



## **Texas College Republicans Constitution & Bylaws**

### **Preamble**

We, the college students of Texas, devoted to electing Republican candidates up and down the ballot, developing the future generations of the Republican Party, raising awareness of current issues to other students, promoting student involvement in our elections, teaching and preserving the conservative values of the Republican Party to our fellow students, promoting student involvement in all levels of government, and learning the rights/privileges afforded to students by the U.S. Constitution, do hereby establish the **Texas College Republicans (TCR)**.

### **Article I: National Organization**

#### ***Section 1 - National Chartering***

We, The **Texas College Republicans**, do hereby vote to charter with the **National Federation of College Republicans (NFCR)** on August 27, 2025. Furthermore, let it be resolved that this section of the constitution cannot be amended until August 27, 2028 (3 Years Later)

#### ***Section 2 - State and National Chartering Requirement***

Any chapter wishing to join the TCR, no matter what university, must agree to join both the TCR and the NFCR together. This is a non negotiable agreement and cannot be avoided for ANY chapter for ANY reason.

### **Article II: Official Partnership & Objectives**

#### ***Section 1 - RPT Vision***

The TCR aspires to be an official partner of the Republican Party of Texas (RPT) and as such we will support and promote the values of the RPT.

## ***Section 2 - Official Objectives of the Texas College Republicans***

The Objectives of the Texas College Republicans are the following:

1. To advance the values and influence of the Republican Party in Texas
2. To train, develop, and assist the future generations of the Republican Party
3. To elect Republican candidates up and down the ballot
4. To serve as a beacon for the dream of REUNIFICATION when the Republican Party is divided.
5. To serve as a bridge between like-minded college students, gop campaigns at all levels, and other Republican or Conservative Groups
6. To help develop and promote future policies, platforms, legislative priorities, and principles of the Republican Party
7. To ally with other Republican or Conservative leaning groups

## **Article III: State College Republican Executive Committee (SCREC) and State Officers**

### ***Section 1 - TCR Governing Bodies***

The governing bodies of the TCR, at all times, are the State College Republican Executive Committee (SCREC) and the State Executive Board (SEB).

### ***Section 2 - Elected Positions***

The TCR shall have eight elected positions in the SCREC and five elected positions in the SEB.

For the SCREC, the elected officers are the following:

1. State Chairman
2. State Vice Chairman
3. State Secretary
4. State Treasurer
5. All Regional Directors
6. Republican Party of Texas SCREC Rep
7. National Committee Man or Woman
8. Chapter Chairs

For the SEB, the elected officers are the following:

1. State Chairman
2. State Vice Chairman
3. State Secretary
4. State Treasurer
5. All Regional Directors

All elected positions within the TCR are one-year terms and will be up for reelection at the next Spring Convention

To be eligible for election, each candidate must be in good standing at their respective university & be enrolled in their respective university. Said candidate must also have been enrolled at their university for at least one academic semester prior to their election. Said individual's chapter must also meet the chartering requirements mentioned in Article VI.

All elected officers will be considered officially elected by a simple majority vote of those present at each Spring Convention (Delegates + Proxies are included). The nominated candidate receiving 51% or more will be the winner of said election.

All elected state officers must remain in good standing with and be enrolled at their university to stay in office unless they have graduated and were able to complete one academic semester (prior to graduation), one trimester (prior to graduation), or two quarters of the year (prior to graduation).

If an elected State Officer transfers from one university to another, then they may retain their position, without being a member of a chartered chapter, should the SCREC approve by a majority vote.

All elected state officers are required to sign the code of conduct in order to be eligible for election. Failure to do so will automatically disqualify any candidates seeking election to state positions.

### ***Section 3 - Appointed Positions***

The appointed positions for the SEB are the following:

1. Chief of Staff
2. Policy Director
3. Political Director
4. Alumni Relations Director
5. Partnerships and Coalitions Director
6. Chapter Development Director
7. Public Relations Director

All appointed positions within the TCR are one-year terms and will be up for appointment at the next State Chairs discretion.

To be eligible for appointment or to fill a vacancy, each candidate must be in good standing at their respective university & be enrolled in their respective university. Said candidate must also have been enrolled at their university for at least one academic semester prior to their initial appointment or their vacancy appointment.

All appointed state officers must remain in good standing with their university, to stay in office unless they have graduated and were able to complete one academic semester (prior to graduation), one trimester (prior to graduation), or two quarters of the year (prior to graduation).

If an appointed State Officer transfers from one university to another, then they may retain their position, without being a member of a chartered chapter, should the SCREC approve by a majority vote. The same rule applies to officers who were appointed to fill a vacancy.

Appointed State positions are a part of the State Executive Board and serve at the pleasure of the State Chair and as such can be removed by the State Chair with a one-third majority confirmation vote by the SEB.

All appointed state officers are required to sign the code of conduct in order to be eligible for appointment. Failure to do so will automatically disqualify any candidates seeking appointment to state positions.

#### ***Section 4 - Position Vacancies***

Vacancies in the positions of State Vice Chair, State Secretary, and State Treasurer may be filled temporarily by both a State Chair appointment and confirmation by the SEB utilizing a simple majority vote. The temporary appointees will continue operating in their respective positions until the next SCREC meeting where an open election between two or more candidates will be held to determine who will occupy the position until the end of the position's remaining term.

Should the State Chair's office become vacant for any reason, the State Vice Chair will automatically become the next State Chair and hold this position until the next SCREC Meeting where an open election will be held to determine who will hold the position for the remainder of the position's term. When the State Vice Chair automatically becomes the State Chair, they must appoint a temporary Vice Chair to replace their empty position. The new temporary Vice Chair will hold this position until the next SCREC meeting where an open election will be held for the same purposes as electing the new State Chair. Elections for the new Vice Chair will only be held if the previous Vice Chair chooses to run for election to become the new permanent State Chair. Should there be a tie vote in either election, the State Secretary will be the tie breaking vote. All members of the SCREC are allowed to vote and elect the new State Chair and State Vice Chair.

Should the previous State Vice Chair (The Current Temporary State Chair) lose their election to become the new State Chair, they will not be given their old position back and will not hold a position on the SEB or the SCREC unless they are a current chapter chair. They will however be allowed to rerun for their old position in the next immediate election for State Vice Chair.

Should the previous State Vice Chair (The Current Temporary State Chair) choose not to run for election to become the new permanent State Chair, then said individual will be allowed to reassume their old position as the State Vice Chair and continue serving until the end of their term.

In the event that the previous State Vice Chair chooses to assume their old position, the new temporary State Vice Chair will lose their current position and not hold a spot on the SEB or the SCREC unless they are a chapter chair. In exchange for this loss, the previous temporary State Vice Chair will be given priority appointment for an appointed state officer position should a spot open up.

In the event of a vacancy of the State Vice Chair, State Treasurer, State Secretary, National Committeeman or Woman, or TCR RPT SCREC Rep, an emergency SEB meeting may be held with four days' notice to the SEB before the meeting. This emergency meeting must be called by the current State Chair of the Temporary State Chair.

### ***Section 5 - State College Republican Executive Committee (SCREC)***

The State College Republican Executive Committee (SCREC) is the main governing body of the TCR that makes the major decisions of the TCR.

The SCREC makes decisions on the following topics:

1. TCR Annual Budget
2. Regional Expansion Goals
3. Annual Legislative Priority List
4. National Delegate Selection
5. Barring Existing TCR entities
6. Chartering Chapters in between conventions

The SCREC shall consist of the following individuals:

1. State Chairman
2. State Vice Chairman
3. State Treasurer
4. State Secretary
5. National Committee Man or Woman
6. Republican Party of Texas SREC Representative
7. North Regional Chair
8. South Regional Chair
9. Central Regional Chair
10. East Regional Chair
11. West Regional Chair
12. All chapter chairs

Each member of the SCREC will be granted **ONE** vote in all SCREC meetings. No one officer or member will be granted more than one vote. No exceptions for any reason.

Quorum for SCREC Meetings is defined as having  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the entire SCREC present at the meeting. If there is less than the aforementioned attendance, then no decisions can be made by the SCREC during the meeting.

