

**BY-LAWS OF THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
2019**

**Article I
Name and Purpose**

Section 1. This organization is the Cumberland County Republican Party and will be referred to as the CCRP throughout this document.

Section 2. The purposes of the CCRP shall be to promote Republican ideals, values, and Republican elected officials across Tennessee while, at the same time, helping Republican nominees defeat Democrats in general elections. This includes fostering the growth and strength of the CCRP in both membership and funds.

**Article II
County Executive Committee**

Section 1. The affairs of the CCRP shall be governed by the County Executive Committee (CEC) in accordance with the by-laws of the Tennessee Republican Party and the Republican National Committee, and the by-laws contained herein.

Section 2. The CEC shall consist of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Treasurer, immediate Past Chair, all State Executive Committee members representing the county, the President of the Tennessee Federated Republican Women's Club in Cumberland County, and the Chair of the Cumberland County Young Republicans (or in their absence, a representative of those constituencies appointed by the State Chair).

A. The Vice Chair shall be of the opposite sex of the Chair and will automatically assume the duties of the Chair in his/her absence.

Section 3. Neither the CEC as a body, nor the County Chair, shall endorse any Republican candidate in a contested primary election for local, state, or national elections, or in a contested appointment for any local, state, or national office.

A. This Section shall not apply to a Chair in a primary election in which the Chair, his/her spouse, or his/her immediate family member is a candidate.

Section 4. Members of the CEC are expected to attend every meeting. Three successive absences without a valid reason are grounds for removal from the CEC. County officers elected during county reorganization are required to attend every meeting and shall be automatically removed for having been physically absent from three (3) consecutive committee meetings.

Section 5. The County Party Chairman shall contact the State Party prior to the resignation or removal of a CEC member. The County Chairman shall ensure that all procedural requirements have been met according the State Party Bylaws.

**Article III
Election of Officers**

Section 1. Election of officers to the CEC shall be made in accordance with Tennessee Republican Party By-laws and Rules. Officers are elected at county reorganizations held between January 15 and April 15 of each odd numbered year.

Section 2. In the event of the death, resignation, or moving out of the county by an officer, the CEC shall proceed to elect a new officer to fulfill the remainder of the term. The vacancy shall be filled at either a regularly called, or special called, meeting of the CEC within thirty (30) days after such vacancy occurs. If the office to fill is the Chairman or Treasurer, the Vice-Chairman or Vice-Treasurer, respectively, shall automatically assume the duties of the office until the CEC elects a replacement. Should the CEC elect another officer to serve in the role, any subsequent vacancies shall be filled at that meeting as well.

Section 3. No County Chairman shall serve more than two (2) full consecutive terms.

**Article IV
Meetings**

Section 1. The CEC shall set its schedule at the beginning of each year prior to January 31st.

A. The CEC shall meet at least quarterly in non-election years and shall meet monthly during election years.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the Chair or by one third (1/3) of the CEC with seven (7) days written notice to the membership.

**Article V
Officers' Duties**

Section 1. The County Chair shall be the chief executive of the CCRP and of the CEC. He/She shall be responsible for the management and administration of the affairs of the CEC and shall coordinate the political activities of the CCRP. He/She shall preserve order and decorum at all meetings. He/She shall have the right to vote on any motion at a CEC meeting, but may reserve his/her vote to break any ties.

A. The County Chair shall have the right to approve all special committee chairs.

Section 2. The Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the County Chair in his/her absence. If both the County Chair and the Vice Chair are absent from a CEC meeting, the CEC shall elect a temporary County Chair to preside at the meeting.

Section 3. The Secretary shall take the minutes of each meeting of the CEC. If the Secretary must be absent from such a meeting, the Secretary shall be responsible for obtaining a replacement. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the County Chair of the CEC. All records of the Secretary shall be and remain the property of the CEC.

- A. The secretary shall be responsible in transmitting material relevant to the Tennessee Republican Party via electronic communication in a timely manner. Such material shall include, but not be limited to:
1. Announcements regarding biennial reorganization
 2. County party bylaw changes or quadrennial bylaws submissions
 3. Local candidate nomination decisions (Rule H of TRP Bylaws and Rules)
 4. Vacancies and the election of county party officers

Section 4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for implementing an internal system of financial controls. He/She shall be responsible for the bank statement and shall be responsible for counting and depositing moneys received by the CCRP. The Treasurer shall report at each regular or special meeting of the CEC all receipts and disbursements since the previous meeting. All records of the Treasurer shall be and remain the property of the CEC. The Treasurer shall submit a treasurer's report to the TNGOP twice a year; on or before the first Monday of April and the second Monday of September.

Section 5. The Vice-Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer in performing his/her duties and immediately assume the role of interim Treasurer in the event the position becomes vacant.

Article VI

Bona Fide Republican

The following shall be CCRP membership requirements as well as requirements for candidacy to public office. The CCRP hereby defines the term "bona fide Republican," or the like, as a registered voter residing in the county who is any of the following:

A. Any individual who is actively involved in the Tennessee Republican Party, his County Republican Party, or any recognized auxiliary organization of either; and resides and is registered to vote in said county; and either

B. Any individual who has voted in at least three (3) of the four (4) most recent Statewide Republican primary elections; or

C. Any individual who is vouched for in writing to the satisfaction of the State Chairman as a bona fide Republican, such as by an officer of the TRP, a member of the SEC, CEC of the County where the individual resides, or a Republican elected official. The State Chairman may require additional verification that the individual in question is indeed a bona fide Republican and shall have final authority to make the determination.

1. The TRP and each CEC shall maintain a list of all recognized auxiliary organizations for the application of the forgoing standards. Each CEC shall submit an updated list of recognized auxiliary organizations prior to their biennial reorganization. The State Chairman has final authority on all approved auxiliary organizations.
2. "Actively involved in" in the foregoing section shall be defined as a quantifiable contribution including, but not limited to, time or money to Tennessee Republican Party, his County Republican Party, or any recognized auxiliary organization of either during the

time period since the most recent County Republican Party reorganization.

Article V

Requirements to Seek County Party Office

Section 1. A person shall be required to meet all rules and regulations to run for party leadership as is prescribed in the Tennessee Republican Party Bylaws and Rules.

Section 2. The CCRP defers to the State Bylaws for all issues concerning the rights of members to vote in County Party meetings.

Article VII

Amendment of By-Laws

These by-laws may be amended by a majority of the full voting membership of the CEC at any meeting, provided that notice of the meeting at which the vote is to be taken includes a copy of the proposed amendment. Any changes or amendments are subject to approval by the Bylaws Subcommittee of the SEC and the Chair of the Tennessee Republican Party.

Article VIII

Conformity

These by-laws are intended to be in conformity with all by-laws, rules, and regulations of the Tennessee Republican Party including the Republican National Committee, governing federal and Tennessee statutes, rules and regulations. From time to time the State Executive Committee of the Tennessee Republican Party may adopt amendments and rules to the Bylaws and Rules of the Tennessee Republican Party, this body shall promptly take such actions as is necessary to conform therewith.

Article IX

Robert's Rules

The most recent revised edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all proceedings on matters not specifically covered by these By-Laws or the By-Laws and Rules of the Tennessee Republican Party.

*Bylaws voted on and accepted at the September 24, 2019 quarterly meeting.