# MINUTES

## LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 19 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE
## BUSINESS MEETING

## DATE: October 17, 2026

## LOCATION: Grace Chapel, Benson Arizona

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jo Ann Gasper called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. The Chair and Secretary were present. Representative Lupe Diaz gave the invocation; Senator David Gowan led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chair recognized elected officials from Cochise and Pima Counties.

### II. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Secretary Shelley Kais recognized Chair Jo Ann Gasper for her public service in the Reagan administration. The membership thanked Chair Gasper for her service.

### III. CREDENTIAL REPORT

| COUNTY | PRESENT | PROXIES | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cochise | 25 | 2 | 27 |
| Graham | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Greenlee | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pima | 35 | 35 | 70 |
| Santa Cruz | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 62 | 37 | 99 |

One guest was also present. A credentials report was presented, and a quorum was declared present.

### IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Christine Emery moved to adopt the Meeting Agenda. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

### V. ADOPTION OF SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER

Christine Emery moved to adopt the Special Rules of Order. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

### VI. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2026 MINUTES

The minutes of the September 2026 Tall Hall were read and accepted.

## VII. BYLAW AMENDMENTS

The Chair and Chairman of the Bylaws Committee introduced the proposed amendment to Article II, Mission Statement, and explained its purpose. The assembly considered the proposed provisions individually and then voted on the proposal as amended. The following actions were recorded during consideration:

1. John Backer moved to strike "and re-election." The motion was seconded and adopted by voice vote. Resulting provision: "To assure the election of Republicans to the Arizona State Senate and the State House of Representative seats in Arizona Legislative District 19."

2. The provision was agreed to by voice vote. Text: "To support the legislative interests of Republicans elected to the Arizona Legislature from Arizona Legislative District 19."

3. Jan Farrington moved an amendment, which was seconded and adopted by voice vote. Resulting provision: "To provide open communication between elected Republican Arizona Legislators and District 19 electors to discern and transmit to the legislators the legitimate interests and concerns of Republican electors in the district."

4. Janice Wooten moved an amendment, which was seconded and adopted by voice vote. Resulting provision: "To promote among electors in Arizona Legislative District 19 the Republican principles, philosophy, and ideals, briefly stated as a free market economy, low taxes, limited government, and State's rights."

5. Sharon Fickes moved to substitute: "To support precinct committeemen in their respective roles as PCs of the county and LD, that are different, compatible, and mutually supportive within Legislative District 19." The motion was seconded and defeated. The provision under consideration therefore remained: "To support precinct committeemen in carrying out their responsibilities within Legislative District 19."

6. An amendment to the provision originally numbered 7 was moved and seconded. During consideration, Karl Fiebelkorn proposed adding "please see Appendix A." The recorded hand count was 39 in favor and 10 opposed; the amendment was adopted. Resulting provision: "For the in-depth Mission Statement provided to Precinct Committeemen, please see Appendix A."

7. Darrell Hochstetler moved to create provision 7 from provision 5 of the original bylaws. The motion was seconded and adopted by a hand count of 31 in favor and 22 opposed. Resulting provision: "To promote an informed electorate through political education."

8. Ray Ihly moved to create provision 8 from provision 6 of the original bylaws, striking "permanent." The motion was seconded and adopted by a hand count of 31 in favor and 12 opposed. Resulting provision: "To develop, maintain, and support a Republican District."

9. Karl Fiebelkorn moved to create provision 9. The motion was seconded and adopted by a hand count of 27 in favor and 25 opposed. Resulting provision: "To support and elect qualified Republican Candidates at all levels of government."

**VIII.** **Final disposition**. Steve Ware moved to adopt the proposed Mission Statement as amended. Sharon Fickes seconded. A counted vote, including proxies, was conducted by the Tally Team. The Tally Team announced 60 affirmative votes; no negative vote total was announced. The Chair declared the motion defeated for failure to meet the required two-thirds threshold. The proposed bylaw amendment was not adopted; the existing Article II remains unchanged.

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented.

## IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The organizational meeting was announced for November 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Rothery in Sierra Vista.

Nominations for office were requested by November 1, 2026. Candidates for office were to be posted at azld19republicans.com.

Thanks were extended to Kaylee Nix and Ed Woziak for refreshments; Pastor/Representative Lupe Diaz for use of Grace Chapel; Ron Hale and the Bylaws Committee; the Credentials Committee; and Billy Cloud and Ed Woziak, the Tally Team.

## X. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gasper adjourned the meeting at 12:58 pm.

Submitted by: *Shelley Kais* October 19, 2026

Shelley Kais, Secretary Date

Approved:_____ Initials: Approved: _____