The State Chair is the only officer that can call an SCREC Meeting unless this task is delegated to another State Officer by the State Chair. All members of the SCREC must be given a 30 days notice of the called meeting and be notified of the meeting topics seven days in advance of the meeting date. All members of the SCREC must notify the State Secretary of their attendance or absence and or if a proxy will be sent.

#### SCREC Rules Regarding Meeting Proxies:

1. Any chapter that is currently chartered with the TCR is eligible to send a proxy to the SCREC meetings. There is no distance requirement or limit.
2. Each chapter will be permitted no more than ONE proxy at each SCREC meeting
3. If a member from the chapter is available to attend but the chapter chairman is not then the chapter may choose their proxy however they wish to. (Appointment or Election)
4. If there is absolutely no individual from the chapter available to attend the SCREC meeting, then the chapter chair can choose the regional chair or an appointed proxy to represent the interests of the chapter
5. All elected and appointed state officers are required to attend each SCREC meeting but will be allowed to send a proxy should the “presiding meeting chair” deem it necessary. Three elected state officers are required to be present at the SCREC meetings AT ALL TIMES.
6. ANY and ALL proxies must be recorded in the meeting minutes for transparency.

The SCREC shall meet 4 times a year., every quarter, in accordance with the rules mentioned in this section.

The meeting date is at the discretion of the State Chair but should be implemented with the consent of the majority of the SCREC members. Should the State Chair wish to change the meeting date, then a simple majority vote by the State Executive Board is required to do so. Should difficulties arise in scheduling/organizing the meeting, the chairman must work with a majority of the SCREC members to find the proper date and location to meet.

Should a majority of the SCREC members be scheduled for finals during a meeting date, then a simple majority vote can be held to cancel/postpone the meeting until the finals are over. Chapter Chairs or members may also elect to send proxy to the meeting should they have finals but a majority of the SCREC doesn't.

To elect delegates to the National Federation of College Republicans (NFCR) National Convention, twice the number of the delegate count must be nominated, only by the SCREC, to account for both actual delegates and alternate delegates. Only members of the SCREC, other than the State Chair, State Vice Chair, State Treasurer, and State Secretary, may vote for the delegates.

Those candidates with the highest votes will be made the delegates while those with the second highest will be the alternate delegates. In the event of a tie, the State Chair will serve as the tie breaking vote for each tied delegate position.

In the event of an in person SCREC meeting, each SCREC meeting must be held in a location that is convenient for most of the attendees.

In the event of an online SCREC meeting, it is the choice of the State Chair to choose which platform to use.

## ***Section 6 - Standing Committees***

The TCR will consistently operate the following standing committees:

1. The Credentials Committee - See Article VI, Section 3 for Responsibilities
2. The Fundraising Committee
3. The Convention Committee - See Article VIII, Section 2 for Responsibilities
4. The Partnerships and Coalitions Committee - See Article XI, Section 1 for Responsibilities
5. The Petitions Committee - See Article III, Section 7 for Responsibilities

It is the purpose of the Fundraising Committee to accomplish the following tasks:

1. Developing and implementing fundraising strategies to support federation operations.
2. Organizing fundraising events, drives, and donor outreach campaigns.
3. Identifying and cultivating relationships with potential donors, sponsors, and alumni.
4. Assisting chapters with local fundraising efforts and providing best practices.
5. Tracking and reporting donations, pledges, and financial goals to the executive board.
6. Ensuring compliance with relevant campaign finance and reporting regulations.
7. Coordinating with the Treasurer and Communications team on donor materials and acknowledgments.

## ***Section 7 - TCR Petitions***

Rules regarding official TCR petitions

1. All petitions must state the following information:
  - a. Name of the petitioner
  - b. Reason for the petition
  - c. Goal of the petition
2. In order for a petition to be considered, 40% of the SCREC membership must sign the petition and be delivered to the Petitions Committee Chair by mail or email. Should some other form of delivery, deemed appropriate by the Committee Chair, be utilized, then the petition would still be in order.
3. Should the petition reach the required signatures to be considered, then the Petitions Committee Chair must have the petition be put on the agenda of the next Petitions Committee Meeting. This petition CANNOT be removed from the agenda of the committee meeting, unless the petitioner willingly withdraws the petition or the petition has failed to meet the consideration requirements.
4. The Petitions Committee must review the submitted petition and determine whether it has met the consideration requirements. Should the petition meet said requirements, then the committee must discuss the petition and make a recommendation to the SCREC about approving or denying the petition at the next SCREC meeting. Should the next SCREC meeting be too far away for the consideration of the petition, then the Petition Committee Chair can call a special SCREC meeting on a short notice in order to consider the petition.
5. The SCREC will hear the Petitions Committee's recommendation in the SCREC meeting and then be asked to discuss the petition on the floor. To approve the petition, a simple majority vote is required of those present at the meeting. Should the petition be approved,

then the Petitions Committee will be charged with overseeing its implementation. Should the petition fail, then the petition will be considered dead.

All petitions must be submitted to the Petition Committee in order to be considered.

It is the purpose of the Petitions Committee to accomplish the following tasks:

8. Review & consider all submitted petitions
9. Make a recommendation to the SCREC about the petition in question
10. Ensure all submitted petitions meet the requirements for consideration
11. Oversee the implementation of approved petitions

The Petitions Committee Chair shall be elected by a simple majority of those present at the Spring Convention or the closest SCREC meeting in the event of a vacancy. Candidates running for the Petitions Committee Chair position must be from a different region than the State Chair.

Petitions Committee Chair may appoint volunteers to the committee so long as these individuals are not friends of the State Chair and are each from a different region.

### ***Section 8 - State Executive Board***

The State Executive Board is the main executor of the decisions made by the SCREC and it is their collective duty to carry out the responsibilities as assigned to them in Article III, Section 7.

The officers of the State Executive Board may be elected and appointed as stated in Article III, Sections 2 & 3 of this constitution.

The State Executive Board (SEB) shall consist of the following individuals:

1. State Chairman
2. State Vice Chairman
3. State Treasurer
4. State Secretary
5. All Regional Directors
6. Chief of staff
7. Policy Director
8. Political Director
9. Alumni Director
10. Partnerships and Coalitions Director
11. Public Relations Director

The SEB shall meet at the request of the State Chair and each member of the SEB must be given at least 14 days notice prior to each SEB meeting. The SEB may also meet over the phone or a video conferencing platform with at least seven days notice prior to meeting. All SEB meetings must be called by the State Chair.

## ***Section 9 - Officer Duties & Responsibilities***

It is the responsibility of the **State Chairman** to executive the following duties:

1. Serving as the presiding officer over all SCREC meetings, SEB meetings, and both Biannual State Conventions
2. Issuing the call of all SCREC meetings (Regular and Special)
3. Issuing the call of both Biannual State Conventions
4. Serving as the official representative of the TCR in all necessary forms
5. Fundraising for the TCR
6. Serving as the general manager in terms of supervising programs, signing contracts, cosigning financial contracts, & ensuring all financial reports are properly filed
7. Ensuring that all the property financial information is corrected collected and recorded
8. Working with the State Secretary to ensure that all attendance, voting, event planning, and role records are recorded and kept in order.
9. Appointing the chairs of each permanent and standing committee and create any additional committees necessary to achieve the goals of the TCR
10. Supervising and assist in the maintenance of the Board of Trustees
11. Serving a tie breaking vote in the even a committee vote comes to a tie.

It is the responsibility of the **State Vice Chairman** to executive the following duties:

1. Presiding over all the meetings in the absence of the State Chair
2. Identifying universities in TX for potential chapters to be established at
3. Actively bringing in new chapters to the TCR
4. Actively involving the TCR in RPT events, NFCR events, & political rallies
5. Taking charge of any duties assigned to them by the State Chair for achieving the goals of the TCR

It is the responsibility of the **State Secretary** to executive the following duties:

1. Recording the meeting minutes in all official meetings and each State Convention
2. Integrating the Treasurer's Report in the meetings minutes
3. Distributing copies of the meeting minutes to each member of the SCREC no later than two weeks after the meeting or convention
4. In the event the Credentials Committee does not do so, obtaining updated chapter information from each chartered chapter and passing this information onto the State Chair.
5. Keeping the TCR constitution up to date when amended, and to provide an updated copy regularly to all members of the SCREC
6. Providing accurate up to date contact information to all members of the SCREC
7. Working with the State Chair in keeping attendance, voting, event planning, and role records are recorded and kept in order
8. Assisting the State Chair in maintaining the Board of Trustees by taking the meeting minutes.
9. Receiving any State Officer candidate forms before the campaigning time begins
10. Submitting any and all chapter credentials to the Credentials Committee for passing said info onto the NFCR Credentials Committee in the even the TCR Credentials Committee doesn't already have said info.

