

Bylaws Reaffirmed 03/14/2020

Tarrant County Libertarian Party Bylaws

ARTICLE I:

Name

The name of this organization is the Tarrant County Libertarian Party, hereinafter referred to as TCLP.

ARTICLE II:

Purpose

The purpose of the TCLP is to recruit and support candidates for public office affiliated with the TCLP and promote the Statement of Principles of the Libertarian Party of Texas.

ARTICLE III: Voting

Members

Membership of the TCLP shall be defined by the Texas Libertarian Party and the Texas Election Code.

ARTICLE IV: Officers and

Duties

A. The elected officers of the TCLP Executive Committee shall be Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. These offices shall be filled by a majority vote at the county convention or, in the case of a vacancy, by the TCLP Executive Committee.

1. Elections of Officers shall occur at the TCLP County Convention. Convention Delegates will elect officers by majority vote. Their terms will begin immediately upon winning the election. Outgoing officers will have ten business days to turn over TCLP records to new Officers.

B. The office of Past Chair shall be automatically filled by the former chair without election, unless removed for cause or another qualified former TCLP Chair is selected instead by the TCLP Executive Committee.

C. Up to four (4) At Large Directors may be appointed by a majority vote of the TCLP

Executive Committee. A Director shall take office upon appointment and shall serve until the next regular Convention, or until removal. All Directors must be TCLP members.

D. In all county elections, None of The Above (NOTA) or a functional equivalent will be one of the choices. In no case is there to be an election without the option of selecting none of the available candidates. Any election where such an option is excluded is void.

E. Duties of officers

1. Chair: The Chair shall be the principal and presiding officer of the Executive Committee and the chief executive officer of the TCLP and shall perform such duties as usually pertains to the office of chair.

2. Vice Chair: The Vice Chair shall act as the assistant to the Chair and shall perform the duties of the Chair in his or her absence. If the position of Chair becomes vacant, the Vice Chair shall assume the position of Chair until the end of the previous Chair's term or until a new Chair is elected in special convention. The Vice Chair may also be called upon, at the request of the Chair, to fulfill the duties of the Treasurer or Secretary in the absence of either officer or in the event that one of those offices become vacant. The Vice Chair shall also perform such duties as usually pertains to the office of vice chair.

3. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep an accurate record (minutes) of the proceedings of all official meetings of the TCLP. Records shall be kept up to date and in order in a master file. Secretary shall also keep a list of members with dates of the affiliation, as required by law, and perform other duties as usually pertains to the office of secretary.

4. Treasurer: The Treasurer, or Treasurer's designated agent, shall receive, hold, disburse and account for the TCLP funds under the direction of a majority vote of TCLP Executive Committee Officers. The Treasurer shall keep these records up to date and organized in a master file on a monthly basis. Checks can be signed by any executive member on the account. In the event that funds are necessary for regularly expected expenditures or needed immediately for TCLP business matters the Treasurer, Secretary or Chair, are authorized to spend up to \$300, in total for the current quarter, for these matters. Communication must be sent out to the entire TCLP Executive Committee via email within 48 hours of such an expenditure detailing the amount spent and reason, a receipt must be provided at the next TCLP Executive

Committee business meeting.

5. Past Chair: The Past Chair shall attend TCLP business meetings, advise the chair and committee, and help to preserve the continuity of TCLP.

F. Removal of office Any member of the TCLP Executive Committee may be stripped of all offices, including County Chair, for missing two (2) consecutive regular quarterly TCLP business meetings. Any committee Officer, including County Chair, may be removed by a 2/3 majority vote. A committee Officer who holds multiple offices may remain on the committee so long as at that committee Officer still holds an office from which he or she has not been relieved.

