

Republican Party of Virginia State Central Committee Meeting December 10, 2022

A meeting of the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia was held at the Richmond Marriott, 500 E Broad St, Richmond, VA 23219, on December 10, 2022. Chairman Rich Anderson called the meeting to order at 11:02am. Secretary Jill Cook was present.

The invocation was given by David Botkins. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kristi Way. The Republican Creed was read by Patti Lyman.

The Chair appointed Carey Allen, Dennis Free and Jeff Ryer as the proxy committee.

The following members attended in person: Rich Anderson Kristi Way Morton Blackwell Patti Lyman Jill Cook John Selph Jeff Ryer **Dennis Free** Miki Miller Carey Allen **Rick Buchanan** John Massoud **Geary Higgins** Susan Cobb Jessi Rapelje Blakely Trevor Webb Wendell Walker John Cosgrove Ken Nunnenkamp, Sr **Ron Wright Chris Marston** Mark Kelly Amanda Batten Nancy Dye Lauren Keiser **David Botkins**

Joshua Mayes Mark Daniel Nicholas Proffitt **Bill Curtis** Cliff Dunn Mike Ziegenfuss Sarah Mahayni Stacie Gordon **Renee Maxey** Doc Troxel Will Kirk Dean Welty Craig Scott Curt Lilly **Tim Parrish** Kimmy Kruskamp **Dewey McDonnell** Nancy Almasi **Diane Cullo** Jack Blakely Caleb Cruey Susan Edwards Jacob Holmes Mark Sell **Heather Rice Richard McCarty Devon Flynn** Jean M Gannon Lou Call **Thomas Turner** Joey Funai **Eugene** Lee Scott Wyatt David Suetterlein

The report of the Proxy Committee was accepted. Twelve proxies were found to be in order. An additional proxy was received following the report of the Committee. The following members attended by proxy:

Ben Hazekamp – proxy held by Tony DeTora Andrew Loposser – proxy held by Matthew Hurtt Adam Tolbert - proxy held by Eric Phillips Mike Ginsberg - proxy held by Srilekha Palle Tara Carroll - proxy held by Julie Coggsdale Elizabeth Lankford - proxy held by Parker Boggs Carole de Triquet - proxy held by William Qualls E Janet Riddick – proxy held by Eric Ditri Nate Boyer - proxy held by Carolyn Ley Stephen Kurtz - proxy held by Randy Gilbert Karen Kwiatkowski - proxy held by John Chroniger Cathy McNickle - proxy held by R J Hall Dan Johnson – proxy held by Helen Sharpe

The minutes of the September 17, 2022 meeting were approved by voice vote.

Auxiliary Reports

VFRW had no report.

Chair Jessi Rapelje Blakely delivered the YRFV report. A deployment is scheduled for January 6-8, 2023 for VA-7 Senate candidate Kevin Adams.

Chairman Trevor Webb introduced CR Rep Eugene Lee to deliver the CRFV report, who reminded the Committee that the 2023 CRFV Convention will be held the last weekend in January, where they will elect the new Board.

The Chair invited Secretary Mike Gregory to introduce the High School Republican Federation of Virginia. They have recently rechartered and are seeking HSRFV Chairs for Congressional Districts 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7. They completed 30,000 phone calls for Jen Kiggans and Yesli Vega, and made phone calls for the Georgia special election. Their first in-person meeting will take place in Richmond on January 16, 2023.

Chairman's Report

The Chair announced the following important dates:

- RPV Commonwealth Dinner: Monday, December 12, 2022
- 2023 RPV Advance: April 20-23, 2023, in Richmond
- 2024 RPV Advance: April 11-14, 2024, at the Hilton Norfolk The Main in Norfolk
- 2024 RPV Quadrennial State Convention: May 31-June 1, 2024, at the Hampton Convention Center

The Chair announced the following new Ad Hoc committees and their members:

- RPV Advance Planning Committee (formerly Arrangements), Stacie Gordon (Chair), George Clark, Julie Coggsdale, Elliott Harding, Michael Maszaros, Kathy Hayden, Cathy McNickle, Ken Nunnenkamp, Sr, Tim Parrish
- Resolutions Committee: Elizabeth Lankford (Chair), Heather Rice, Craig Scott, Doc Troxel, Sarah Mahayni, Nicholas Proffitt, Zack Thompson

The Chair announced his appointees to the 2024 State Convention Committees.

- Rules: Chair Steve Albertson, State Chair Appointee Jeff Ryer
- Credentials: Chair Bryan Horn, State Chair Appointee Nancy Dye
- Nominations: Chair Renee Maxey, State Chair Appointee Tara Carroll

The remaining members will be appointed by the District Chairs.

The Chair mentioned the need to support our candidates for the two special elections on January 10, 2023: Monique Baroudi (HOD-35) and Kevin Adams (VA Senate-7).

Executive Director Nunnenkamp gave an election and event update and announced a series of sixteen candidate training events planned for January and July 2023.