11. Taking charge of any and all additional responsibilities assigned to them by the State Chair.

It is the responsibility of the **State Treasurer** to executive the following duties:

1. Preserving all financial records of the TCR
2. Presenting an accurate financial report of the TCR at each SCREC Meeting and both Biannual State Conventions. This financial report must be presented at each SCREC Meeting and each State Convention whether the State Treasurer is present or not.
3. Distributing an accurate and up to date financial report via email to each chartered chapter chair within one week of the close of each SCREC meeting or convention.
4. Preparing and presenting the following financial line items in the financial report
  - a. TCR expenditures
  - b. TCR revenues
  - c. TCR accounts payables
  - d. TCR Financial Balance
5. Assisting the State Chair in fundraising for the TCR
6. Spending TCR funds according to the budget proved by the SCREC and as directed by the State Chair.
7. Cosigning financial contracts with the State Chair
8. Taking charge of any and all additional responsibilities assigned to them by the State Chair

It is the responsibility of the **Chief of Staff** to executive the following duties:

1. Assisting all SEB members in accomplishing their tasks
2. Ensuring that each SEB member is completing their tasks as assigned to them
3. Overseeing the implementation of new TCR programs
4. Assisting in event planning
5. Assisting in Fundraising
6. Taking charge of any and all additional responsibilities assigned to them by the State Chair

It is the responsibility of the **Policy Director** to executive the following duties:

1. Creating an annual list of legislative priorities for the TCR
2. Partnering with RPT State legislators, state senators, state representatives, and other legislative groups to generate new policies that are reflective of conservative values
3. Teaching members of the TCR on how to properly conduct policy and messaging
4. Partnering with RPT staffers on all things policy
5. Testifying before the Texas State Legislature when the situation calls for it
6. Assisting TCR members in engaging in policy work at the state and local level

The Policy Director must work with the State Chair to generate a list of yearly legislative priorities. These legislative priorities must be voted upon by a simple majority vote of those present at the next State Convention. The SCREC is authorized to make changes to the list of legislative priorities as they see fit at the next SCREC meeting by a simple majority vote.

The TCR Policy Director may only, in their official capacity as a TCR State Officer, advocate for any legislative priorities, resolutions, or policies approved by the SCREC or the Body present at the State Convention. In their personal life, they advocate for what they wish to advocate for but they may not do so in an official capacity as the TCR Policy Director.

It is the responsibility of the **Political Director** to executive the following duties:

1. Conducting voter registration drives
2. Assisting the State Chair in the organization of State or National Deployments
3. Maintaining ties between RPT campaigns and collecting contacts for said campaigns
4. Drafting and proposing the political budget for the TCR

It is the responsibility of the **Chapter Development Director** to executive the following duties:

1. Identifying and recruiting students to start new chapters across the state.
2. Supporting existing chapters with leadership transitions, resources, and guidance.
3. Tracing chapter status, activity levels, and leadership contacts.
4. Organizing trainings, onboarding, and leadership development for chapter officers.
5. Maintaining regular communication with chapter leaders and regional directors.
6. Reporting chapter growth and health metrics to the state executive board.
7. Collaborating with other directors to coordinate events, campaigns, and statewide initiatives.

It is the responsibility of the **Alumni Director** to executive the following duties:

1. Serving as the chair of the official TCR Alumni Association
2. Hosting Alumni related events
3. Making sure that Alumni meeting attendance is kept
4. Ensuring that Alumni Dues are collected
5. Assisting the TCR in fundraising
6. Assisting the Regional Directors in collecting Alumni Information

It is the responsibility of the **Partnerships and Coalitions Director** to executive the following duties:

1. Overseeing the operations of the Partnerships and Coalitions Program
2. Serving as the chair of the Partnerships and Coalitions Committee
3. Maintaining the TCR ties to its official Partners and Coalition Members
4. Maintaining an update list of all current TCR Partners and Coalition Members

It is the responsibility of the **Public Relations Director** to executive the following duties:

1. Running all official TCR social media accounts
2. Monitoring all official TCR Social Media Accounts
3. Developing and implementing social media strategies to handle public image
4. Developing public statements with the approval and the assistance of the SEB
5. Reporting any social media issues to the State Chair
6. Maintaining the TCR's public image
7. Ensuring that the social media "brand" is consistent across all official TCR social media platforms

Is the responsibility of the **National Committee Man or Woman** to executive the following duties:

1. Serving as the “external” chair of the TCR to the NFCR
2. Representing the best interests of the TCR to the NFCR
3. Working with the current State Chair to develop the TCR’s national interests
4. Representing the TCR at certain NFCR events or meetings
5. Protecting the best interests of the TCR and the NFCR
6. Protecting the integrity of the TCR at a national stage
7. Protecting the integrity of the NFCR

Is the responsibility of the **TCR RPT SREC Representative** to executive the following duties:

1. Serving as a non voting member on the RPT’s SREC.
2. Representing the TCR at all quarterly RPT SREC Meetings
3. Reporting the discussion topics of the RPT SREC meetings to the TCR SCREC
4. Attending all quarterly RPT SREC meetings
5. Ensuring that the TCR maintains its official Partnership status with the RPT

### ***Section 9 - Transition, Passwords/Documents, TCR Theft, Financial & Office Holder Limitations***

The transition period between each State Convention and the start of the new administration’s term shall be one week ending on the Sunday at 11:59 pm of the week following the Spring Convention.

Any and all documents and passwords must be handed over to the applicable state officer by Sunday at 11:59 pm one week following the Biannual Spring Convention. No passwords can be changed until after Sunday at 11:59 pm the week following the Spring Convention.

Passwords to all of the TCR’s social media accounts, google drives, databases, financial accounts, email addresses, and any other platforms operated by the TCR must be shared with the State Vice Chair. The State Vice Chair must also be given free and unrestricted access to all of the aforementioned accounts.

If the TCR State Chair or any other elected or appointed State Officer were to “Go off the Walls” and start stealing TCR assets this is a threat to the TCR’s integrity and is an impeachable offense. Stealing TCR assets is defined as deliberately changing passwords so as to deny access to these accounts and effectively taking them away from the TCR, taking money from the TCR bank account that is not for TCR expenditures, refusing to handover physical assets such as chapter box inventory, and deliberately taking down the TCR website and refusing to grant access to it, and other such actions.

In order to prevent the current State Chair from stealing TCR assets, they will be required to sign a contract specifying that they will not commit the above mentioned offenses. This contract will be specific in punishments for committing such offenses.

The transfer of the official TCR bank account from one administration to the other must be carried out in a practical timeframe not exceeding one month (30 days time).

No one member of the TCR may hold an elected or appointed position for more than two years unless they are a chapter chair in which case that is up to the chapter. If a current office holder is ousted out of their position then the time they held that position will count towards their two-year limit.

No one member of the TCR can occupy more than one elected or appointed state position at a time. Multiple TCR members may not hold the same appointed or elected officer within the same term. The only exception to this rule are chapter chairs.

For example, you can hold both a chapter chair position and an elected or appointed state position., but you cannot be a chapter chair, state chair, and state treasurer all at the same time.

## **Article IV: Campaigning Rules**

### ***Section 1 - Campaigning***

The campaigning rules apply to the following positions:

1. State Chair
2. State Vice Chair
3. State Secretary
4. State Treasurer
5. All Regional Directors

The Campaigning Rules are the following:

1. No campaigning for any elected positions before February 1. Campaigning is defined as physically distributing any and all campaigning materials, using any platform such as social media to announce your intention to run, and using platforms such as social media to further your campaign's message.
2. No libel of any kind may be communicated to anyone about their opposition. Libel is defined as any communication that personally attacks someone or statements of defamation that are considered too crazy to be true or inaccurate.

