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**10:06 State Central Committee Meeting
March 24, 2017**

The regular meeting of the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia was held at the offices of McGuireWoods LLC in Richmond, VA on March 24, 2018. Chairman John Whitbeck called the meeting to order at 10:06am. Secretary Jill Cook was present.

The invocation was given by Bruce Meyer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dino Ponce.

The Republican Creed was read by Thomas Turner.

The Chair welcomed new RPV Communications Director John March and invited new SCC members to introduce themselves.

The Chair appointed the College Republican representatives, Jacob Neff, Ian Frith and Eric Nielsen, to the Proxy Committee.

The following members attended in person:

John Whitbeck
Mike Thomas
Morton Blackwell
Cynthia Dunbar
Jill Cook
John Selph
Chris Marston
Jerry Kilgore
Bob Watson
Dennis Free
Jennifer Lee
Jack Wilson
Melvin Adams
Scott Sayre
Ben Slone

Mark Kelly
Adam Tolbert
Andrew Nicholson
Paul Prados
Jacob Neff
Ellen Nau
Chris Stolle
John Cosgrove
Kevin Gentry
Diana Banister
(Amanda Batten)
Wendell Walker
Russ Wright
Larry Kile
Carol Dawson

Jeff Ryer
Carolyn Weems
Ashley McLeod
Chad Green
Wesley Edwards
Steve Trent
Carole de Triquet
Bill Coburn
Barbara Tabb
Angela Swygert
Carey Allen
Renee Maxey
Ed Yensho
Joanne Holden
Will Kirk

Travis Witt
Steve "Doc" Troxel
Nate Boyer
Joseph Sonsmith
Carrie Thompson
Anne Fitzgerald
Mark Hile
David Ross
Susan Lascolette
Dewey McDonnell

Charlie Keller
Sandy Liddy Bourne
David Foster
Michelle Jenkins
Marcy Hernick
Corey Scott
Sharon Ashurst
Mark Sell
Julie Williams
Eve Gleason

Richard McCarty
Fredy Burgos
Ian Frith
Eric Nielsen
Erika Dyer
Dustin Rinehart
Linda Bartlett
Robert Thomas
John Hager

The report of the Proxy Committee was accepted. Nine proxies were found to be in order.

The following members attended by proxy:

Kishore Thota – proxy held by Thomas Turner
Nancy Dye – proxy held by Clara Belle Wheeler
Steve Albertson – proxy held by Willie Deutsch
Robert Cunningham – proxy held by Allen Webb
Nancy Smith – proxy held by Dana Smith
Aaron Spradlin – proxy held by Tyler Lester
Ryan Rauner – proxy held by Stephen Spiker
Marie Quinn – proxy held by Jean Gannon
Bill DeSteph, Jr – proxy held by Amanda Chase

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 2017 were approved by voice vote.

Election to fill vacancy for Eastern Vice Chairwoman

Chris Marston moved to limit presentations to one minute for each candidate for Eastern Vice Chairwoman. Motion passed by voice vote.

Kevin Gentry moved to reinstate Diana Banister. Jeff Ryer moved to nominate Amanda Batten. The Chair requested a motion to close nominations. Motion passed by voice vote.

Each candidate spoke for approximately one minute. Ms Banister ceded part of her time to Kevin Gentry, who spoke on her behalf.

The Chair called a short recess at 10:25am to distribute the ballots. The Chair called the meeting back to order at 10:27am to begin voting.

The Chair requested that each candidate appoint an observer for the ballot counting. Mrs. Batten appointed Jeff Ryer and Ms. Banister appointed Mark Kelly.

The vote count was conducted by General Counsel Marston and Chairman Whitbeck. The Chair reported that Amanda Batten had won.

The Chair made a personal statement commending Ms Banister's service to the Committee and immediately offered to appoint her to the position of Budget Director, which she accepted.

Unfinished Business and General Orders – None

New Business

Fredy Burgos Appeal

The Chair recused himself, since he will take part in the presentation. He appointed First Vice Chairman Mike Thomas in his place.

Prior to turning over the proceeding to Mr Thomas, the Chair entertained a point of order from Mark Hile. Mr. Hile questioned the fact that no committee was formed prior to the hearing and suggested that procedure was not followed.

