



**3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT GOP
RESOLUTIONS RULES AND GUIDELINES
March 13, 2024**

**RULES FOR RESOLUTIONS, ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE,
AND RESOLUTIONS GUIDELINES**

The following is provided to facilitate understanding of rules for Resolutions and announce the establishment of the Resolutions Committee and Resolutions Guidelines for the North Carolina GOP, 3rd Congressional District.

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

In accordance with Rule 1, paragraph B of the 2023 convention rules, elections were held for Members-at-Large (MAL) for the 3rd District and to serve in that capacity for the NC GOP. On January 13, 2024, a member was appointed by the 3rd District Chairman to serve as Chairman of the 3rd District's Resolutions Committee and directed to select two members of whom will also serve on the committee. The Resolutions Committee is established as follows:

Bill Lanier	Chairman	Appointed	Onslow County
Chuck Kitchen	Member	Selected	Onslow County
Steve Rader	Member	Selected	Beaufort County

2. RESOLUTIONS GUIDELINES

A. Resolutions From the Floor

Because Resolutions from the floor have been deferred until the 3rd District annual convention on April 20, 2024, and was not covered during the 2023 NC GOP annual convention in June 2023, Resolutions will be submitted in accordance with "Rule 10" of the North Carolina Republican Party State Executive Committee Rules of December 2, 2023 as follows:

"Rule 10

All proposed resolutions to come before the Executive Committee shall be submitted at least one month in advance so that they can be distributed to the Executive Committee membership prior to its meeting. Notwithstanding the above, resolutions may be submitted on the day of the meeting, but only if the propounder(s) of the resolution(s) shall have first furnished sufficient copies of the proposed resolution for each member of the Executive Committee, and if, by two-thirds majority, the members of the Executive Committee votes to consider the resolution."

For the purpose of the 3rd District Convention of 2024, the term "Executive Committee" shall be construed as "District 3 Convention," the term "meeting" shall be construed as "Convention," the term "at least one month" shall be construed as "at least 30 days prior," and the term "member(s)" shall be construed as "delegate(s)." This is appropriate as no change is required for the 3rd District.

B. Resolutions Committee Best Practices

"Best practices" concerning Resolutions Committees and submission of resolutions are taken directly from the Republican National Committee which are standard at all Party levels. They provide key elements that the Resolutions Committee considers when resolutions are submitted to and received by the Committee. These practices are attached as an addendum to this notification.



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C. Submission of Resolutions

Proposed resolutions shall be submitted to the Chairman of the NC GOP 3rd District Resolutions Committee according to the rules noted herein, by email, at williamlanier1057@gmail.com, for consideration by the 3rd District Resolutions Committee 30 days prior to Convention. If, and upon approval by two-thirds vote of the NC GOP 3rd District Convention, approved resolutions will be forwarded to the NC GOP Resolutions Committee for consideration. Resolutions may also be submitted on the day of the meeting, but only if the propounder(s) of the resolution(s) shall have first furnished sufficient copies of the proposed resolution for each member of the Executive Committee, and if, by two-thirds majority, the members of the Executive Committee votes to consider the resolution.

Please contact me at the email provided, or at (910) 381-4616 if you have questions.

Respectfully,

Bill Lanier

Chairman, Resolutions Committee

Encl: Addendum, Resolutions Committee Best Practices



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**ADDENDUM
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE BEST PRACTICES
(Resource: Republican National Committee)**

There is no doubt many members of the District, Counties, and Precincts are well versed in authoring resolutions. Best practices provided are simply to assist all members in developing and authoring effective resolutions. These practices are presented verbatim (with some highlights) from the resource (RNC) as follows:

“A resolution is an official expression of will or opinion by a group. It has no legal standing but is intended to influence or provide messaging. By definition it is a firm decision to do or not to do something or is a position statement. Its quality is to be determined and resolute. In brief, it has the power to send a message or to influence.

1. **Use scholarly formatting** – Below is a sample from the Republican National Committee.
 - a. **Shorter is better.** Less is more. If it’s too long, few will read it.
 - b. Formulate a title that encapsulates the issue.
 - c. The first sentence may reference the responsibility of the writer, though not required, in order to establish standing (example: Whereas it is the responsibility (or goal) of the Republican Party to...)
 - d. Whereas clauses are justification or rationale statements. Keep them simple & to the point. They identify a problem or needed action.
 - e. Resolved clauses are the main portion of the resolution & are calls to action.
 - f. Whereas clauses should be evidenced based on clear supporting elements to strengthen the resolved actions.
 - g. **Carefully check the facts.** Verify data.
 - h. Limit the use of adjectives, qualifying adverbs, or editorial opinion. Focus on essentials.
 - i. Remove whereas clause that is not addressed in resolved clause.
 - j. Address only one issue with each resolution.
 - k. **Consider the merits as in whether it is redundant, already addressed thoroughly, is self-evident or whether this issue is covered by other authorities such as Platform Committee or Rules Committee.**

RNC Example (sample of only Whereas & Resolved clause)

WHEREAS, It is essential to national security that votes be accurately recorded and that our election systems and technology be secure and protected from manipulation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee (RNC) calls for each state legislature to review election processes as they were implemented in the 2020 election and reform processes to ensure that each United States citizen’s legal vote counts;

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2. If a resolution is controversial or will be hotly debated – it is probably a bad resolution.



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- a. It can be reasonably argued that resolutions that are controversial even among Republicans is actually healthy. However, in practicality, resolutions that are controversial among like-minded groups fail to meet the definition of being firmly resolute, they are difficult to pass and even with passage leaves many within the like-minded group feeling disaffected.
 - b. If a controversial resolution passes by a narrow margin, it loses the power of influence that it would possess passing with near unanimity.
 - c. Poorly written, unreasonable, or resolutions with refutable elements also loses its influential power.
3. Consider the audience in terms of who you are trying to influence or send a message. If the issue is a local issue, then it would be necessary for the most part to have the resolution considered beyond the local level. A statewide resolution should have statewide implications.

Resolution Consideration

- A. Local issues of only local interest should stay local (County/District).
- B. Issues with statewide implications may be submitted for consideration at the State convention.
- C. Resolutions can originate from a county or district convention and forwarded to the State Resolutions Committee after consideration at the county or district level.
 - a. The State Resolutions Committee will consider resolutions based on the above elements. Most importantly is consideration as to the resolutions board impact and whether the issue is already covered by other means.
 - b. If the resolution is not covered in another area of the state party organization but would be best addressed by another committee (ie...Platform, Plan of Organization, Credentials) then the resolution may be referred to another committee for consideration.
 - c. The State Resolution Committee will approve, reject or refer the resolution to another committee. In some cases, the committee may send the resolution back to the author for requested revisions but reserves the right to adjust the resolution in committee.”

Note: For the purpose of the NC GOP 3rd District Resolution Committee, a recap of addendum highlights are as follows:

- Use scholarly format (**correct grammar**)
- Title must encapsulate the issue (**at top of the resolution page**)
- Shorter is better (**limit the resolution to one page**)
- Carefully check facts (**use fact based accurate information**)
- Consider the merits as in whether it is redundant, already addressed thoroughly, is self-evident or whether this issue is covered by other authorities such as Platform Committee or Rules Committee (**avoid redundancy / don't address issues already covered in the NC GOP Platform**)
- LOOK UP Platform on the NC GOP website as needed to avoid redundancy (www.nc.gop)
- Have the sponsoring organization at the end of the resolution (see the text box in this addendum).

Acknowledgement of receipt of submitted resolutions will be forwarded to the sending Party organization.