### ***Section 2 - Punishments***

Failure to comply with Rule #1 may result in the violator being brought before the SEB and being questioned about their intentions and activities. The SEB may also vote by a 2/3s majority to make said individual ineligible for the next election or appointment. A second infraction of Rule #1 will result in the violator being permanently ineligible for any elected or appointed position.

Failure to comply with Rule #2 may result in the violator(s) being prohibited from campaigning for a fixed amount of time TBD by the SEB. A second infraction of Rule #2 will result from the

violator(s) being permanently banned from campaigning for the duration of the campaigning period.

### **Article V: Impeachment and Expulsion of TCR Members, Officers, & Committee Chairs**

When an impeachment can be applied: (All Reasons)

1. When any elected or appointed state officer is actively breaking the law or encouraging others to do or both. (Vote & Proof Required)
2. When any elected or appointed state officer has broken the law, is charged with a serious crime, or has a warrant out for their arrest. (Vote & Proof Required)
3. Failure for the State Chair to have a set convention date for the Spring Conventions by their required times. (Vote Required & Proof)
4. When any elected or appointed State Officer has more than TWO unexcused absences (Automatic Impeachment)
5. Refusing to provide an updated version of the TCR Constitution to any and all members of the TCR (Vote & Proof Required)
6. Refusing to provide updated and accurate financial records of the TCR to the SCREC. (Vote & Proof Required)
7. Failure for any SCREC member to fulfill theirs as assigned to them by the TCR Constitution (Vote & Proof Required)
8. If the State Chair is changing the passwords and stealing TCR assets. IE they are taking all of the accounts operated by the TCR and denying access to the appropriate elected or appointed state officer. (Vote & Proof Required)
9. The State Chair fails to meet the First Meeting Requirement Clause. (Vote & Proof Required)
10. The State Chair or the State Treasurer spends more than the approved transaction limitation threshold as mentioned in Article X, Section 3 without the approval of the SCREC (Vote & Proof Required)
11. If the State Chair and the State Treasurer fail to submit any and all financial reports as required by the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) or the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Should the State Chair or the State Treasurer incur a fine on the TCR by the IRS or the TEC, they will be personally held liable for paying the fine.
12. If the State Chair submits the semiannual TEC report instead of the State Treasurer. This is an impeachable offense for the State Chair. (Vote & Proof Required)
13. All members and officers of this organization are required to sign and uphold a Code of Conduct as a condition of holding state office. The Code outlines expectations for respectful behavior, ethical conduct, and alignment with the values of the chapter. Failure to sign or violations of the Code may result in suspension, impeachment, or removal, as determined by the Executive Board.

When an impeachment cannot be applied:

1. Personal Vendetta against another state officer. (Needs to be proven)

### ***Section 1 - Impeachment of Elected and Appointed Officers***

Any elected or appointed state officer can be removed from their position, with the exception of the State Chair, by a unanimous vote of the State Executive Board. The State Chair can only be removed by a unanimous vote of the SCREC.

### ***Section 2 - Petition for the Removal of State Officers***

A petition for the removal of a state officer may be submitted by another state officer, committee chair, general member, regional chair, or chapter chair. In order to be considered, an impeachment petition must have a majority of the signatures of the state executive board. The petition must also follow the petition rules mentioned in **Article III: Section 9**.

### ***Section 3 - Impeachment Petitions for the Regional Directors***

An impeachment petition, for a Regional Director, may be submitted with the support of the majority of the chapter chairs within their respective region.

### ***Section 4 - Impeachment Hearing Rules and Timeline***

Any elected or appointed state officer must be notified at least one week in advance of the impeachment hearing and must be allowed to defend themselves before the SEB or the SCREC in the case of the State Chair.

Rules for the Impeachment Hearing:

- A quorum of 1/3 of the State Board or SCREC (State Chair Removal) must be present.
- A 2/3s majority vote, of those in attendance, is required to remove an elected officer from their position.
- The officer in question **MUST BE ALLOWED TO DEFEND THEMSELVES!!**
- If an officer is removed, then an election will be held immediately to replace the removed officer.
- If the officer is not removed, then the impeachment of said individual cannot be brought up again for the same case unless he or she is actively breaking the law for at least 6 weeks. They can however be charged again for the same offense, outside of the 6-week window, if the situation is different from the current one and new evidence is brought up for a different case.

### ***Section 5 - Unexcused Absences, Automatic Impeachment, & Excused Absences***

Should any elected or appointed state officer have more than TWO unexcused absences in an SCREC Meeting or SEB Meeting, then they will be automatically removed from the SEB and the SCREC. No vote from the SCREC or the SEB is required to automatically remove the State Officer in question. The State Chair must have notified the State Officer in question at least SEVEN days in advance of the actual meeting before the State Officer in question can be removed. (IE the State Officer in question must be warned that they are about to be removed because of \_\_\_ amount of unexcused absences before the meeting takes place)

The SCREC or the SEB may determine, by a majority vote of those present, that the absence was excused. The State Officer in question cannot be automatically removed if they have an excused absence. If however, they are consistently absent (More than 3 times), even with an excused absence then this can constitute grounds for impeachment.

### ***Section 6 - Expulsion of TCR Members***

The State Executive Board is authorized to expel any member of the TCR by a 3/4s vote that has committed serious offenses against the TCR.

Any member of the TCR may submit a petition for the expulsion of another TCR member along with the reasons for a requested expulsion according to guidelines listed **Article III: Section 9**.

This expulsion petition must be submitted to the State Chair along with other written requests for expulsion of a particular member. The State Chair must place this expulsion request on the agenda of the next SEB meeting that takes place more than two weeks after the request was received. If there is not a meeting two weeks after the received expulsion request, then the State Chair must organize said SEB meeting. The State Chair must also notify the State Secretary no later than four days after the expulsion request was submitted.

The State Secretary will then notify the individual in question, via email or any means necessary, at least 10 days in advance of the expulsion meeting.

The expulsion notice must be in writing and contain the following details:

1. Grounds for Expulsion
2. Day, time, location of the expulsion meeting
3. The accusers requesting expulsion

The individual in question must be allowed to both speak and defend themselves at the meeting where the expulsion vote will take place.

In the following cases, six of the SEB members can call for an immediate expulsion vote with only 48 hours notice and evidence submitted to the SEB:

1. In cases of violence
2. The intention of committing or imminently committing harm to others
3. Criminal charges have been brought against said individual
4. Murder
5. Has held other people hostage
6. There is a warrant out for said persons arrest

Any former TCR member that was expelled is not eligible for membership in any chartered chapter and any appointed or elected position.

Any former TCR member that was expelled may be reinstated into the TCR by a 2/3s vote in a SEB meeting or of those present at the next State Convention.

Should the SCREC or the SEB expel a member of the TCR for any of the above specified reasons, the current SCREC can move to hold a vote to permanently disqualify the expelled individual from running for election or being appointed to any state office. This is not a required step but it is an optional step.

### **Article VI: TCR Regional Structure**

The TCR is organized in 5 distinct regions:

1. North Region
2. Central Region
3. East Region
4. West Region
5. South Region

Each distinct region will be represented by ONE regional director that will be elected by a simple majority vote at each Spring Convention. Candidates running for the Regional Director position must be present at the convention and be from their respective region in order to be elected. Those voting for the regional director must be from said region and be present to vote. The initial term election of each regional director must occur at each State Convention. In the event that a regional director cannot be chosen due to a tie, the State Chair can be the deciding vote.

The duties of the Regional Directors are the following:

1. Monitor their respective regions and provide the necessary support to keep current TCR chapters afloat.
2. Identify universities for establishing new TCR chapters
3. To supervise, assist, and encourage individual chapters or groups of chapters in hosting regional events.
4. To be the general contact between the State Board and the local chapters.
5. To execute any such duties assigned to them by the State Chair or the State Board.

