

Tarrant County GOP Resolution to Censure Representative Giovanni Capriglione

Whereas, Representative Giovanni Capriglione, who represents District 98 in the Texas House of Representatives, has committed more than three acts warranting censure pursuant to Rule 44 of Rules of the Republican Party of Texas (RPT); and

Whereas, the following acts taken by Representative Capriglione oppose the core principles of the Republican Party of Texas defined in the Preamble of the Party Platform (the “Principles”) as described in Rule No. 43A and/or the Legislative Priorities adopted at the most recent State Convention (the “Legislative Priorities”):

1. On January 14, 2025, Representative Capriglione opposed the Texas House Republican Caucus Nominee for Speaker of the House, and instead voted for, the preferred choice of the Texas House Democratic Caucus, Representative Dustin Burrows. This action (1) divided the party, in opposition to RPT Principle #5, personal accountability, and responsibility; (2) opposed the Legislative Priority of “No Democrat Chairs”, as Burrows opposed eliminating Democrat Chairs; (3) and opposed each of the Principles and Legislative Priorities, because electing the choice of House Democrats for Speaker over the Republican Caucus nominee made it less likely that the Legislative Priorities would pass or the Principles would be upheld in each and every matter coming before the Legislature.
2. On January 23, 2025, Representative Capriglione voted in favor of the House Rules (HR4), which required all Committee Vice Chairs to be Democrats, giving them sweeping new powers, and allowed Democrats to chair subcommittees, circumventing the true intent of the Republican Party’s Legislative Priority #4, “No Democrat Chairs”.
3. On January 23, 2025, Representative Capriglione seconded and voted in favor of the previous question permanently halting debate on House Rules, HR 4. Article 1 Section 2 of the Texas Constitution states, “all political power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority.” The motion for the previous question deprived the People of proper representation by denying the Representatives the opportunity to debate the 232 pages of new House rules that were released just hours before the vote. This violates RPT Principle #4, limiting government power to those items enumerated in the United States and Texas Constitutions, and #5, personal accountability and responsibility.
4. On May 8, 2025, Representative Capriglione voted in favor of Representative Matt Shaheen’s amendment to SB 17, which amended the bill to allow citizens of China, North Korea, Iran and Russia to purchase unlimited amounts of Texas land, in opposition to the Legislative Priority “Texas is not for Sale.”
5. On May 9, 2025, Representative Capriglione voted against Representative Money’s third reading amendment to strike the Shaheen amendment to SB 17. This violates the Texas RPT Legislative priority “Texas is Not for Sale.”

Whereas, this Resolution was delivered to Representative Capriglione no less than seven days prior to the meeting where it was discussed and voted upon.

Therefore be it resolved that the Executive Committee of the Tarrant County Republican Party, at a duly-noticed regular meeting, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those constituent Executive Committee Precinct Chairs present and voting, and in no case by less than a majority of constituent Precinct Chairs of the County Executive Committee (CEC) in full, recognizes the aforementioned violations as egregious acts and censurable offenses;

Be it further resolved, that Tarrant County House District 98 Representative Giovanni Capriglione has repeatedly violated the RPT Platform and Principles, fellow members of the House of Representatives, and the rights of voters to proper representation;

Be it further resolved, the Executive Committee of the Tarrant County GOP hereby CENSURES Texas Representative Capriglione according to Republican Party of Texas Rule 44(a) because of these three or more actions in opposition to the core principles of the Republican Party of Texas as described in Rule 43A and Rule 34 (c), as adopted at the most recent State Convention;

Be it further resolved, the Executive Committee of the Tarrant County GOP formally requests the State Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Texas to censure Representative Capriglione by imposing all applicable penalties set forth in Republican Party of Texas Rule 44, including but not limited to refusing to accept any application from him for a place on the ballot of a Republican Primary Election and directing the Chairman of the Tarrant County Republican Party to do the same;

Be it further resolved, the Tarrant County Republican Party shall execute all penalties imposed by the State Republican Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Texas;

Be it further resolved, that the Chair of the Tarrant County Republican Party is hereby directed to send copies, via certified mail, of this Resolution upon its successful passage to the Republican Party of Texas Chair, Vice Chair, General Counsel, and Resolution chair. The Chair shall also send copies of this Resolution, via certified mail, to Representative Capriglione and the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.