



# Constitution

## **Article I. Name, Purpose, and Membership**

### **Section 1. Name**

The name of the organization shall be The Greene County Democratic Party herein referred to as the GCDP.

### **Section 2. Purpose**

The purpose of the GCDP is to support and elect Democrats, while promoting and protecting Democratic values for the benefit of all residents of Greene County.

### **Section 3. Membership**

- A. Membership in the GCDP shall be open to all residents of Greene County, in the State of Ohio, who support the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and the Constitution and Bylaws of the GCDP.
- B. No person may be a member or may vote on any motion, resolution, nomination, or election at any caucus, convention, meeting, or conference of the GCDP, who does not meet the aforesaid qualifications or who is a member of any other political party and who is not of voting age as defined by O.R.C. §3503.

### **Section 4. Eligibility for Party Office**

- A. Any person who meets the membership requirement of Article 1, Section 3, is eligible for election to party office.
- B. There shall be no minimum age requirements for Party office, except that they shall be of voting age as defined in O.R.C. §3503.

### **Section 5. Qualifications**

If any person's qualifications as a member of the GCDP or eligibility for party office are in question, the majority of the GCDP Executive Committee, as determined by a majority vote, will rule.

## **Article II: Constitutions and Laws**

### **Section 1. Conflicts of Power**

- A. Nothing herein shall conflict with the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, the laws of the State of Ohio, or the Ohio Democratic Party Constitution. Any matter which conflicts with any of the aforesaid shall be of no force and effect.
- B. All constitutional provisions and laws of the United States of America and the State of Ohio are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part hereof.
- C. Each section of this Constitution shall be considered separately and the illegality or unenforceability of any one section shall not affect any other section.

## **Section 2. Public Access**

Copies of this Constitution and the GCDP Bylaws shall be made available to the public through the GCDP Website or to anyone upon request to the Chief executive Officer (CEO) or vice chairperson.

## **ARTICLE III: Central Committee and Executive Committee Organization**

### **Section 1. Controlling Body**

- A. The controlling body of the GCDP shall be the GCDP Central Committee
- B. The GCDP Central Committee's membership shall be elected in each precinct, one per precinct, to a four-year term according to the laws of the State of Ohio.
- C. The GCDP Central Committee shall elect a GCDP Executive Committee.
- D. The GCDP Executive Committee shall have such powers as are granted to it by the GCDP Central Committee, as provided by law, and as provided by the GCDP Constitution and Bylaws.

### **Section 2. Organizational Meeting**

- A. The members-elect of the GCDP Central Committee shall meet no earlier than six (6) days, nor later than fifteen (15) days, following the date of the certification of the official results of the primary election provided by the Greene County Board of Elections. The retiring chairperson of the GCDP Central Committee shall designate the time and place for this meeting.
- B. Notice of such meeting, indicating the date, time, and place, shall be sent to each member-elect by the retiring secretary of the GCDP Central Committee. This is to be sent by U.S. Mail or by electronic mail if the member-elect opts in to receive the notice by these means. A copy of the notice shall be posted in the office of the Greene County Board of Elections at least five (5) days prior to any such meeting. If the retiring secretary does not issue the notice within the time designated by law, any five (5) members-elect may do so.
- C. The meeting shall be called to order by the retiring chairperson or secretary or, if such an officer is absent, then by a member of the GCDP Central

Committee designated by the democratic members of the Greene County Board of Elections.

- D. A Chairperson and secretary shall be elected by the GCDP Central Committee and will chair and record minutes of the organizational meeting.

### **Section 3. Central Committee Elects Executive Committee**

At the organizational meeting, the GCDP Central Committee shall elect themselves to the GCDP Executive Committee.

### **Section 4. Transfer of Power**

- A. The GCDP Central Committee shall confer upon the GCDP Executive Committee all powers and authority.
- B. The GCDP Executive Committee shall be authorized to act in all things pertaining to the welfare, business, operation, and organization of the GCDP during the period of the four-year (4) term.
- C. The GCDP Executive Committee shall establish bylaws to guide and regulate the GCDP.
- D. Any vacancy in the GCDP Executive Committee shall be filled by a majority vote of the GCDP Executive Committee.

### **Section 5. Executive Committee Officer Election**

- A. The GCDP Executive Committee shall convene immediately upon its election for the purpose of electing officers of the GCDP Executive Committee.
- B. The GCDP Executive Committee shall proceed to elect a chairperson (CEO), vice chair, secretary, and treasurer by a roll call vote.
- C. Candidates for officers need not be members of the GCDP Central Committee nor the GCDP Executive Committee.
- D. Elected officers automatically become members of the GCDP Executive Committee.
- E. The CEO and the vice chair must differ in gender in accordance with the rules set forth in the Charter of the Democratic National Committee.

### **Section 6. Executive Committee Composition**

- A. Following the election of the GCDP Executive Committee officers, all democratic county-wide officeholders and Democratic candidates for county-wide office shall become ex-officio members with all rights and privileges. County-wide office includes Greene County representatives of the Ohio State Assembly.
- B. At-large appointees may be nominated to the executive committee at any regular executive committee meeting. The election of the nominee will occur by vote at a subsequent executive committee meeting.

- C. Once elected, at-large members are full members with the same rights and responsibilities as all other EC members.

**Article IV: Amendment**

This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the entire membership of the GCDP Executive Committee at a meeting specifically called to amend the Constitution.

**Article V: Previous Constitution and Bylaws**

This Constitution supersedes all prior versions of the GCDP Central Committee and Executive Committee and shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED AT Xenia, Ohio, the 18th day of May, 2023, by the Greene County Democratic Central Committee and Greene County Democratic Party Executive Committee.