Each Regional Director is required to attend 50% (2 SCREC Meetings) of all the SCREC meetings held during the current administrative term. They are also required to attend each State Convention. If a Regional Director has two or more unexcused absences, they can be removed automatically from the SEB and the SCREC without a vote. Excused absences are to be determined by the State Chair or the Meeting Chair and can be granted for the following reasons:

1. Emergencies
2. Health Related Matters
3. Finals
4. Last Minute Homework Assignments - Vote Required for approval (Proof Required)
5. Job Related Matters
6. An Act of God

It is important to note that as long as a Regional Director meets the SCREC two-meeting attendance requirement by the end of their term, they are eligible to run again for their next term.

Failure to do so will automatically make said individual ineligible to rerun for their Regional Director Position.

Any regional director can be impeached from office by a 2/3s majority vote, of the chapters in said region, for the reasons specified below:

1. He or she breaks Federal or State Laws Post Conviction (Or Both)(Requires Proof and a Vote)
2. He or she refuses to distribute the state constitution (Requires Proof and a Vote)
3. He or she has two or more unexcused meeting absences (Automatic Removal + Requires Proof + No Vote Needed)
4. He or she is actively not performing their constitutionally mandated duties.

Only chapters in the same region can vote to impeach their regional director. Chapters in different regions cannot impeach Regional Directors from differing regions. (i.e South Regional Director cannot be impeached by chapters in the north). Should the person in question disagree with the impeachment, they can make an appeal to the SEB.

In the event of a Regional Director being impeached, the State Chair can appoint a temporary Regional Director until an election can be held at the next SCREC Meeting or State Convention. A special regional election can be held to fill the spot immediately with the approval of the SCREC via a simple majority vote. The State Chair can call this special meeting immediately following the approval vote of the SCREC. Only chapters within the specified region can vote for their next Regional Director in this special regional election. No exceptions for any reason.

The TCR State Executive Board may create and maintain a regional map according to the regions specified in this Article. Any changes to the regional map may be approved by a simple majority vote of those present at the next SCREC Meeting.

## **Article VII: Chapter Chartering, Expulsion, and Barring Rules**

### ***Section 1 - Chartering with the TCR & NFCR Requirement***

Any chapter wishing to charter with the TCR must agree to joining both National Federation of College Republicans (NFCR) and the Texas College Republicans (TCR) together at the same time as mentioned in Article I, Section II of this constitution. No exceptions will be granted to ANY chapter for ANY reason.

### ***Section 2 - Chartering Requirements***

For chapter chartering consideration (With the Credentials Committee), each chapter must have at least 10 members, have four (4) chapter officers, be a registered student organization on campus, be in good standing with their university, and submit the following documentation:

1. Chapter credentials with the names, positions, email addresses, phone numbers, and graduation dates of each member. The chapter's mailing address, complete officer board list, and advisor's name and email must also be included in the credentials submitted.
2. Complete & Updated Chapter Constitution

The four (4) required chapter officers are the following:\*

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer

It is required for each chartered chapter to sign the official TCR chartering agreement to maintain its chartered status with the TCR. Failure to do so, within two weeks of chartering with the TCR, will result in the chapter becoming de-chartered and having all voting rights/benefits being revoked.

### ***Section 3 - The Chartering Process***

Should a potential TCR chapter meet the chartering requirements, as mentioned in Article VII, Section 2, then said chapter must follow the chartering process to become an officially recognized TCR chapter. This chartering process applies to chartering in between state conventions. Chartering at each state convention is laid out in Article VIII, Section 10

The chartering process:

- Step 1: Form the chapter - acquire the 10 members, elect four state officers, and create the chapter constitution. If you are an existing chapter, then make sure you meet the eligibility requirements and notify your Regional Director (RD) of your desire to charter with the TCR.
- Step 2: Regardless of whether you are a new or existing chapter, you must submit all of the required documentation to your Regional Director and set up a meeting with them. This meeting will be utilized by the RD to determine whether the chapter in question is ready to charter with the TCR.
- Step 3: After the meeting is held, the RD will submit a recommendation to the Credentials Committee recommending that the chapter in question should officially be chartered with the TCR provided that the RD finds that they are ready to charter. The RD will also submit all of the potential chapter's submitted documents to the Credentials Committee. Should the RD find that the potential chapter is not ready to charter with the TCR, then they will hold onto the submitted documents and only submit said documents when the chapter is ready to charter.
- Step 4: Once the Credentials Committee has received both the recommendation and the required documents, they will then verify the validity of the submitted information and review the recommendation.
- Step 5: After the verification and review, the Credentials Committee will then vote to confirm or deny the chartering request. The confirmation or denial will be determined utilizing a simple majority vote (51% Outcome) of those present. A quorum of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the committee members is required for a vote to occur. This vote must take place no later than one week after receiving the potential chapter's information and the RD's recommendation. In the event that the Credentials Committee does not have time to meet

before an upcoming SCREC, the committee can pass on the request to charter to the State Chairman or State Secretary and have the request be voted upon by the SCREC in the next meeting. (See SCREC meeting rules)

- Step 6 (1): In the event of the Credentials Committee voting to accept the potential chapter's request to charter with the TCR, then the committee must notify the proper RD and the chapter in question of their approval. Once the chapter in question receives the notice, they will have one week to sign their chartering agreement. Once the chapter in question signs their agreement, the potential chapter will now be considered an official chapter of the TCR and a part of the TCR.
- Step 6 (2): In the event of the Credentials Committee voting to deny a potential chapter the ability to charter with the TCR, the committee must communicate the reason for denial and allow another attempt to charter when the potential chapter is determined to be ready to charter. This determination will be made by the RD."

#### ***Section 4 - Federation Resource Allocation Thresholds***

The Texas College Republicans (TCR) offers support and resources to all of its chapters provided that they meet certain requirements.

TCR Chapters who have applied for chapter boxes must meet the following requirements to receive a chapter box:

1. Be a chartered chapter of the TCR
2. Be a registered student organization on campus

TCR Chapters who have applied for the chapter grant must meet the following requirements to receive a grant:

1. Be a chartered chapter of the TCR
2. Be a registered student organization on campus
3. Have an established bank account with an institution other than: Cashapp, Paypal, Venmo, or other similar online payment platforms. They must have a bank account with a credible bank.

#### ***Section 5 - The Credentials Committee***

It is the purpose of the Credentials Committee to accomplish the following tasks:

1. Approve or deny the chartering of individual chapters
2. Collect chapter credentials for the purpose of national delegate count, electing national delegates, and maintaining membership with the NFCR
3. Generating a list of each chapters leadership and presenting said list to the State Chair as soon as the list is complete

The Credentials Committee is a standing committee that meets and operates year round. Membership to the Credentials Committee is required to be composed of individuals from every region within the TCR and must be appointed by the State Chair. Members of the Credentials Committee serve two-year terms.

The Credentials Committee shall be the only TCR body vested with the authority to deny or accept chartering with the TCR. ANY and All documents requested for credentialing purposes must be submitted to the Credentials Committee.

The Credentials Committee is required to meet anytime the TCR has at least one chapter wishing to charter with it or when the State Chair deems it necessary. However there is no minimum meeting requirement and the committee can meet as it sees fit to accomplish its tasks.

Any chapter from a two-year, 4-year, or graduate school may charter with the TCR and be granted full voting rights in SCREC Meetings and both State Conventions.

The Credentials Committee must meet at least three weeks before the NFCR National Convention and begin the credentials collecting process. All chapters must submit the following information to the Credentials Committee to be passed onto the NFCR Credentials Committee: Chapter rosters with individual names, email addresses, phone numbers, & positions.

The Credentials Committee must submit the following to the NFCR Credentials Committee before the NFCR National Convention:

1. All submitted chapter roster with the above-mentioned information
2. The updated and current version of the TCR Constitution

### ***Section 6 - Chartering Update Requirements***

All TCR chartering requirements must be reviewed and updated every two years and are set to expire after the term of the current administration ends.

### ***Section 7 - Chartering Exemption Rule***

The above-mentioned chartering requirements are for the TCR only. The individual chapters are permitted to define membership for their own internal uses.

### ***Section 8 - Secession Rules***

Any chapter wishing to leave the TCR must complete the following steps:

1. Submit an official request to leave to the State Chair with the support of 2/3s of the officers in the chapter.
2. Notify the State Chair and their Regional Director within one week of the chapter vote
3. Allow a TCR representative to be present at the vote and must be given the right to speak
4. The chapter must vote by a 2/3s majority to officially leave the TCR

### ***Section 9 - Dechartering***

Any TCR chapter will automatically be de-chartered from the TCR if said chapter misses two state conventions or two TCR Events.

