



Colorado Republican Committee
State Central Committee
State Executive Committee
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**COLORADO REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE 2021 EMERGENCY
BYLAWS**

Pursuant to authority granted by Executive Order # D 2020 005, Executive Order # D 2020 288 and House Bill 2021-1001 and as a result of continuing and anticipated restrictions on in-person gatherings, at an emergency meeting of the Republican State Executive Committee held via telephone January 21, 2021, the Colorado Republican State Central Committee hereby adopts the following 2021 Emergency Bylaws which will govern Republican organizational meetings and subsequent central committee meetings in Colorado for the remainder of 2021 (unless repealed).

2021 EMERGENCY BYLAW #1 – NOTICE FOR ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

All notice requirements, including “call” requirements for organizational meetings are hereby superseded for 2021 by this Emergency Bylaw. All county and district central committees shall provide at least 7 days notice for their organizational meetings. All county or district level calls or notices for organizational meetings transmitted prior to the enactment of these 2021 Emergency Bylaws may be corrected by a county or district central committee provided that such correction is issued at least seven days before the date of the applicable county or district central committee organizational meeting. All county or district level calls or notices, including corrected calls or notices may be issued by electronic means.

2021 EMERGENCY BYLAW #2 – CO-LOCATION AND DATE REQUIREMENTS

All requirements that any district organizational meeting be co-located with other district organizational meetings and/or county organizational meetings are hereby waived for the remainder of 2021. Similarly, all requirements that any district organizational meeting be held on the same date as any other district organizational meeting and/or county organizational meeting are hereby waived for the remainder of 2021, with the exception that single-county districts must still complete their organizational meetings between February 1 and February 15, 2021.

2021 EMERGENCY BYLAW #3 – REMOTE PARTICIPATION PERMITTED

All county and district central committees may provide for remote participation in their organizational meetings and any subsequent central committee meetings as authorized in House Bill 2021-1001.

2021 EMERGENCY BYLAW #4 – WHEN REMOTE PARTICIPATION MANDATORY

All county and district central committees must provide for remote participation in their organizational meetings and any subsequent central committee meetings as authorized in House Bill 2021-1001 if their central committee includes 150 or more members.

2021 EMERGENCY BYLAW #5 – REQUIREMENTS FOR IN-PERSON ONLY MEETINGS

All county or district central committees holding an in-person only (with no remote access permitted) organizational meeting or subsequent central committee meeting in reliance upon the “Critical Government Function” exemption from public health requirements under Section IV(D)(13) of CDPHE Fourth Amended Public Health Order 20-36 issued January 4, 2021 or its successor public health order(s), in addition to complying with all other applicable requirements of these 2021 Emergency Bylaws must permit the carrying and voting of proxies, which shall be sufficient if signed by the granting central committee member and presented either by the granting central committee member or the proxy holder in hard copy or by electronic means (such as e-mail or text message) to the county or district chairman (or their designees) at least one hour before the time set for the central committee meeting.

2021 EMERGENCY BYLAW #6 – EFFECT OF LATE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER

If any county or district central committee not subject to 2021 Emergency Bylaw #4 plans an in-person only meeting (with no remote access permitted) but a state and/or local public health order issued less than 14 days before such meeting prohibits the in-person attendance of the entire central committee at the location for the meeting, then the county or district central committee must accommodate remote participation. To the extent a corrected call must be issued in order to give notice of necessary changes to allow remote participation in such a circumstance, the county or district chairman shall issue such call as quickly as possible. Any such corrected call shall be issued by electronic means.

2021 EMERGENCY BYLAW #7 – NOMINATIONS

County and district central committees may require that all nominations be submitted in writing in advance of their organizational meetings and any subsequent central committee meetings, but in no event may a nomination be required more than 4 days before a county or district organizational meeting or subsequent central committee meeting.

2021 EMERGENCY BYLAW #8 – RESOLUTIONS

County and district central committees may require that any proposed resolutions be submitted in writing in advance of their organizational meetings and any subsequent central committee meetings, but in no event may written proposed resolution be required more than 4 days before a county or district organizational meeting or subsequent central committee meeting.

2021 EMERGENCY BYLAW #9 – ALTERNATIVE CREDENTIALING/VOTING PROCESSES

Membership in county and district central committees shall close as of midnight January 24, 2021 for the organizational meetings and 10 days prior to any subsequent central committee meeting. At least by midnight January 27, 2021 for the organizational meetings and at least 7 days prior to the date of any subsequent central committee meeting, county chairs must provide the list of their central committee members including contact information (which shall include phone numbers and email addresses, if available) to the state chair, and to the chairs of districts (which shall include phone numbers and email addresses, if available) including such county members. The county chair shall provide such list to Republican candidates (including candidates for party office) (which shall include phone numbers and email addresses, if available) within 3 days of any request for such information.

