2) or of the rules or regulations adopted thereunder; I will not knowingly violate the rules or regulations of the Republican party.

I understand that any false statement knowingly made by me in this Declaration of Candidacy and Affidavit will subject me to criminal penalties as provided by law and I hereby request you to cause my name to be placed on the ballots to be used in such primary election as a candidate for the nomination I am seeking.

Shawn Still  
(Signature of Candidate)

Sworn to and subscribed before this 4th day of March, 2020

Karen Hentschel  
(Notary Public)

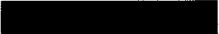


My Commission Expires  
(Required by Ga. Election Code)

I desire that my name appear on the ballot as follows  
(the surname of the candidate shall be as it appears  
on the candidate's voter registration card):  
Shawn Still  
(Please Print)

Should I be elected, I desire that my name appear on official  
documents as follows:  
Shawn Still  
(Please Print)

1.  I hereby tender check/cash in the amount of \$ 1.50

NAME OF BANK: 

CHECK NUMBER: 

In the event that a candidate pays his or her qualifying fee with a check that is subsequently returned for insufficient funds, the Secretary of State shall automatically find that such candidate has not met the qualifications for holding the office being sought, unless the bank, credit union, or other financial institution returning the check certifies in writing by an officer's or director's oath that the bank, credit union, or financial institution erred in returning the check as prescribed in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-5(d).

I hereby file a Pauper's Affidavit, accompanied by a qualifying petition as prescribed in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-153(a.1), in lieu of paying the qualifying fee.

Form #DC-S-20

I DO SWEAR OR AFFIRM MY ALLEGIANCE TO THE GEORGIA REPUBLICAN PARTY.

Signature of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Date: 3/4/2020

Sworn to or affirmed and subscribed  
before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

Karen J Hentschel  
Notary Public

My commission expires:



# EXHIBIT C

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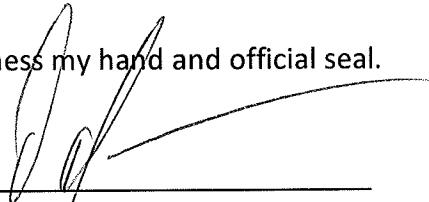
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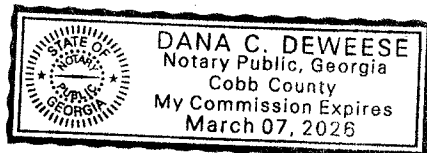
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Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023

Witness my hand and official seal.

  
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My commission expires March 7, 2026





**Qualified Presidential Elector Candidates for the November 3, 2020 General Election**

<b>REPUBLICAN</b> <b>Donald J. Trump</b> (President) <b>Michael R. Pence</b> (Vice President)	<b>DEMOCRAT</b> <b>Joseph R. Biden</b> (President) <b>Kamala Harris</b> (Vice President)	<b>LIBERTARIAN</b> <b>Jo Jorgensen</b> (President) <b>Jeremy Cohen</b> (Vice President)
Joseph Brannan	Stacey Yvonne Abrams	Christine Austin
James "Ken" Carroll	Gloria S. Butler	Stephanie Sage Aylworth
Vikki Townsend Consiglio	Wendy Davis	Nelson M. Barnhouse
Carolyn Hall Fisher	Bobby L. Fuse, Jr.	Robert Cortez
Patrick M. Gartland	Deborah Gonzalez	Danny Dolan
Gloria Kay Godwin	Steve Henson	Eric Fontaine
David G. Hanna	Van R. Johnson	Ryan Graham
Mark W. Hennessy	Pedro "Pete" Marin	Gretchen Mangan
Susan Holmes	Fenika Thomas Miller	Edward T. Metz
John A. Isakson	Ben E. Myers, Jr.	Mark Mosley
Cathleen Alston Latham	Rachel Paule	Chase Russell Oliver
Daryl Moody	Calvin Smyre	Robert Rouse
CJ Pearson	Bob Trammell, Jr.	David R. Shock
David Shafer	Sachin Varghese	John Turpish
Shawn Still	Nikema Williams	Laura Williams
C.B. Yadav	Cathy Woolard	Nathan Wilson

# **EXHIBIT D**

Office of the Secretary of State  
Elections Division



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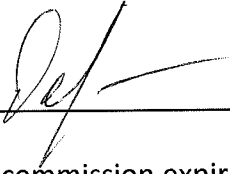
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County of Fulton

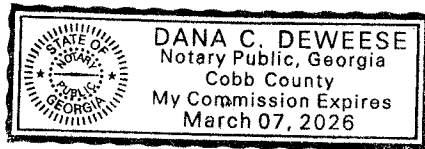
I, Dana C. Deweese, a Notary Public in and for the State of Georgia, duly appointed, certify that the instrument annexed is a true and accurate copy of **Republican Party of Georgia SOS Listing End of Qualifying** as the same appear on file and record in the Office of the Secretary of State Elections Division, the original of which I have examined located at 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. SE, Suite 802, Atlanta, Georgia, 30334.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023

Witness my hand and official seal.