De-chartered chapters will lose ANY and ALL voting rights to each state convention, the right to be counted in quorum, and any other TCR benefits previously granted to them.

Any de-chartered chapter wishing to recharter with the TCR may recharter in between each State Convention by submitting a recharter request to the SCREC and having said request approved by a simple majority vote of those present at the next SCREC meeting.

### ***Section 10 - Chapter Expulsion***

Expulsion from the TCR is defined as expelling any chapter from the TCR for the following reasons:

1. The chapter has voted to join another national organization without the knowledge of the State Executive Board (Proof and Vote Required)
2. The chapter has been unresponsive for longer than one year (Automatic + Proof Required)
3. The chapter is actively assisting the enemies of the TCR (Proof and Vote Required)

Before an expulsion vote can take place, the chapter in question must be allowed to defend themselves before the SCREC and be given a week's notice to prepare their arguments. (That is one week before the expulsion vote will take)

In order to expel a chapter from the TCR, a majority vote of the SCREC, of those present, is required.

Chapters that are expelled from the TCR may not attend any and all TCR events including the State Conventions. They are also prohibited from partnering and associating with chartered chapters of the TCR.

### ***Section 11 - Barring***

Being barred from the TCR is defined as the following:

1. Not being allowed to attend each State Convention
2. Not being allowed to speak at each State Convention
3. Not being allowed to speak to any of our chapters. If any such chapter hears from a barred individual or chapter they must notify the State Executive Board immediately.
4. Not being allowed to partner with the TCR or its chartered chapters in any form whatsoever

Before an existing chapter or individual can be barred from the TCR, the entity in question must be allowed to defend themselves before the SCREC and be given a week's notice to prepare their arguments. (That is one week before the expulsion vote will take)

In order to bar an existing TCR chapter or individual from the TCR, a majority vote of the SCREC, of those present, is required.

In order to bar a chapter or individual outside of the TCR from the TCR, a majority vote of the State Executive Board, of those present, is required.

Being barred from the TCR is not a complete banishment from the TCR; it is merely a mechanism for protecting the integrity of the TCR and must be used judiciously. Barred entities may request a removal of this status via contacting the SEB or by directly expressing interest in chartering with the TCR in which case the SEB must vote to remove the “barred” status by a simple majority vote.

Any chapter that is chartered with our rival group(s) is considered automatically barred from the TCR.

### **Article VIII: State Convention**

#### ***Section 1 - State Conventions***

The TCR shall host one State Convention every year; one in the Spring.

The State Executive Board is authorized to choose the date, time, location, and any other related matter regarding both State Conventions. The execution of these details shall be carried out by the Convention Committee as stated in the next section

#### ***Section 2 - Convention Committee***

The State Chair will commission a **Convention Committee** to assist in planning, carrying out, and executing ANY and ALL matters regarding each state convention. The convention committee chair and each member of the committee shall be appointed by the State Chair. The committee must be formed within 1 month of the election of the new administration and choose a convention date no later than 2 months after the election of the new administration.

Once a convention date, time, and location is chosen by the SEB, the convention committee must present a full detailed plan before the SCREC containing the following info: convention date, potential guest speakers, event funding, event venue, and other such arrangements necessary to host each state convention. The proposed convention plan must be presented at the next scheduled SCREC meeting after the convention date is chosen.

Once the convention plan is approved by the SCREC, the Convention Committee must begin executing its steps in a timely and efficient manner. Failure to accomplish the convention plan goals in a timely manner can result in the dismissal and replacement of the Convention Committee Chair by the State Chair.

#### ***Section 3 - TCR Spring Convention***

The **TCR Spring Convention** shall be hosted in April or March and be chosen on a rotation basis. The business of the Spring Convention shall be the following:

1. Election of the State Chair,

2. Election of the State Vice Chair,
3. Election of the Regional Directors
4. Election of the national convention delegates
5. Passing of constitutional amendments
6. Passing of official TCR Resolutions
7. Passing of the official TCR Legislative Priorities List
8. Any other business deemed necessary by the SCREC Body

The State Executive Board (SEB) is required to have a date selected for the Spring Convention by December 31 at 11:59 pm (Central Standard Time) of the previous year. Failure to comply with this provision is an impeachable offense for all of the elected or appointed officer(s) involved as mentioned in **Article V, impeachable offense #3**.

Any elected member of the SCREC or SEB may have two minutes to speak at the closing of the TCR Spring Convention to offer a brief reflection of their time in the TCR. This privilege may be waived if the speaker should choose to do so.

#### ***Section 4 - Delegate Count Limit***

The maximum allotted delegates to each chartered chapter of the TCR will be fixed at ONE delegate each. No additional delegates can be awarded to ANY chapter for ANY reason. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

#### ***Section 5 - Delegate Choice***

Each chartered chapter of the TCR may choose, however they like, one delegate to vote for them in all of the convention business. If the chosen delegate for each chapter is not present at the convention, then the chapter may choose from amongst those present an alternative to vote for them. Should only one person from the chapter be present then they are automatically made the voting delegate.

#### ***Section 6 - Convention Quorum***

The official quorum of each state convention shall be composed of the delegates that are present

#### ***Section 7 - Convention Committees***

The TCR Official State Convention Committees shall consist of the following:

1. The Rules Committee (Temporary)
2. The Credentials Committee (Standing)
3. The Resolutions Committee (Temporary)
4. The Constitution Committee (Temporary)

### ***Section 8 - Committee Selection and Appointments***

All Official State Convention Committee Chairs must be appointed by the State Chair. No other State Officers are permitted to appoint the Committee Chairs. However both the State Chair and the Committee Chair are welcome to appoint members to each committee.

### ***Section 9 - Committee Activation Timeline***

The TCR temporary committees must be activated at least two months in advance of the convention and be given the proper resources to accomplish their stated goals. The temporary committees are the following: The Rules Committee, The Resolutions Committee, & The Constitution Committee. These temporary committees will terminate after the adjournment of each State Convention. The meeting frequency will vary based on their stated goals and is at the behest of the committee chair or the State Chairman.

### ***Section 10 - Credentials Committee***

The functions and rules of the Credentials Committee is covered in Article VI, Section 3 of this constitution.

Any and all existing chartering considerations must be decided upon by one month (30 Days) out from the next State Convention. After this deadline passes, potential TCR chapters may request to charter with the TCR and submit all required chartering materials, but will not be chartered during this 30-day period before convention. Once the convention begins, The Credentials Committee will meet during their allotted meeting time, to approve or deny any chartering requests. The Credentials Committee is required to make a decision on all chartering requests made during this 30 day period by the end of their meeting during the convention. It is up to the Credentials Committee Chair to decide how long before the 30-day deadline that potential chapters may submit their chartering materials and have a chartering decision made. A chapter will be considered officially chartered with the TCR if their chartering request is approved by the end of the Credentials Committee meeting during the State Convention.

### ***Section 11 - Rules Committee***

It is the purpose of the Rules Committee to accomplish the following tasks:

1. Generate procedural rules for each convention
2. Propose the procedural rules for each convention
3. Recommend the appointment of a parliamentarian

### ***Section 12 - Resolutions Committee***

It is the purpose of the Resolutions Committee to accomplish the following tasks:

1. Receive and review any and all proposed resolutions
2. Determine whether these proposed resolutions support the views of the TCR and the Republican Party of Texas
3. Make a list of recommended resolutions to be passed.

Any member of the TCR may submit a resolution to the Resolutions Committee.

### ***Section 13 - Constitution Committee***

It is the purpose of the Constitution Committee to accomplish the following tasks:

1. Receive and review any proposed constitutional amendments
2. Review the TCR constitution for imitations or conflicts
3. Present a complete list of all the proposed constitutional amendments before the convention body.
4. Recommend which constitutional amendment should be passed and failed.

### ***Section 14 - Election Appointment***

The State Chair must appoint a qualified/unbiased individual with no interest in the election to run the election of the following positions:

1. State Chair
2. State Vice Chair
3. National Delegates

This individual can be a current TCR member, TCR Alumni, or someone outside of the TCR.