G. Special Conventions A vacancy in the office of Vice Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer may be filled by a special convention, scheduled no earlier than 14 days and no later than 60 days after the vacancy occurs. The Secretary shall issue a notice to TCLP voting members at least seven days prior to such convention of the agenda, location and schedule of such convention. If the Secretary is one of the vacant offices, the Chair shall issue such notice. If the office of Chair becomes vacant, the Vice Chair shall assume the office of Chair. If the offices of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary become vacant, the Treasurer shall issue such notice. If the offices of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer all become vacant, any member of the Executive Committee can be appointed to issue such notice.

H. TCLPEC may establish standing policies for the operations of the Executive Committee and the day to day operations of TCLP.

ARTICLE V: Meetings

A. Regular TCLP Executive Committee meetings will be held on a date determined by the chair during each quarter. A special TCLP Executive Committee meeting can be called by the Chair or two officers with a 10 day notice to the other officers.

C. A quorum consisting of a majority of the Officers constituting the Executive Committee at that time is required to conduct business.

D. Each Officer has one vote, except the Chair shall vote only to resolve a tie. Meetings can be held in person, by telephone conference, or by Internet video conference, provided there are no objections. All meetings are open to the public and will be posted publicly on active social media and internet channels.

ARTICLE VI:
Subcommittees

A. The TCLP Executive Committee may establish subcommittees as it deems appropriate to assist it in carrying out its nonstatutory duties and may appoint to such subcommittees persons who are not Officers of the TCLP Executive Committee.

B. No action of a subcommittee or of any standing committee created by the TCLP Executive Committee shall replace or supersede the actions or authority of the TCLP Executive Committee at its subsequent meetings.

C. For precincts without an elected Precinct Chair, Precinct Chairs may be appointed or removed by TCLPEC by a majority vote. Precinct Chairs are subject to eligibility requirements as stipulated in the Texas Election Code. TCLPEC may not remove an elected Precinct Chair.

ARTICLE VII:
Severability

If any portion of these Bylaws are held to be invalid or void by court or action of the Texas Libertarian Party, the remaining portions shall remain in effect.

ARTICLE VIII: Parliamentary
Authority

Robert's Rules of Order (latest edition) shall be the only Parliamentary Authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered in these Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX: Amendment to these
ByLaws

These bylaws may be amended, at a regular County Convention or at a special meeting of TCLP voting members, by a two thirds vote of those voting members present. To amend at a special meeting shall require that the notice of such a meeting, and the text of the proposed amendment shall be sent to all TCLP voting members at least ten (10) days before such a meeting.

ARTICLE X: Delegate Election to District and State
Convention

A. Delegate

Eligibility

1. All delegates must meet criteria for voting members of TCLP.
2. A person otherwise qualified need not be present to be elected as a district delegate, primary state delegate or alternate state delegate.

B. Delegate Election.

1. The election of delegates to district and state conventions shall be done separately.
2. Potential delegates may list their current or former TCLPEC, LPTexas or LNC title on any printed ballots.
- 3 . District Convention
 - a. There shall be no limit on the number of delegates elected to District Conventions.
 - b. Delegates may be elected to more than one district convention.
 - c. Election of delegates to district conventions shall be voted upon by the County Convention.
4. State.
 - a. The number of delegates shall be determined according to LPTexas rules.
 - b. When the number of primary and alternate delegates running for the state convention exceeds the number of delegates granted to the county the following process shall be used.
 1. Election of officers for the Executive Committee must occur first. The County Chair, the Vice Chair, the Secretary and the Treasurer shall be considered elected primary delegates. County officers may decline to be primary state convention

delegates.

2. Remaining Delegates shall be allotted by a voting method

determined by the County Convention Delegates (CCD).

3. NOTA shall be an option. A delegate must gain more votes than

NOTA to be selected as either a primary or an alternate delegate.

c. When alternate delegates are allowed, alternates will be assigned a numerical order of precedence for attendance to state convention.

C. Adjournment of County Convention. A motion to adjourn a county convention is out of order without the convention first voting to select party officers to the county Executive Committee and primary delegates for state and district conventions.