Mike Thomas assumed the Chair duties. The Chair ruled that the issue is properly before the Committee. An appeal to the ruling was made. Motion made and seconded for a vote to sustain the ruling of the Chair.

By standing vote count, the motion passed with 51 votes. There were 79 voting members present. The issue is deemed properly before the body.

The following time limits were suggested: 20 minutes per side to present, a 10-minute period for asking questions, 30 minutes of discussion amongst the members, then the vote. Ashley McLeod moved to limit discussion to 15 minutes; motion approved by voice vote.

Kevin Gentry moved to enter Executive Session. Motion passed by voice vote and Committee entered Executive Session at 11:07am.

At 12:55pm, the Committee returned to open session and the Chair announced a recess for lunch. The Committee was called back to order at 1:15pm.

State Chairman's Report

- Update on filing of US Senate candidates
- Described the "Extreme 15" messaging, regarding the freshman Democrats
- Announced the RPV Ambassador program
- Announced the Commonwealth Dinner on April 11, encouraged members to buy tickets.

Treasurers' Report - waived

Sixth District Appeal

The following appeal was presented with 35 signatures attached.

"We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge the Republican State Central Committee to act now to amend the Call for the 2018 Sixth District Republican Committee Call and strike the plurality voting language."

Motion was made to set the following time limits: 10 minutes per side for presentation, 5 minutes for questions, 15 minutes for debate; motion passed by voice vote.

Mike Troxel presented in favor of the appeal.

A point of order was called questioning whether the appeal can proceed because it was not timely. A motion was made to sustain the decision of the Chair to move the appeal forward. Voice vote was unclear; standing count was taken and motion passed with 46 votes.

Scott Sayre presented against the appeal.

Eve Gleason moved to deny the appeal, citing failure to follow the Resolution adopted by the Committee at a previous meeting. John Cosgrove offered a substitute motion to vote to affirm the appeal. Motion was made to extend the discussion by 15 min; motion failed by standing count of 36 in favor. The substitute motion passed with a standing count of 46 votes in favor.

Vote was taken on the underlying motion; the appeal was sustained by a standing vote count of 58 votes. The sentence regarding plurality in the Sixth District Convention Call (Section F) is stricken from the Call.

Mike Thomas Proposal

Republican Party of Virginia Policy on Access to Lists of Convention Delegates and Alternates

"In accordance with Article III, Section D.1.a. of the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, the State Central Committee hereby establishes the following policy governing access to lists of delegates and alternate delegates to conventions.

This policy applies to any convention called by any Official Committee established by the State Party Plan and constitutes an interpretation of the State Party Plan by the State Central Committee.

Wherever this policy refers to candidates, it shall mean candidates for public or party office to be decided upon by the convention for which a Unit is selecting delegates or alternate delegates; however, candidates for delegate or alternate delegate to a Republican National Convention are not included in this policy. A candidate or candidate's campaign may designate an individual to receive lists and information covered by this policy.

Where prefiling is a requirement for election as a delegate or alternate delegate, a count of the number of individuals that have prefiled (the number of forms timely received if a form is used) shall be made available no later than 24 hours after the prefiling deadline, upon request of a candidate, to all candidates for public or party office to be decided upon at the convention for which the Unit is electing delegates and alternate delegates. If prefiling is not required, such information shall be provided during the mass meeting electing delegates and alternate delegates.

As soon as is practical, but not later than 14 days following the election of delegates and alternate delegates to a convention by a mass meeting, party canvass or unit convention, or the prefiling deadline when no more than the maximum number that can be elected have filed, a list of the delegates and alternate delegates shall be made available by the Unit Chairman or Unit

Secretary simultaneously to each candidate that has requested the list, in hard copy or electronically. This list shall include all contact information that was made available to the Unit by each individual who prefiled or otherwise sought election as a delegate or alternate delegate. It is recommended that prefile forms inform candidates for convention delegate that the information they provide will be made available to each candidate. Candidates requesting a list after this initial 14 day period shall be provided the list within 3 working days of their request.