District and county central committees may provide for alternative credentialing, and/or voting procedures in order to facilitate remote participation in central committee meetings as permitted by House Bill 2021-1001. Such procedures may be adopted by the district or county chair as applicable and shall be provided to the central committee members at least 7 days prior to the meeting. Such procedures shall permit only credentialed members' votes to be counted. Central committees may use more than one voting method. The credentialing and voting procedures used shall provide for a durable, verifiable record which shall remain open for inspection by central committee members and their representatives for 30 days. State party staff shall provide examples of acceptable vendors and procedures upon request by county or district central committees.

District and County Chairman may require that procedural motions, etc. must be provided to county or district officers in advance (but no more than 3 days in advance) of the date of the organizational meeting or subsequent central committee meeting, but notice of such a requirement must be given to central committee members at least 5 days prior to the submission deadline. Upon receipt of such submissions, chairs must make such submissions available to all central committee members.

Proxies are not permitted in Central Committee meetings where remote participation is permitted.

2021 EMERGENCY BYLAW #10 – CONTROVERSIES REGARDING PARTY ORGANIZATION

Any member of a county or district central committee or candidate for party office who wishes to contest the regularity of his or her county or district's party organization, including the results of any organizational meeting held in 2021 (or subsequent election of county or district party officers) must within six days of the adjournment of the county or district organizational meeting (or subsequent meeting at which a county or district party officer was elected), present such contest to the state Executive Committee with simultaneous notice to all interested parties and to the district or county chair. The state Executive Committee will make a recommended determination of all such contests to the Colorado Republican State Central Committee which will make the final determination of all such contests.

2021 EMERGENCY BYLAW # 11 – NOTICE FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

All provisions of the Bylaws of the Colorado Republican State Central Committee governing the date and form of notice for the 2021 Colorado Republican State Organizational Meeting may be set aside for the remainder of 2021 by the State Chairman as necessary to facilitate remote participation as permitted by House Bill 2021-1001. In the event the State Chairman determines it necessary to change the date or location for the 2021 Republican State Organizational Meeting, he shall give at least 7 days' notice of such change via e-mail to all district and county chairmen and all members of the Colorado Republican State Central Committee for whom the state party has an email address and shall post such notice on the State Party website at www.cologop.org.

2021 EMERGENCY BYLAW # 12 – ALTERNATIVE CREDENTIALING/VOTING PROCESSES AT STATE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Notwithstanding any provision of the Bylaws of the Colorado Republican State Central Committee, the State Chairman may provide for alternative credentialing and/or voting procedures to facilitate remote participation at the 2021 Republican State Organizational Meeting as permitted by House Bill 2021-1001. If the State Chairman determines to provide for such procedures, except to the extent required by exigent circumstances, he must announce such procedures at least 14 days before the 2021 Republican State Organizational Meeting by e-mail to all county and district chairmen, and all members of the Colorado Republican State Central Committee for whom the state party has an email address and by posting notice of such procedures to the State Party website at www.cologop.org.

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2021 EMERGENCY BYLAW #13 – REMOTE PARTICIPATION AT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

County party executive committees and the State Republican Executive Committee may conduct their meetings in a manner to permit remote participation as authorized by House Bill 2021-1001. Any executive committee conducting its meetings in a manner permitting remote participation shall be subject to these 2021 Emergency Bylaws and shall adopt reasonable limitations on, and requirements for, committee members' participation, and which shall specify how motions may be submitted in writing via the Internet and which shall provide conditions permitting simultaneous aural communications among all participating members equivalent to those of meetings held in a single room or physical area. Any such rules adopted by the relevant executive committee (or by the relevant central committee) shall supersede any conflicting rules in the parliamentary authority, but may not otherwise conflict with or alter any rule or decision of the relevant central committee.

2021 EMERGENCY BYLAW # 14 – INTERPRETATION

These 2021 Emergency Bylaws shall take precedence over the Bylaws of the Colorado Republican State Central Committee, any rules of the Colorado Republican Party, and the bylaws or rules of any county or district Republican central committee. In the event of a conflict, the provision deemed to be in conflict with these 2021 Emergency Bylaws shall be deemed inoperative and ineffective to the extent of such prohibition without invalidating any of the other provision or portions thereof.

2021 EMERGENCY BYLAW # 15 – EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEAL

These 2021 Emergency Bylaws shall take effect immediately upon their adoption by the Colorado Republican State Executive Committee or State Central Committee. All of these 2021 Emergency Bylaws are automatically repealed effective December 31, 2021. They may be repealed or amended at an earlier date by a simple majority vote of the Colorado Republican State Central Committee or the Colorado Republican State Executive Committee.