## **Article IX: Parliamentary Procedure**

The current version and any future updates of Robert's Rules of Order are the ultimate parliamentary authority of the TCR in the following meetings:

1. SCREC Meetings
2. State Executive Board Meetings
3. Each State Convention
4. Any special meetings with organization business

The TCR is also welcome to adopt any procedural rules (special or regular) of order that are consistent with the parliamentary process,

To ensure proper parliamentary procedure, the State Chair may appoint a parliamentarian, with SCREC approval (simple majority vote) before each State Conventions begins.

## **Article X: Financial Procedure and Policies**

### ***Section 1 - TCR State & Federal Financial Status***

The TCR is recognized as a State Political Action Committee (PAC), by the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) and must comply with ANY and All Federal/State campaign financial reporting standards.

The TCR considered a General Purpose Action Committee (GPAC) and must file semiannually per the dates provided below

Texas Ethics Commission Semi Annual GPAC Filing Dates:

1. January 15 (Updated 2025)
2. July 15 (Updated 2025)

The State Treasurer is the only officer that can officially submit TEC reports to the TEC. The State Chair cannot do so. If the current State Chair is caught doing so then that is an impeachable offense because that is in direct violation of campaign finance law in the State of Texas

It is the responsibility of the State Chair and the State Treasurer to submit all documents required by the IRS to the IRS on behalf of the TCR. Failure to do so is an impeachable offense.

### ***Section 2 - The First Meeting Requirement Clause***

30 days after the new State Executive Board is elected, the State Chair will convene the first Board Meeting of the new term and discuss the following items:

1. Current Financial Status of the Federation
2. Next Fundraising Plan
3. Evaluation of any previous fundraising efforts
4. Current Federation Status
5. New Committee Appointments (Optional)
6. New State Officer Appointments
7. Any other business deemed necessary

Either 45 days after the close of the The TCR Spring Convention, or immediately after finals are over, the State Chair must host the first SCREC meeting of the new term. Items to discuss during this meeting are the following:

1. Budget Plan - Presented by the State Char. Needs SCREC Approval (Simple Majority Vote of those Present). The SCREC can amend said budget as needed to fit the needs of the Federation.
2. The Current Bank Account Balance - The federation can have no less than \$500 in the bank. Failure to meet this requirement will result in the former State Chair and their State Executive Board being officially censured by the TCR and will be permanently banned from being considered official TCR alumni. The members of the former administration will not be allowed to be appointed to the BOT as well. If the newly elected State Chair is the former State Treasurer or was involved in the fundraising initiatives or process, then said individual will be automatically removed from office without a vote. Said individual will be barred from holding the office of State Chair in the future and a new election will be held to replace the removed individual.
3. Current Federation Status
4. Any other business deemed necessary by the body

### ***Section 3 - Transaction Limitation Threshold***

Any transaction over \$400 will require the approval of the SCREC by a simple majority vote. Any transaction under \$400 will require the approval of the State Chair and the State Treasurer. In the event that the State Chair cannot be reached, the State Vice Chair may approve any transaction under \$400.

### ***Section 4 - Transaction Disclosure Requirement***

All transactions expended by the State Chair, State Vice Chair, or State Treasurer must be verbally disclosed to the State Executive Board within one week of the transaction's completion.

All State Officers, Regional Directors, Chapter Chairs, and Committee Chairs may request a complete itemized list of all transactions expended by the Federation. Planned expenditures are subject to discretion by the State Treasurer or the State Chair. Failure or refusal to provide one is a censurable offense.

## **Article XI: TCR Partnerships, Coalitions, and Affiliates**

### ***Section 1 - Partnerships & Coalitions Committee***

It the purpose of the Partnerships & Coalitions Committee to accomplish the following tasks:

1. Receiving applications from outside entities to become an official partner of the TCR
2. Receiving applications from outside entities to become an official coalition member of the TCR
3. Ensuring that all official Partners and Coalition members of the TCR are properly reflecting the values of the TCR and not harming its reputation
4. Setting the rules and requirements for outside entities to become a Partner or Coalition member of the TCR
5. Collecting applications for the distribution of TCR resources to any official Partner or Coalition member of the TCR
6. Properly distributing approved resources of the TCR to any official Partner or Coalition member of the TCR.

### ***Section 2 - Partnerships***

A partnership is a statewide or local group which supports the primary values of the TCR and is granted official partnership status by the Partnerships & Coalitions Committee. Official partners of the TCR must be willing to support the TCR via assisting in founding other College Republican chapters, state deployments, voter drives, fundraising, electing gop candidates, and any other matters deemed necessary by the TCR.

All official TCR Partners must be willing to associate with the TCR in both official and unofficial capacities.

All Official TCR Partners must not act against the interests of the TCR or the Republican Party of Texas.

### ***Section 3 - Coalitions***

A coalition is a temporary alliance between the TCR and any other groups whether they be statewide or local for a temporary amount of time. Any entity wishing to enter into a coalition with the TCR must reflect the values of the GOP and be willing to officially associate with the TCR.

All Official TCR Coalition Members must not act against the interests of the TCR or the Republican Party of Texas. ‘

Chapters of any rival groups may become a coalition member of the TCR and enjoy a limited selection of TCR resources with the approval of the SCREC and the Partnerships & Coalitions Committee utilizing a simple majority vote in both meetings.

Barred entities are not allowed to become a coalition member. They must first request to be unbarred and then they can apply to become a coalition member.

### ***Section 4 - Affiliates***

The TCR shall have two official affiliates: The Board Trustees and the Alumni Association

### ***Section 5 - The Alumni Association***

The TCR official Alumni Association (TCRAA) is a separate but connected group formed to keep the current TCR members and previous TCR members together. The TCRAA also works to keep the TCR alumni informed and actively involved in its events while also having the TCR alumni assist in fundraising activities.

The TCRAA community shall consist of all former TCR members/Officers and any member being granted the “Associate Alumni” status.

The TCRAA is welcome to create its own bylaws and constitution with the approval of the SEB by a simple majority vote.

Any and all graduating members of the TCR will be extended an offer to be a member of the TCRAA.

The Alumni Director is the official head of the TCR Alumni Association and must be appointed by the current State Chair. The appointment must be confirmed utilizing a simple majority vote by the SCREC of those present.

The members of the alumni association can nominate candidates for appointment by the current state chair. These candidates nominated by the alumni are seen as recommendations by the alumni association to the current state board.

### ***Section 6 - The Board of Trustees***

The Board of Trustees Board (BOT) is a supportive committee of the TCR designed to operate on an ad hoc or regular basis based on the needs and desires of the TCR. Should the TCR desire a more active BOT, then the constitution permits the formation of a regularly active committee with its own bylaws and officers as needed.

The Board of Trustees (BOT) is a board formed to assist the TCR in its operations and to help raise the status of any TCR events/programs. The BOT will also assist in the matters of retaining fundraising and navigation of the political world.

The BOT shall consist of TCR Alumni, donors, elected officials, Republican Party of Texas (RPT) figures, business leaders, conservative activists, and anyone deemed necessary by the SCREC.

Any member who serves on the BOT must be willing to associate themselves with the TCR and be willing to openly promote its events/programs.

Potential BOT members be nominated by any member of the SCREC and will be jointly vetted by the State Chair and the nominating SCREC member. Selection for the BOT must be done judiciously and with great care.

Potential BOT members will be vetted via a background check and other forms deemed necessary by the State Chair.

Potential BOT members will then be confirmed by a simple majority vote by the SCREC.

Each BOT member shall serve one one-year term with the TCR and will become eligible for an optional reappointment by a majority vote of the SCREC for another one-year term.

The Chair of the BOT shall be chosen by the current State Chair and all BOT meetings must be called by the current State Chair.

The BOT will be charged with the process of determining the winner of the “Chapter of the Year” award.

BOT Members may be removed from the BOT by a majority vote of the SCREC.