Executive Session

Without objection, the Committee entered Executive Session at 12:10pm to discuss the FY2023 budget, fund-raising items and any pending legal matters.

The Committee returned to open session at 12:48pm. It was confirmed that the Committee discussed fiscal and legal matters.

FY2023 Budget

Josh Mayes' motion to adopt the budget carried by voice vote.

Proposed Party Plan Amendment

Kristi Way's motion to limit debate on the amendment to twenty minutes total and two minutes per person carried by voice vote.

Jeff Ryer, John Selph and Jack Blakely presented the amendment.

During consideration of the Party Plan amendment, an amendment by Cliff Dunn to insert ", except under a suspension of the rules" after "no new evidence or testimony shall be received" was adopted by unanimous consent.

Not having reached the 3/4 threshold, the following amendment was not adopted by roll call vote:

ARTICLE X Rulings and Appeals

SECTION B. Contests

5. All Contests and Appeals under sub-sections 1, 2 and 3 of this section, except for an appeal to the State Central Committee, shall be heard and a decision rendered by the committee to which the appeal was made within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of the appeal. If no decision has been rendered in writing at the end of twenty-one (21) days, the appeal or contest may be made directly to the next level of appeal as if an adverse decision had been rendered. 6. A timely appeal made to the State Central Committee will be head at the next regular meeting of the Committee unless the Chairman or 1/3 of the members call for a special meeting. shall be referred to an Appeals Committee appointed for that purpose by the State Chairman. The members of the Appeals Committee shall consist of six (6) members of the State Central Committee, as follows: (a) two (2) members requested by the Appellant; (b) two (2) members requested by the Chairman of the Official Committee that rendered the decision being appealed; and (c) two (2) members selected by the State Chairman. No member of the Appeals Committee may have participated previously in the matter being appealed, nor may any member have a direct interest in the outcome of the appeal.

The Appeals Committee shall be tasked with receiving all evidence and testimony regarding the appeal. After due deliberation, the Appeals Committee shall issue a written report on a majority vote that includes the following items: (1) a statement of the facts of the matter; (2) a statement of the alleged violations of the State Party Plan and the text of the relevant provisions of the State Party Plan; (3) a discussion of the reasoning of the Appeals Committee in reaching their decision; and (4) the final determination of the Appeals Committee and the resolution of the appeal. A minority of the Appeals Committee may issue a dissenting report. The report of the Appeals Committee, including any dissenting report, shall be forwarded expeditiously to the members of the State Central Committee. The ruling of the Appeals Committee shall stand unless any of following actions occur: (1) the State Chairman refers the matter to the State Central Committee when he believes it is in the best interests of the Party to do so; (2) the General Counsel disagrees with the ruling of the Appeals Committee on the grounds that the ruling is contrary to the provisions of the State Party Plan; or (3) at least one-third (1/3) of the voting members of the State Central Committee petition the State Chairman to put the matter on the agenda of the next meeting; provided further, that such petition must be received by the State Chairman at least fourteen (14) calendar days before a scheduled meeting of the State Central Committee. In such case, the State Central Committee shall review the report of the Appeals Committee and vote to either affirm or reverse the report; no new evidence or testimony shall be received.

6. 7. If the Contest or Appeal arises from an action during a Mass Meeting, Party Canvass or Convention held less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the deadline for the official committee chairman to certify a nominee, a contest or appeal may be made directly to the appropriate Congressional District Committee, except under a suspension of the rules.

Members voting in the affirmative: Way, Cook, Selph, Ryer, Free, Miller, Allen, Hazekamp, Tolbert, Higgins, Cobb, Rapelje Blakely, Webb (Trevor), Walker, Cosgrove, Nunnenkamp, Batten, Dye, Keiser, Botkins, Carroll, Mayes, Proffitt, Lankford, Curtis, Dunn, de Triquet, Ziegenfuss, Riddick, Mahayni, Gordon, Parrish, Kruskamp, Alamasi, Cullo, Blakely, Holmes, McNickle, Rice, Flynn, Wright, Gannon, Call, Turner, Johnson, Funai, Lee, Wyatt

Members voting in the negative: Blackwell, Lyman, Buchanan, Massoud, Loposser, Ginsberg, Kelly, Daniel, Maxey, Troxel, Boyer, Kirk, Welty, Scott, Kurtz, Kwiatkowski, Lilly, McDonnell, Cruey, Edwards, Sell, McCarty, Suetterlein

Having voted on the prevailing side, David Suetterlein moved to reconsider.

Announcements

The Chair mentioned the upcoming Commonwealth Dinner on December 12.

The Chair introduced an appeal by the 5th District Committee in Halifax. Cliff Dunn's motion to postpone hearing the appeal until the next SCC meeting carried by voice vote.

David Botkins delivered the benediction.

The Committee adjourned at 1:31pm on December 10, 2022.