

# **Ascension Republican Parish Executive Committee Endorsement Policy**

**Purpose:** This Policy is created to ensure fairness and consistency in the process of publicly stating an endorsement for a Republican candidate seeking election.

**Policy and Procedure:** The Endorsement Committee will provide an application by e-mail after qualifying for all Republicans who seek an endorsement. If seeking an endorsement from the Ascension RPEC, the candidate will be required to complete the application before interviewing with the Endorsement Committee.

When the Endorsement Committee completes the screening process, the committee may recommend the candidate to the full Ascension RPEC for a vote. The following rules will apply to the endorsement process.

- I. The Ascension Republican Parish Executive Committee will only consider Republican candidates for endorsement.
- II. A candidate must be nominated for endorsement by any member in good standing with the Ascension RPEC. A second to the nomination is required.
- III. A vote of “Endorsement” or “No Endorsement” will be cast by each member of the Ascension RPEC for each candidate nominated.
- IV. A candidate must receive a majority vote of the members present to receive the endorsement. A quorum of members must be present in order to endorse.
- V. An Ascension RPEC member who is a qualified candidate for a particular office must recuse himself/herself from voting in the endorsement for the office of which he/she is running.
- VI. The endorsement process shall not begin until a candidate has officially qualified to run for office with the Clerk of Court and no endorsement shall be made before qualifying is closed.
- VII. Candidates being considered for endorsement must complete and return the questionnaire to the Ascension RPEC and complete the interviewing process before an endorsement vote.
- VIII. The Endorsement Committee will interview the candidate and make recommendations to the full Ascension RPEC.
- IX. Candidates who meet endorsement requirements of the Endorsement Committee may be invited to address the Ascension RPEC.
- X. A 2/3 majority vote shall be required to change the Endorsement Policy.

**NOTE:** Once endorsed, the approved Republican will be allowed to use the Ascension RPEC picture and logo in their literature. Other support will be determined by the Ascension RPEC.