



## **State Plan of Organization Opinion 2024-001**

**Date:** January 29, 2024

**Question From:** Moore County Republican Party

**Question(s) Presented:**

1. Are the Moore County Precinct Chairs, who are elected at a Precinct Meeting, and the Presidents of the Republican Clubs, who are elected by their members, permitted to be Members of the Moore County Executive Committee if the County Plan of Organization does not authorize the County Executive Committee to elect them as Members?
2. If the answer to the previous question is “no,” can the Moore County Plan of Organization permit the Precinct Chairs, Republican Club Presidents, and Republican elected officials to be non-voting members of the Committee with the privilege of being recognized at Committee meetings for the purpose of making motions or debate?

**Answered by:** Russ Ferguson, NCGOP General Counsel  
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**Answer:**

No. Under Article III.A.1 of the State Plan of Organization, “[t]he County Executive Committee shall consist of the County officers and other persons elected by the County Convention in accordance with Article VII.B.2.b, and the County Finance Chairman.” Article VII.B.2.b, in relevant part, further expands the County Executive Committee beyond the officers to include 1) “5 or more” at-large committee members who are elected by the County Convention and 2) any additional members that a County Plan of Organization may provide for that are



elected by the County Executive Committee in addition to those members elected by the County Convention.<sup>1</sup>

In short, under the State Plan of Organization, County Executive Committees are comprised of: 1) officers elected by the County Convention, 2) the County Finance Chairman, 3) the 5 or more at-large members elected by the county convention, and 4) any additional members that a County Plan of Organization may provide for that are elected by the County Executive Committee in addition to those members elected by the County Convention. Therefore, unless otherwise elected by the County Convention or County Executive Committee, no additional individuals (i.e. Precinct Chairs, Region Chairs, Auxiliary Chairs, etc.) are qualified as members of the County Executive Committee, regardless of what an individual County Plan of Organization provides.

County Parties may add additional Executive Committee members, provided such additional members are elected by the County Executive Committee in compliance with all applicable Plans of Organization.

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<sup>1</sup> See generally State Plan of Organization Article VII.B.2.ii.