

Party Rules

Party Rules of Procedure

Osceola County Republican Executive CommitteeAs adopted by the Executive Committee, 2004-2008 Election Cycle. With respect to this document, whenever the singular or plural number or masculine or feminine gender is used herein it shall equally include the other as the context may require.

Preface ‐ Authority

These rules of procedure are adopted under the provisions of Article XI: Rules of Procedure, County Model Constitution, and remain in effect when the County Model Constitution is revised by the Republican Party of Florida from time to time, unless a rule of procedure conflicts with those revisions. These rules of procedure will be reviewed by the Committee at the beginning of each Presidential Election Cycle, or when called for by a majority vote of the full Committee.

Rule 1 ‐ Designation of Administrative Offices

Under the provisions of Article IV, County Model Constitution, Section 2, the following administrative positions were approved by majority vote of the full Committee. Assistant Secretaries (2) ‐ Attendance ‐ Membership; Sub-committees (6) ‐ Operations Plans and Training ‐ Information Technologies ‐ Rules ‐ Finance/Resources ‐ Events ‐ Judiciary; Coordinators (3) ‐ Historical/Media/Public Relations, Volunteer, Poll Watcher; District Chairmen (5) ‐ District 1 ‐ District 2 ‐ District 3 ‐ District 4 ‐ District 5. (Adopted 01/27/05)

Rule 2 ‐ Election of Administrative Officers

Under the provisions of Article IV, County Model Constitution, Section 2, the members listed on the OSCEOLA COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER, part 3 (OCREC ORGANIZATION AND OFFICERS) were approved by majority vote of the full Committee, to fill the administrative positions designated in rule 1 above. Selected members serve at the pleasure of the Committee, for a two year term of office. Vacancies that occur will be filled in accordance with the provisions cited above, for the remainder of the term of office. (Adopted 01/27/05)

Rule 3 ‐ Executive Board Membership

Under the provisions of Article III, County Model Constitution, Section 8, in addition to the Officers specified therein, the members designated in rule 2 above, were approved by majority vote of the full Committee, to serve as voting members on the Executive Board. Those members designated in rule 2 above will serve on the Executive Board at the pleasure of the Committee, and only while holding the administrative office to which they were elected. (Adopted 01/27/05) Rule 4 ‐ District Configuration

Under the provisions of Article IV, County Model Constitution, Section 2, the Precincts within Osceola County, after approval by majority vote of the full Committee, were District configuration as follows: District 1 ‐ Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 14, 20, 21, 22, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 45, 97; District 2 ‐ Precincts 27, 28, 48, 49, 51, 53, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65; District 3 ‐ Precincts 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 32, 38, 39, 40, 43, 96, 200, 201, 202; District 4 ‐ Precincts 23, 24, 25, 26, 41, 42, 44, 46, 47, 50, 52, 54, 55, 56, 57, 66, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 84, 110, 111, 112; District 5 ‐ Precincts 68, 69, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 98. This configuration reflects the Precincts as designated by the Supervisor of Elections and will be updated automatically as changes occur. (Adopted 01/25/07)

Rule 5 ‐ Regular Scheduled and Special Meetings

Under the provisions of Article XI, County Model Constitution, the Osceola County Republican Executive Committee will regularly meet the fourth Thursday, of each month, at 7:00 PM except November, when the Committee will meet the third Thursday, and December when no regular meeting of the Committee will be scheduled. The Executive Board will meet the second Tuesday, of each month, at 7:00 PM except December. The Committee training class will meet the second Tuesday, of each month, at 6:30 PM except December. All other meetings will be considered special meetings and require the membership receive written notification and purpose, at least ten days prior as specified in Article VII, County Model Constitution, section 3. (Adopted 08/25/05)

Rule 6 ‐ Attendance

Under the provisions of Article V, County Model Constitution, Section 4(a), a member is credited for attendance after signing in at the attendance desk; remaining at the meeting for a minimum of one hour; and participation in all votes required in the course of business of the Committee, other than adjournment. Members leaving prior to adjournment will notify the attendance desk. Prospective members will attend three consecutive meetings one of which must be a training

class, to be eligible for membership. (Adopted 02/23/06)

Rule 7 – Excused Absence

Under the provisions of Article V, County Model Constitution, Section 4(b), a request for an excused absence is required only upon a member's third consecutive missed meeting. The request must be in writing or E- mail, submitted to the Chairman; for approval by the Committee at the third consecutive missed meeting. Members failing to request an excused absence will be removed from the Committee at that meeting. Telephonic requests for an excused absence will be acted upon by the Committee with the proviso that written notification will be submitted by the requesting member prior to the next scheduled meeting. A request for an excused absence sent to the Chairman prior to adjournment of the third consecutive missed meeting, and not acted on by the Committee, can be brought before the Committee at the next scheduled meeting; subject to the Committees suspension of this rule. Favorable action by the Committee will require amending the minutes from the previous meeting. (Adopted 02/23/06)

Rule 8 – Guests

Under the provisions of Article III, County Model Constitution, Section 3, members may bring guests regardless of Party affiliation. Unescorted guests are under the supervision of the Sergeant at Arms. After initial attendance of a Committee meeting, those eligible must register with the Republican Party for further attendance. Sensitive business of the Committee will be conducted in Executive Session when called for by any member and approved by majority vote of the Committee. (Adopted 02/23/06)

Rule 9 – Expenditures

Under the provisions of Article VII, County Model Constitution, Section 8, the Osceola County Republican Executive Committee has authorized the Chairman to expend funds, not to exceed \$1,250.00, between each regularly scheduled meeting, without Committee approval; said authorization to revert to \$250.00 on November 16, 2006. (Adopted 03/23/06)

Rule 10-Certificate of Appreciation

Under the provisions of Article VII, County Model Constitution, Section 2, members of the Osceola County Republican Executive Committee who resign their elected or appointed position, will be awarded a Certificate of Appreciation, when approved by a majority vote of the Committee at a regularly scheduled meeting where a quorum is present. (Adopted 07/26/07)

Rule 11-Opposition to the Republican Nominee

Under the provisions of Article VII, County Model Constitution, Paragraph 5, removal action will be initiated in accordance with Article V, County Model Constitution, section 1, for any member who actively opposes the Republican nominee selected at the final primary election. (Adopted 09/27/07)

Rule 12-Status "Not in Good Standing"

Under the provisions of Article V, County Model Constitution, Section 1, a status of "Not in Good Standing" is provided for members whose actions reflect unfavorably or bring discredit upon the Committee, and for violations of the RPOF oath, that do not rise to the level for removal. Designation requires a 2/3 vote by the Committee at a meeting where the Committee has been duly notified of the action, and a quorum is present. The member in question must be appropriately notified and permitted to address the Committee. A member so designated will have his/her status reviewed every sixty (60) days for reinstatement, which requires a majority vote by the Committee at a meeting where a quorum is present. A status of "Not in Good Standing" prohibits a member from participating in discussion of issues or voting on motions brought before the Committee. (Adopted 08/28/08)