

# BYLAWS of the GALVESTON ISLAND DEMOCRATS

Approved by Membership November 18, 2025

## **ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Galveston Island Democrats, also known as GID.

## **ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVE**

The objective/mission of GID is to unite and activate current and potential Democrats who support the principles and candidates of the Democratic Party. The GID will continue working to make our community just, inclusive, and sustainable.

## **ARTICLE III. MEMBERS**

Any individual who agrees to support the mission statement set forth in Article II and who has donated to GID shall be eligible for membership. Membership carries the privileges to vote, to hold an elected office, chair a committee identified by the Executive Board, and the rights afforded to a member.

## **ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS**

### **Section 1. Officers**

The officers of GID shall be a President, Vice President-Administration, Vice President-Finance, Secretary, and Treasurer. All members meeting the criteria of Article III are eligible to be an officer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by GID.

### **Section 2. Officers' Duties**

- A. President – The President shall preside over all meetings and work with the Executive Board, defined in Article V, to conduct the affairs of GID. The President shall make public statements on behalf of GID only with the approval of the majority of the Executive Board.
- B. Vice President-Administration – The Vice President-Administration shall be responsible for the planning of monthly programming and venue, and any other business of GID as directed by the President. The Vice President-Administration shall serve in the absence of the President.

C. Vice President-Finance -The Vice President-Finance shall coordinate membership retention/growth and fundraising. Shall assist Committee Chairs with compiling yearly budgets and budget forecasting.

D. Secretary – The Secretary shall record minutes of all membership, Executive Board, and special meetings. The Secretary shall also keep attendance records for the Executive Board and special meetings.

E. The Treasurer shall maintain the financial records of GID and provide monthly reports to the Executive Board and to the general membership on the financial position of GID. The Treasurer shall make all reports as required by law, including reports for the Democratic Party as required.

### **Section 3. Nomination Procedure, Time of Elections**

Self-nominations for officers shall be accepted between November 1 and December 15 of the calendar year by the Secretary. No later than December 31 of the calendar year, the membership shall be notified of candidates. Elections for officers shall be conducted at the January membership meeting.

### **Section 4. Ballot Election, Term of Office, Removal from Office, Vacancies of Office**

A majority vote of those members present at the meeting shall elect the officers. The term of office is from the January membership meeting until next year’s January membership meeting, or until their successors are elected. Officers may be removed from office by the membership as provided in the parliamentary authority. Any vacancies in an office shall be filled by a majority vote of those present at an Executive Board meeting until the next regular election.

## **ARTICLE V. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

### **Section 1. Board Composition**

The officers of GID and the Committee Chairs shall constitute the Executive Board.

### **Section 2. Board’s Duties and Powers**

The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of GID between its business meetings, fix the hours and place of meetings, make recommendations to the GID, and perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws. The Executive Board shall fill any vacancies until the next regular election. The Executive Board, by a majority of those present at an Executive Board meeting, may adopt Standing Rules to effectuate the goals and purposes of these bylaws.

### **Section 3. Board Meetings**

Any officer of GID may call Board meetings.

## **ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS**

### **Section 1. Membership Meetings**

The membership meetings of GID will be held on the last Tuesday of every month from January to October.

### **Section 2. Special Meetings**

Special meetings may be called by the President or by the Executive Board. They may also be called upon the written request of ten members of GID. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call, which shall be sent to all members at least three days before the meeting.

## **ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES**

The Executive Board may establish committees as it shall deem necessary to continue the work of GID. A majority of the Executive Board shall appoint the Chair of the committee. The President shall be an ex officio member of all committees.

## **ARTICLE VIII. DISSOLUTION SECTION**

### **Section 1. Meeting for Dissolution**

The GID may be dissolved at any membership meeting of GID by a majority vote of those members present, provided that the proposal of dissolution has been submitted in writing or by electronic notification to members of record 30 days before the vote.

### **Section 2. Disposition of Affairs**

If a vote is made to dissolve, the President, Vice President, and others as directed by the President and Vice President, shall address all legal requirements to dissolve and complete the affairs of GID.

### **Section 3. Disposition of GID Monies**

Any monies or other personal property held by GID at the time of dissolution shall first be applied to resolve any liabilities of GID, with any residual being disbursed to the Galveston County Democratic Party.

## **ARTICLE IX. PARLIAMENTARY AND LEGAL AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised) shall govern GID to the extent applicable and consistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order GID may adopt. To the extent that these bylaws conflict with any legal requirements governing GID, these bylaws shall be construed to be modified or supplemented to conform to such government legal requirements.

## **ARTICLE X – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

These bylaws may be amended at any membership meeting of GID by a majority vote of those members present, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing or electronic notification 30 days before the vote.