Causes for BOT board member removal:

1. Member has broken Federal or State Laws (Proof and Vote Required)
2. Member has openly attempted to ruin the reputation of the TCR (Proof and Vote Required)

3. Member has two or more unexcused absences and has not provided ANY communication. (Proof Required + Automatic No Vote Required)
4. Member has openly promoted ANY rival federation (Proof and Vote Required)

The BOT may have their own bylaws and officers, as needed and with approval of the TCR State Board, but it is not necessary. The ABT is designed to be a quick and supportive committee with a small amount of commitment to the TCR.

The State Secretary will be tasked with maintaining a list of supportive alumni who share the vision of the TCR with the help of the entire SCREC.

All former TCR SEB members will be offered a position on the BOT and will require only a simple majority vote for approval by the current SEB.

## **Article XII: General Provisions**

### ***Section 1 - The Respect Clause***

The chapters of the TCR are the lifeblood of this Federation and as such must be treated with great respect and great care.

### ***Section 2 - The Chapter Bill of Rights***

Chapters of the TCR are entitled to certain inalienable rights such as the following:

1. The right to elect their own leadership without State Executive Board intervention.
2. The right to secede from the TCR should the group lose its purpose and become so corrupt that it is unchangeable from within.
3. The right to send their own delegation to each State Convention
4. The right to refuse any financial contributions requested by the State Executive Board.

### ***Section 3 - Official TCR Communications***

Official TCR forms of communication can come from the following sources:

1. Emails
2. Instagram DMs
3. Physical Letters
4. Video Conferencing (Zoom or Webex)
5. Public Statements
6. Public Videos

### ***Section 4 - Chapter Notification(s) Requirement***

ANY updates regarding chapter leadership, chapter status, chapter address changes, officer changes, excused absences, student transfers from one chapter to another are required to be reported to the State Secretary.

### **Article XIII: Constitutional Amendments**

The TCR constitution can only be amended during each State Convention by a 2/3s majority vote of those present. The TCR constitution can also be amended during a special constitutional convention called for by a simple 2/3s majority vote of the entire SCREC.

All proposed constitutional amendments must be sent to every member of the SCREC at least one week before the vote and be submitted to the Constitution Committee at least 2 weeks in advance of each State Conventions.

In the case of a special constitutional convention, any proposed constitutional amendment must be submitted to the Constitution Committee and the entire SCREC at least one week in advance.

In the case of each State Convention or the special constitutional convention, no constitutional amendment will be accepted or be allowed to be brought before the floor if the constitutional amendment was submitted between 6 days before the convention or 24 hours before the conventions.

#### **Constitutional Amendments:**

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##### ***Amendment #1 - Approved on Tuesday, August 12, 2025***

The State Chair will be empowered to make any grammatical changes necessary to the TCR constitution for professional and clarity reasons. Any changes made by the State Chair must be approved by the current SEB by a simple majority vote and must be reviewed carefully. To be clear only grammatical changes can be made and no changes affecting the functions or meaning of a section can be made.

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##### ***Amendment #2 - Approved on Saturday, November 8, 2025***

**Proposed Change #1** - strike these redundant provisions from the TCR Constitution:

“If a potential TCR chapter should desire to charter with the TCR after each State Convention, then approval by a simple majority vote of the Credentials Committee will be the only requirement for chartering. This vote must be conducted at a meeting of the Credentials Committee with at least 1/4 of the committee membership present. No SCREC meeting will be required. (This section will become redundant and must be removed because the the section above about chartering in between each state convention)”

“The Regional Director (RD) will meet with the interested chapter and determine whether they are ready or not to join the TCR. The Regional Director will then make a recommendation to the Credentials Committee to charter or deny chartering with the TCR. Once the Credentials Committee has received the RD’s recommendation and has verified the submitted information, they either confirm or deny the chapter request to charter utilizing a simple majority vote. This vote must take place no longer than one week after receiving the potential chapter’s information.”

“In order to charter a chapter in between each State Conventions, each chapter desiring to charter must submit their credentials and documents to their respective regional director and said Regional Director will pass these materials onto the Credentials Committee. The Credentials Committee will then verify the validity of the submitted information.

**Proposed Change #2 - Add a new Section 3 titled “The Chartering Process”**

Recommended Wording

The chartering process:

1. Step 1: Form the chapter - acquire the 10 members, elect four state officers, and create the chapter constitution. If you are an existing chapter, then make sure you meet the eligibility requirements and notify your Regional Director (RD) of your desire to charter with the TCR.
2. Step 2: Regardless of whether you are a new or existing chapter, you must submit all of the required documentation to your Regional Director and set up a meeting with them. This meeting will be utilized by the RD to determine whether the chapter in question is ready to charter with the TCR.
3. Step 3: After the meeting is held, the RD will submit a recommendation to the Credentials Committee recommending that the chapter in question should officially be chartered with the TCR provided that the RD finds that they are ready to charter. The RD will also submit all of the potential chapter’s submitted documents to the Credentials Committee. Should the RD find that the potential chapter is not ready to charter with the TCR, then they will hold onto the submitted documents and only submit said documents when the chapter is ready to charter.
4. Step 4: Once the Credentials Committee has received both the recommendation and the required documents, they will then verify the validity of the submitted information and review the recommendation.
5. Step 5: After the verification and review, the Credentials Committee will then vote to confirm or deny the chartering request. The confirmation or denial will be determined utilizing a simple majority vote (51% Outcome) of those present. A quorum of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the committee members is required for a vote to occur. This vote must take place no later than one week after receiving the potential chapter’s information and the RD’s recommendation. In the event that the Credentials Committee does not have time to meet before an upcoming SCREC, the committee can pass on the request to charter to the State Chairman or State Secretary and have the request be voted upon by the SCREC in the next meeting. (See SCREC meeting rules)
6. Step 6 (1): In the event of the Credentials Committee voting to accept the potential chapter’s request to charter with the TCR, then the committee must notify the proper RD and the chapter in question of their approval. Once the chapter in question receives the notice, they will have one week to sign their chartering agreement. Once the chapter in question signs their agreement, the potential chapter will now be considered an official chapter of the TCR and a part of the TCR.
7. Step 6 (2): In the event of the Credentials Committee voting to deny a potential chapter the ability to charter with the TCR, the committee must communicate the reason for

denial and allow another attempt to charter when the potential chapter is determined to be ready to charter. This determination will be made by the RD.”

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***Amendment #3 - Approved on Saturday, November 8, 2025***

**Proposed Change #1 - Change this provision**

From:

“For chapter chartering consideration (With the Credentials Committee), each chapter must have at least 7 members, be in good standing with their university, be recognized by their university, be enrolled during the current or previous semester of their university, and submit the following documentation:

1. Chapter credentials with the names, positions, email addresses, phone numbers, and graduation dates of each member. The chapter’s mailing address, complete officer board list, and advisor’s name and email must also be included in the credentials submitted.
2. Complete & Updated Chapter Constitution”

To:

“For chapter chartering consideration (With the Credentials Committee), each chapter must have at least 10 members, have four (4) chapter officers, be a registered student organization on campus, be in good standing with their university, and submit the following documentation:

1. Chapter credentials with the names, positions, email addresses, phone numbers, and graduation dates of each member. The chapter’s mailing address, complete officer board list, and advisor’s name and email must also be included in the credentials submitted.
2. Complete & Updated Chapter Constitution”

The four (4) required chapter officers are the following:’

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer

**Proposed Change #2 - Add a new Section 4 titled “Federation Resource Allocation Thresholds”**

Recommended Wording:

“Section 4 - Federation Resource Allocation Thresholds

The Texas College Republicans (TCR) offers support and resources to all of its chapters provided that they meet certain requirements.

TCR Chapters who have applied for chapter boxes must meet the following requirements to receive a chapter box:

1. Be a chartered chapter of the TCR
2. Be a registered student organization on campus

TCR Chapters who have applied for the chapter grant must meet the following requirements to receive a grant:

1. Be a chartered chapter of the TCR
2. Be a registered student organization on campus
3. Have an established bank account with an institution other than: Cashapp, Paypal, Venmo, or other similar online payment platforms. They must have a bank account with a credible bank.”

Number each previous section accordingly

**Proposed Change #3** - Eliminate these redundant provision(s)

“The National Federation of College Republicans (NFCR) currently requires that each chapter have at least 10 members and four executive board members.”

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