  
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My commission expires March 7, 2026

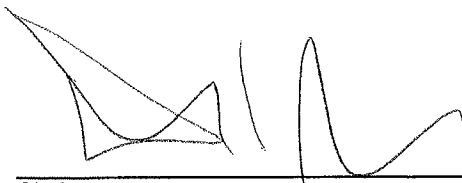



REPUBLICAN PARTY OF GEORGIA  
SOS LISTING OF END OF QUALIFYING

TO: Brad Raffensperger  
Secretary of State  
State of Georgia

We, the undersigned deponents, being first duly sworn, do certify as follows: that we are the Chairman and Secretary, respectively of the State Executive Committee of the (REPUBLICAN) Party of Georgia, that this Political Party has registered with the Secretary of the State as required in O.C.G.A Sec.21-2-110; that the following 67 pages, (each page being individually numbered, signed and notarized) Constitute a true and correct list of the candidates who have qualified with this committee to run in the MAY 19, 2020 GEN. PRI./GEN. NP/SPEC. ELECTION to be held on the (May 19, 2020), the title of the office each candidate is seeking; its term; the name of the incumbent each candidate's address; the amount of the qualifying fee paid by each candidate or a notation that the candidate filed a Pauper's Affidavit in lieu of the fee, if such be the case; and the amount of the qualifying fees accompanying this certification as required in O.C.G.A. Sec. 21-2-131; that the wording on any question to be placed on the ballot to be voted on by the electors of more than one County is also included on the attached sheets as provided in O.C.G.A. Sec. 21-2-284; and that we hereby request you, as Secretary of State, to place the name of each candidate and each question on the ballots to be used in the MAY 19, 2020 GEN. PRI./GEN. NP/SPEC. ELECTION in the manner prescribed by law.

We further certify that the State Executive Committee is the duty authorized and designated organ of the above Political Party for the purpose of furnishing this Certificate; that the undersigned desponents execute this Certificate in their official capacities; and that this Certificate is furnished in compliance with O.C.G.A Sec. 21-2-154.

  
Chairman

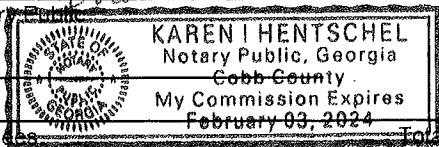
  
Secretary

REPUBLICAN Party  
of Georgia

REPUBLICAN Party  
of Georgia

sworn to and subscribed before me, this  
12th day of March 2020  
Karen J Hentschel  
Notary Public

My commission



Total Amount of Qualifying Fees Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Fees

Paid to the Secretary of State

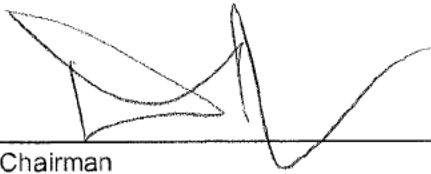
Paid: \$ 474,447.42

TO: BRAD RAFFENSPERGER

Secretary of State

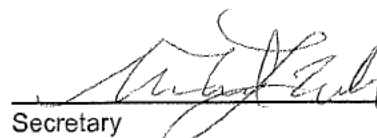
State of Georgia

List title of Office Candidate is Seeking (Including District, Post, or Circuit); Term of Office; Name of Incumbent; Name of Candidate and Candidate's Address	Qualified By Pauper's Affidavit and Qualifying	Amount of Qualifying Fee Paid (if Any)
<p><u>STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 178</u>            Term of Office: 01/11/2021 - 01/08/2023            Name of Incumbent: STEVEN MEEKS</p> <p>MEEKS, STEVEN ALTON            [REDACTED]            [REDACTED] GA 31560-8102</p>		\$ 400.00
<p><u>STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 179</u>            Term of Office: 01/11/2021 - 01/08/2023            Name of Incumbent: DON HOGAN</p> <p>HOGAN, JAMES DONALD            [REDACTED]            [REDACTED] GA 31522</p>		\$ 400.00
<p><u>STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 180</u>            Term of Office: 01/11/2021 - 01/08/2023            Name of Incumbent: STEVEN SAINZ</p> <p>SAINZ, STEBAN            [REDACTED]            [REDACTED] GA 31569</p>		\$ 400.00
<p><u>PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR</u>            Term of Office: -            Name of Incumbent:</p> <p>BRANNAN, JOSEPH C.            [REDACTED]            [REDACTED] GA 31906-3561</p>		\$ 1.50