It is understood that, in some cases, Units with very large numbers of prefiles may not be able to compile a list within 14 days of the filing deadline. In such cases, the Unit Chairman shall set a date and time (within this 14 days), giving at least 24 hours notice, for the candidates to compile their own lists of those prefiled/elected, which must be supervised by at least two officers of the Unit Committee. Candidates/representatives should be informed as to whether the registration status of each individual has been checked. Once the Unit has compiled its own list, it is to be provided to all candidates that requested one, as close to simultaneously as possible.

Lists of delegates and alternate delegates shall be used by candidates only in conjunction with their campaigns, and by Official Committees for party-building purposes.

This policy shall be effective as of March 24, 2018 for all conventions to be held in 2018 and in subsequent years. Units whose 2018 prefiling deadline or whose mass meeting/party canvass or Unit convention was prior to March 24, 2018, is hereby directed to immediately provide a count of the number of prefiles/delegates elected upon the request of a candidate. Any Unit that has already compiled a list of delegates and alternate delegates to a convention called for 2018 is hereby directed to provide such list to a candidate upon request, and otherwise in accordance with paragraph 5 above.

Motion was made to accept the proposal. A substitute motion was made to postpone indefinitely. The substitute motion failed on a standing vote of 31-34.

Motion was made to refer the proposal to the Party Plan Committee; motion passed on a standing vote of 42 in favor.

Sixth District Chairman Scott Sayre requested the floor defend the honor of the Sixth District Committee. Following Mr. Sayre, the Chair allowed Mr. Wendell Walker to briefly address the group regarding an upcoming election.

Eve Gleason Resolution

Resolution Recommending Retention of Medicaid Focus on the Most Medically Vulnerable Virginians and Commending Virginia Lawmakers for Fiscally Responsible Opposition to Medicaid Expansion

“Whereas, the creed adopted and embraced by the Republican Party of Virginia acknowledges “That the free enterprise system is the most productive supplier of human needs and economic justice;” and

Whereas, this creed further states “That fiscal responsibility and budgetary restraints must be exercised at all levels of government;” and

Whereas, Virginia's liberal Democratic Governor Ralph Northam made Medicaid expansion a cornerstone of his campaign, without regard to the long-term fiscal soundness of this program or its budgetary impact; and

Whereas, Medicaid expansion dilutes the program's intended focus on providing care for the elderly, the disabled, low-income pregnant women, and low-income children, and

Whereas, the budget submitted by Governor Northam called for expansion of Medicaid at a projected annual expense of about \$2,000,000,000; and

Whereas, such expansion has increased costs more than expected in other states and, according to a government alert, has led to increases in waste, fraud, and abuse; and

Whereas, the federal promise of 90% matching funds to offset state expenses for Medicaid expansion under the so-called Affordable Care Act is not currently funded by Congress and is unreliable over the long-term;

Whereas, research from the Mercatus Center at Virginia's own George Mason University shows that the costs of Medicaid expansion have been significantly higher than estimated in the Congressional Budget Office's original forecasts; and

Whereas, the state House passed a budget including Medicaid expansion and the state Senate did not, the chambers adjourning without agreeing on a final budget; and

Whereas, Governor Northam has called a special session for April 11, 2018 specifically to pressure lawmakers to pass a budget including Medicaid expansion; now, therefore be it,

Resolved, that the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia reaffirms its creed and commends all Republican members of the House of Delegates and State Senate who opposed costly Medicaid expansion; and be it further

Resolved, that the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia calls on all elected Republicans in the General Assembly to send the Governor a budget that does not include funding for Medicaid expansion; and be it further

Resolved, that the chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia shall promptly cause this resolution to be posted on the party's website and be distributed to all Republican members of the General Assembly and to the media."

Motion was made to adopt the Resolution. After an untimed discussion, including input from several elected officials, the question was called; the motion failed by a standing vote of 33-34.

Reports

All other reports were waived with the agreement of the body.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Steve Trent moved to commend Mr. Mike Thomas and Mr. John Adams for hosting us and to thank Mike for chairing during the Burgos hearing. Motion accepted by voice vote.

Motion to adjourn passed by voice vote and meeting adjourned at 3:16pm.

