



Republican Party of Virginia State Central Committee Meeting December 7, 2024

A regular meeting of the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia was held on Saturday, December 7, 2024, at the Kimpton Forum Hotel, 540 Massie Rd, Charlottesville, VA 22903. Chairman Rich Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:00am. Secretary Jill Cook was present.

The invocation was given by Mark Daniel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Morton Blackwell.

The Republican Creed was read by Patti Lyman.

The Chair appointed Carey Allen as Chair of 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

Carey Allen

Rick Buchanan

John Massoud

Ben Hazekamp

Adam Tolbert

Chris Harnisch

Rosie Oakley

Chelle Davis

Stephanie Hazekamp

Cara Pocono

Wendell Walker

Ken Nunnenkamp

Nick Andersen

Chris Marston

Amanda Batten

Eric Phillips
Nancy Dye
David Botkins
DeLois Stallman
Jack Blakely
Joshua Mayes
Mark Daniel
Nicholas Proffitt
Bill Curtis
Bill Coburn
Cliff Dunn
Carole de Triquet
Mike Ziegenfuss
Zach Wood
Sarah Mahayni
Stacie Gordon
Carolyn Ley
Jim Searce
Nate Boyer
Will Kirk
Randy Gilbert
Stephen Kurtz
Willie Deutsch
Patrick Sullivan
Curt Lilly
Laird Knights
Brett Pritchett
Nancy Almasi
Diane Cullo
Valerie Wohlleben
Jennifer Nichols
Steven Statzer
Carol Czarkowski
Jim Huber
Dan Brubaker
Steve Rogers
Matt Braynard
Skye Riggleman
Elizabeth Wells
Scott Wyatt
David Suetterlein

Miki Miller – proxy held by John de Triquet
Luisa Guerra-Young – proxy held by Matthew Hurtt
Sen Bill DeSteph – proxy held by Sen Mark Peake
Elizabeth Lankford – proxy held by Cindy Free
Daniel Bradshaw – proxy held by Jennifer Kirk
Lindsay Honeycutt – proxy held by Zack Thompson
Jean Gannon – proxy held by Sue Hughes
Lou Call – proxy held by Susan Cobb
Cody Butler – proxy held by Helen Sharpe
Connor Deckert – proxy held by Maxwell Williams

Ten proxies were found to be in order.

The minutes of the September 14, 2024 State Central Committee meeting were accepted without objection.

The Committee entered Executive Session at 9:12am to discuss financial issues.

The Committee returned to General Session at 9:59am.

Report of RPV Appeals Committee – Herring/Lascolette/Muniz Appeal

The Chair proposed the following rules:

Appeals Committee Chair Matt Braynard will have five minutes to present, followed by ten minutes of debate, alternating sides, with each speaker limited to one minute.

Josh Mayes' motion for division passed without objection.

The appeal will be divided into two sections:

- Part 1: September 14 Executive Committee action, which the Appeals Committee affirmed 4-1
- Part 2: October 16 Executive Committee action to sanction the members who opposed GOP nominees, which the Appeals Committee affirmed 5-0

Patti Lyman's motion for a roll call vote was defeated by standing counted vote, 29-37.

Part One of the Appeals Committee decision was upheld by a standing counted vote, 47-22.

The Committee paused the Appeals discussion when the Chair welcomed Attorney General Jason Miyares to address the Committee.

The Committee returned to the Appeals debate to consider Part Two. Part Two of the Appeals Committee decision was upheld by a standing counted vote, 49-22.

Article I Sanctions

Cliff Dunn's motion to refer the matter of Article 1 Sanctions to the Party Plan Committee carried by voice vote.

Method of Nomination for 2025 Statewide Candidates

Chris Marston's motion to adopt a primary as the method of nomination carried by voice vote.

John Selph abstained as he serves as Treasurer for the Winsome Earle-Sears for Governor campaign.

State Party Plan Amendments

Amendment #1: Option for Virtual Meetings of Legislative District Committees – Jeff Ryer

Josh Mayes's motion to insert "public electronic meetings" following "either in person" passed by voice vote.
Jeff Ryer's motion to amend the Article V, Section B by inserting the amended text **in bold** passed by voice vote.

Section B. Election and Term

In the month of December in each year preceding a general election for members of the House of Delegates and/or State Senate, the Legislative District Committee shall meet, **either in person or by public electronic meetings**, and elect a Legislative District Chairman. **If electronic means are used for the meeting, access details (web conference link, phone number, etc.) shall be provided in the meeting call.** The Chairman of a State Senate District shall serve for four (4) years, and the Chairman of a House of Delegates District shall serve for two (2) years, or until their respective successors are elected. He may be one of the Unit Chairmen, but shall not otherwise be entitled to vote solely by virtue of holding said office.

Amendment #2: Ranked Choice Voting for Party Processes – Steve Rogers

Steve Rogers' motion to amend Article II and Article VIII by striking out the text indicated below and inserting "**Ranked Choice Voting shall be prohibited as method of voting for any Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention**" failed 30-39, having not reached the 75% threshold.

ARTICLE II

Definitions

~~27. "Ranked choice voting" shall mean a system of election in which each voter ranks candidates in order of preference (first, second, third, etc.) and ballots are tabulated sequentially identifying the candidate with the least support, eliminating that candidate, and transferring those votes to the next ranked candidate on each ballot, until there are only as many candidates left as seats available.~~

ARTICLE VIII

Mass Meetings, Party Canvasses, Conventions and Primaries

SECTION P. Ranked Choice Voting

~~If and only if an official committee includes in a call the use of ranked choice voting, then the Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention must use ranked choice voting.~~

Amendment #3: Timelines for Unit Committee Reconstitutions – Richard McCarty

Cliff Dunn's motion to amend Article IV, Section D by inserting the text below **in bold**, failed 37-30, having not reached the 75% threshold.

ARTICLE IV District Committees

SECTION D. Duties

1. District Committee

e. Whenever the District Committee shall determine that a Unit Committee, or its Chairman, has failed to function as such, the District Committee shall appoint a new Committee, or a new Chairman, as the case may be. A Committee thus created shall perform their duties provided in the State Party Plan until their successors are elected at a Mass Meeting or Convention called for that purpose. **The newly-appointed Committee Chair or Committee shall hold a Mass Meeting or**

Convention in a timely fashion. If the District Committee's decision, that a Unit Committee or chair has failed to function, is not appealed to the State Central Committee, then the Mass Meeting must be held within 45 days of the District Committee's decision on the matter. If the District Committee's decision on the matter is appealed to the State Central Committee, then the Mass Meeting or Convention must be held within 45 days of the final decision of the State Central Committee. The only exception shall be that if a Committee or Chair is ultimately found not to be functioning within 75 days of a general election, the Mass Meeting or Convention may be delayed until after the election, but in no case shall it occur later than January 15th of the following year.

Amendment #4: Addition of High School Republican Federation of Virginia Chair as a non-voting member of the State Central Committee – Chris Harnisch

DeLois Stallman's motion to table this item to the next SCC meeting failed by voice vote.

Chris Harnisch's motion to amend Article III, Section A, by inserting the following text **in bold**, having reached the 75% threshold, passed by standing counted vote, 58-9.

ARTICLE III - State Central Committee

Section A. Membership

9. Chairman of the High School Republican Federation of Virginia, but he shall not be entitled to vote.

David Botkins delivered the benediction.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45am on December 7, 2024.