Chairman  
 State Executive Committee

REPUBLICAN Party  
 of Georgia



Secretary  
 State Executive Committee

REPUBLICAN Party  
 of Georgia

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this

10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020  
Susan F. Dwyer  
 Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 02/04/2024

TO: BRAD RAFFENSPERGER

Secretary of State  
State of Georgia

List title of Office Candidate is Seeking (Including District, Post, or Circuit); Term of Office; Name of Incumbent; Name of Candidate and Candidate's Address	Qualified By Pauper's Affidavit and Qualifying	Amount of Qualifying Fee Paid (if Any)
CARROLL, JAMES KENNETH [REDACTED] GA 31023-2802		\$ 1.50
CONSIGLIO, VIKKI TOWNSEND [REDACTED] GA 30253		\$ 1.50
FISHER, CAROLYN HALL [REDACTED] GA 30041-1227		\$ 1.50
GARTLAND, PATRICK M. [REDACTED] GA 30062-6014		\$ 1.50
GODWIN, GLORIA KAY [REDACTED] GA 31516-1703		\$ 1.50
HANNA, DAVID G [REDACTED] GA 30327-4410		\$ 1.50
HENNESSY, MARK W. [REDACTED] GA 30327		\$ 1.50
ISAKSON, JOHN A. [REDACTED] GA 30339		\$ 1.50

Chairman  
State Executive Committee

REPUBLICAN Party  
of Georgia

Secretary  
State Executive Committee

REPUBLICAN Party  
of Georgia

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this

6th day of March, 2020  
Alexander F. Douglas  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 02/04/2024

TO: BRAD RAFFENSPERGER

Secretary of State

State of Georgia

List title of Office Candidate is Seeking (Including District, Post, or Circuit); Term of Office; Name of Incumbent; Name of Candidate and Candidate's Address	Qualified By Pauper's Affidavit and Qualifying	Amount of Qualifying Fee Paid (if Any)
LATHAM, CATHLEEN ALSTON [REDACTED] [REDACTED] GA 31535-6201		\$ 1.50
MOODY, DARYL ROBERT [REDACTED] [REDACTED] GA 30022		\$ 1.50
SHAFER, DAVID J [REDACTED] [REDACTED] GA 30096-3157		\$ 1.50
STILL, SHAWN MIKAH [REDACTED] [REDACTED] GA 30022-7407		\$ 1.50
YADAV, C B [REDACTED] [REDACTED] GA 31558		\$ 1.50

Holmes, Susan

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] GA 31064

\$1.50

Pearson, C J

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] GA 30813

\$1.50

Chairman  
State Executive Committee

Secretary  
State Executive Committee

REPUBLICAN Party  
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of Georgia

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this  
16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020

Susan F. Douglas  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 02/04/2024

# **EXHIBIT E**





*Certificate of Ascertainment*

On November 3, 2020, the following sixteen people were appointed Electors of President and Vice President of the United States for the State of Georgia, each receiving 2,474,507 votes:

Stacey Yvonne Abrams  
Gloria S. Butler  
Wendy Davis  
Bobby L. Fuse, Jr.  
Deborah Gonzalez  
Steve Henson

Van R. Johnson  
Pedro "Pete" Marin  
Fenika Thomas Miller  
Ben E. Myers, Jr.  
Rachel Paule  
Calvin Smyre

Bob Trammell, Jr.  
Sachin Varghese  
Nikema Williams  
Cathy Woolard

The following electors received 2,461,837 votes:

Joseph Brannan  
James "Ken" Carroll  
Vikki Townsend Consiglio  
Carolyn Hall Fisher  
Patrick M. Gartland  
Gloria Kay Godwin

David G. Hanna  
Mark W. Hennessy  
Susan Holmes  
John A. Isakson  
Cathleen Alston Latham  
Daryl Moody

CJ Pearson  
David Shafer  
Shawn Still  
C.B. Yadav

The following electors received 62,138 votes:

Christine Austin  
Stephanie Sage Aylworth  
Nelson M. Barnhouse  
Robert Cortez  
Danny Dolan  
Eric Fontaine

Ryan Graham  
Gretchen Mangan  
Edward T. Metz  
Mark Mosley  
Chase Russell Oliver  
Robert Rouse

David R. Shock  
John Turpish  
Laura Williams  
Nathan Wilson

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Georgia to be affixed at the Capitol in Atlanta, Georgia, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.



*B:PL*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

<b>STATE OF GEORGIA,</b>	)	
	)	<b>INDICTMENT NO.:</b>
<b>v.</b>	)	<b>23SC188947</b>
	)	
<b>SHAWN STILL,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Defendant.</b>	)	

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have filed the foregoing **MOTION FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE OF FACTS** with the Clerk of Court using the Odyssey eFileGA Filing System, which will automatically send email notification of such filing to all attorneys of record.

This 18th day of April, 2024.

*/s/ Thomas D. Bever* \_\_\_\_\_  
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