BEAUFORT COUNTY REPURBLICAN PARTY ("BCRP") PRECINCT REORGANIZATION MEETING OFFICIAL GUIDELINES

FEBRUARY 3, 2025

Precinct reorganization is required by South Carolina Code of Law Title 7 Chapter 9. Any political party that wishes to nominate candidates for public offices in general or special elections must undergo precinct reorganization every two years in order to maintain party certification with the State Election Commission.

South Carolina Republican Party ("SCGOP") rules mandate precincts reorganize biennially in a non-general election year. The County Executive Committee determines the <u>time and place</u> for precinct reorganization meetings (SCGOP Rule 4 (b)). SCGOP and BCRP rules further define precinct membership and candidate eligibility as well as the process to elect precinct officers and county convention delegates (SCGOP Rules 2 (f) and 4 (c) 3 & 6; BCRP Rule IX).

A precinct reorganization meeting is <u>NOT</u> a Beaufort County Republican Party or precinct business meeting. It is an event to <u>elect</u> precinct officers and delegates/alternates to attend the County Convention. At the County Convention, delegates from precincts will vote for county Republican Party leaders and delegates/alternates to the State Convention.

A Temporary President, a parliamentarian, a temporary precinct Secretary and a Committee on Credentials may be appointed by the BCRP Chairman or may be elected at the precinct reorganization meeting (SCGOP Rule 4 (c), SCGOP Guideline for Conducting Precinct Meeting January 31 2025). The Temporary President will chair the precinct reorganization meeting.

The meetings will be conducted following South Carolina Laws, SCGOP Rules, BCRP Rules and Robert's Rules of Order with final determination of any issues to be made by the Temporary President.

The precinct President shall report to their regional director (BCRP Rule VII (3) j & Rule IX (8)) and shall work with other precinct leaders to coordinate the precinct meeting with the regional director. Precinct meetings can be

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conducted individually or in clusters. The BCRP shall post notification electronically two (2) weeks prior to the precinct meetings.

Only qualified precinct members per SCGOP Rule 4-C (3), and BCRP Officers or observers appointed by the BCRP Chairman may attend a precinct reorganization meeting. No proxies are permitted.

Pre-meeting registration on the BCRP website and/or with the regional director is encouraged to expedite the credentialing process. Participants in precinct reorganization meetings must provide their SC voter ID number and show a valid photo ID before entry in order to complete credentialing. Valid identification include current SC Driver's Licenses (or ID cards), SC Voter Registration Cards with photo, or a federal military ID or Passport. Voter registration numbers and voting records can be found on the State Election Commission website: scvotes.gov

These meetings are not open to the public. Similar to an election at an official polling location, under <u>NO</u> circumstances does anyone have permission to record or distribute a video or audio recording of the precinct reorganization meeting.

Everyone is expected to follow simple common courtesy; one person speaks at a time, and floor nominations will be directed to the Temporary President. Only questions, not statements or comments or debates, are permitted but must be related to the precinct reorganization meeting agenda. Any such questions shall only be addressed to the Temporary President (Roberts Rules of Order). Profanity, personal attacks, reference to ethnic, sex, racial, or religious beliefs will NOT be tolerated.

Everyone MUST be respectful and follow the rules. The Temporary President and / or the parliamentarian shall enforce the meeting rules. Violators will be asked to leave the meeting.

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