



2024 TREPAC Committee Charter

Committee Type: Standing Committee

Mission: To raise awareness and funds for the Texas REALTORS® Political Action Committee (TREPAC) in order to promote home ownership, protect real property rights, and increase political awareness.

Chair:

Vice Chair:

Committee Composition: The Committee composition shall be as follows at the time the Committee selection is approved by the Board of Directors:

- The Committee shall be an open committee with unlimited membership and a rolling roster throughout the year.
- Active Association REALTOR® Members and Affiliate Members may serve on the committee.
- Board Appointees (Ex officio voting members) shall include the immediate past TREPAC Chair, Region 15 TREPAC Trustees, Region 15 PIC, and LMT Chair.
- The Chair and Vice Chair shall serve January 1 to December 30.

Purpose:

- Establish the annual TREPAC fundraising and participation goals for the Austin Board of REALTORS®.
- Solicit voluntary investments to TREPAC and ABoR-PAC through education, selling tickets to TREPAC fundraising events, and by promoting the benefits of TREPAC to the membership.
- Meet the Austin Board of REALTORS® annual fundraising quota as established by TREPAC, and the local participation goal, by September 30 annually.

Directives:

- Become knowledgeable of local, regional, state and national public policy issues impacting our industry, property owners and ABoR.
- Prepare an annual fundraising plan for approval by the Board of Directors and promote the benefits of PAC to the membership.
- Make high level decisions related to TREPAC events, including but not limited to: event budget, event theme, event date, and event venue.
- The committee shall comply with the applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding political activities of associations with a 501©6 designation.

- Although the TREPAC Committee is a standing committee which typically meets quarterly, the Board has authorized monthly meetings when needed.
- Members will maintain a high level knowledge of PAC fundraising guidelines.
- Educate the membership about how TREPAC affects their business at the local and state level.
- The term will be one year.
- All TREPAC Committee Members should be TREPAC investors during the current TREPAC year at the \$45 Fair Share level or higher.
- Attend the Texas REALTORS® annual TREPAC/GA Orientation.
- Encourage all Committee members to participate in leadership development.

COMMITTEE POLICY AND PROCEDURE

- A. The Board of Directors will identify a process to complete an annual review of Committee/Task Force charters by the November board meeting.
- B. Committees will receive direction from the Board of Directors through directives reflected in their Committee Charter which is reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors Annually.
- C. Board Directors and Association Members should channel their communications to committees through the Committee Chair and Committee Staff Liaison.
- D. Individual Directors and Association Members may attend open committee meetings only for the purpose of observing. Guests may speak only if the committee chair grants the opportunity to address the committee, in advance, during a Member Input item on the published agenda.
- E. Only active Association REALTOR® members may serve on Standing Committees, unless otherwise specified in the Committee Charter which is reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors annually.
- F. Committee/Task Force members shall abide by and may receive copies of the following:
 1. The Association's Bylaws;
 2. The Association's Governing Policies;
 3. Committee/Task Force charter; and
 4. Volunteer Commitment Agreement.
- G. Committee/Task Force members who do not abide by the Association's Bylaws, the Governing Policies and the Volunteer Commitment Agreement are subject to censure or removal at the direction of the Board of Directors in Executive Session by majority vote for any reason.
- H. The President is an ex-officio member of all Committees pursuant to the Association's Bylaws, with the exception of the Vetting Committee.

- I. Chairs, vice-chairs and members of Committees/Task Forces may not use their positions to market or promote their services, expertise or product to members.
- J. If a vacancy shall occur, the Board of Directors may make the appointments by majority vote.
- K. A Committee chair may serve as past chair the following year for consistency, with Board of Director approval.
- L. Task Forces may continue into subsequent years but the leadership for that Task Force (i.e. chair) may shift (vice chair would become chair). However, should a vice chair not desire the position, such position will be recommended by the Board of Directors.
- M. The chair shall drop a Committee/Task Force member after three absences from regularly scheduled meetings. This provision may be waived by vote of at least three-fourths of the other members of the Committee.

STAFF LIAISON EXPECTATIONS

The CEO may assign staff support for each Committee/Task Force to assist with preparing and disseminating notices and correspondence and preparing reports of the meetings. Staff may also provide professional recommendation and analysis as needed.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- A. All Committees/Task Forces meet as needed.
- B. Committee/Task Force meetings may be called by the chairperson, any two Committee members, or by a formal motion of the Board of Directors.
- C. Committee/Task Force meetings shall be scheduled through the Association office and during normal business hours.
- D. Meeting notices shall be sent out by the Association staff at least one week prior to the meeting. All Committee/Task Force chairs and members shall have electronic mail capacity in order to receive notices and other information.
- E. Committee/Task Force meetings shall be closed when considering proprietary matters, including competitive bids or competitive responses to requests for services from vendors, when the Committee is considering matters that the Association is required to keep confidential by the terms of confidentiality provisions with third parties, and when a closed meeting is required by other provisions of these Governing Policies or required or authorized by the Board of Directors. Minutes or reports from closed meetings will be presented to the Board of Directors during Executive Session.
- F. Committees/Task Forces should report to the Board of Directors the status of accomplishments of the Board goals as outlined in their Charter.
- G. After each Committee/Task Force meeting, the Association should cause Committee reports in the form of minutes to be prepared by Association staff to include

recommendations to the Board of Directors for consideration, a record of the actions taken at the meeting, and any other annotations consistent with Association practices. Minutes are reviewed by the Committee/Task Force chair or counsel, if appropriate, before Committee approval.

- H. Each Committee/Task Force member voting for or against an action at a meeting has a right to have his or her support or dissent, along with rationale, reflected in the report of the meeting.
- I. All Committee/Task Force members are asked to comment promptly, in writing, on any minutes circulated in the event that there appears to be any error, omission, or item in need of revision. A nonresponse is deemed as approval of the Committee report.
- J. Remote/Virtual Meetings
 - All remote/virtual meetings should include video to facilitate visual interactions.
 - It is expected when attending a remote video conference meeting members should be seen, heard and responsive. Reasonable exceptions include the need to mute or turn off video for privacy to avoid background noise from interfering with the meeting, and/or turn off video for bathroom breaks.
 - A main motion brings business before the assembly.
 - After debate is ended, the question is put before the assembly and a vote is taken by any of the commonly used methods cited in Robert's Rules of Order such as voice vote, show of hands, roll call/ballot, or a count.
 - Informal roll call votes will not be published in the minutes.
 - Proxies are not allowed for members who are absent.
 - The result of the decision is confirmed and included in the minutes.

QUORUM

- A. A quorum for all Committees/Task Forces is a majority of the total number of Committee members.
- B. A Committee/Task Force cannot conduct business without a quorum of Committee members present.

Electronic Votes:

For electronic considerations, the Board of Directors requires a valid process be followed for electronic votes.

- All communication/votes in reference to an electronic vote shall be cc'd to all Committee Members

- Each Committee Member shall cast their vote by 5:00 pm the day after distribution of the electronic consideration
- No response shall be counted as an “abstention”
- The day following the completion of an electronic vote, staff or Committee Chair shall report the roll call vote to all Committee Members
- All Committee Members shall confirm their vote by end of day when the roll call vote is offered
- If a Committee Member does not confirm his/her vote, the Committee Members vote shall be considered correct.
- No Committee or Association Action shall be taken until the entire vote is confirmed.

- End -

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