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State Central Committee Meeting June 22, 2019

The regular meeting of the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia was held at the Richmond Convention Center in Richmond, VA on June 22, 2019. Chairman Jack Wilson called the meeting to order at 11:42am. Secretary Jill Cook was present.

The invocation was given by Melvin Adams.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bob Watson.
The Republican Creed was read by Thomas Turner.

The Chair appointed Courtney Britt, Carole de Triquet and Jenn Weigle to the proxy committee.

The following members attended in person:

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| Jack Wilson | John Cosgrove | Joseph Sonsmith |
| Mike Thomas | Nancy Dye | Jeffrey Adams |
| Morton Blackwell | Heather Stefl | Ann Fitzgerald |
| Cynthia Dunbar | Russ Wright | Mark Hile |
| Jill Cook | Larry Kile | David Ross |
| Chris Marston | Mark Daniel | Susan Lascolette |
| Bob Watson | Carol Dawson | Dewey McDonnell |
| Dennis Free | Jeff Ryer | Charlie Keller |
| Jennifer Lee | Bill Curtis | Sandy Liddy Bourne |
| Carey Allen | Wesley Edwards | David Foster |
| Melvin Adams | Carole de Triquet | Zack Thompson |
| Ben Slone | Bill Coburn | Tyler Lester |
| Mark Kelly | Barbara Tabb | Marcy Hernick |
| Adam Tolbert | E Janet Riddick | Caleb Cruely |
| Andrew Nicholson | Renee Maxey | Susan Edwards |
| Paul Prados | Ed Yensho | Mark Sell |
| Courtney Britt | Nancy Rodland | Julie Williams |
| Thomas Turner | Will Kirk | Mike Feuz |
| Mary Franklin | Nate Boyer | Richard McCarty |
| Chris Stolle | Steve "Doc" Troxel | Erin Porch |

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Jenn Weigle
Erika Dyer
Cole Trower

Linda Bartlett
Marie Quinn
David Suetterlein

John Hager

The report of the Proxy Committee was accepted. Nine proxies were reported and found in order. One proxy arrived after the Proxy Committed delivered its report; there were a total of ten proxies in attendance.

The following members attended by proxy:

John Selph – proxy held by Jerry L. Baldwin
Jennifer Brown – proxy held by Dan Webb
Amanda Batten – proxy held by T. Christopher Henderson
Wendell Walker – proxy held by Cody Hanshaw
Carolyn Weems – proxy held by Cindy Free
Steve Trent – proxy held by Dacia Marxrieser
Angela Swygert – proxy held by Nicholas Proffitt
Travis Will – proxy held by Sandy Adams
Ryan Rauner – proxy held by Benjamin Hazekamp
Bob Thomas - proxy held by Keith Hodges

The minutes of the meeting of March 23, 2019 meeting were approved.

Chairman's Report

The Chair reported on his attendance at the RNC meeting last month, which focused on training and specifically on voter registration. The Chair introduced Justin Rice, the new Trump/RNC staffer. The Chair noted that Virginia is a targeted state, and that Mr. Rice will expand the field staff.

New Business

Method of Nomination for Senate and Presidential Candidates

Mike Thomas moved that:

1. *the Republican nominee for U.S. Senate in the 2020 General Election be selected by Primary; and*
2. *the 2020 presidential preference vote for the Republican nomination for President of the United States be taken at the 2020 Quadrennial State Convention.*

The question having been divided on motion of Dave Foster, the Committee ordered by voice vote that the 2020 presidential preference vote for the Republican nomination for President of the United States be taken at the 2020 Quadrennial State Convention.

A roll call vote having been ordered on the remaining portion of the divided question, the Committee ordered that the Republican nominee for U.S. Senate in the 2020 General Election be selected by Primary by a vote of 40-35.

| Executive Committee – June 22, 2019 | | | | US Senate Primary |
|--|------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| RPV Chairman | Mr | Jack | Wilson | AB |
| First Vice Chairman | Mr. | Michael | Thomas | Y |
| National Committeeman | Mr. | Morton | Blackwell | N |
| National Committeewoman | Ms | Cynthia | Dunbar | N |
| Secretary | Mrs. | Jill | Cook | Y |
| Treasurer | Mr. | John | Selph | Y |
| Legal Counsel | Mr. | Chris | Marston | NV |
| Finance Chairman | | | | |
| 1st District Chairman | Mr. | Bob | Watson | N |
| 2nd District Chairman | Mr. | Dennis | Free | Y |
| 3rd District Chairman | Ms. | Jennifer | Lee | Y |
| 4th District Chairman | Ms | Carey | Allen | Y |
| 5th District Chairman | Mr | Melvin | Adams | N |
| 6th District Chairman | Mr. | Jennifer | Brown | Y |
| 7th District Chairman | Mr. | Ben | Slone | N |
| 8th District Chairman | Mr. | Mark | Kelly | N |
| 9th District Chairman | Mr. | Adam | Tolbert | Y |
| 10th District Chairman | Mr. | Andrew | Nicholson | N |
| 11th District Chairman | Mr. | Paul | Prados | N |
| CRFV Chairman | Ms | Courtney | Britt | Y |
| YRFV President | Mr. | Thomas | Turner | Y |
| VFRW President | Ms. | Mary | Franklin | Y |
| StCen Caucus Rep. | Hon. | Chris | Stolle | Y |
| StCen Caucus Rep. | Hon. | John | Cosgrove | Y |
| Eastern Vice Chairman | Mr | Chris | Marston | Y |
| Eastern Vice Chairwoman | Ms. | Amanda | Batten | Y |
| Western Vice Chairman | Mr. | Wendell | Walker | Y |
| Western Vice Chairwoman | Mrs. | Nancy | Dye | Y |
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| State Central | | | | |
| 1st C.D. StCen Rep | Ms | Heather | Stefl | N |
| 1st C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Russ | Wright | N |
| 1st C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Larry | Kile | N |
| 1st C.D. StCen Rep - Congressional | Mr. | Mark | Daniel | N |
| 1st C.D. StCen Rep - Presidential | Hon. | Carol | Dawson | N |
| 2nd C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Jeff | Ryer | Y |
| 2nd C.D. StCen Rep | Hon. | Carolyn | Weems | Y |
| 2nd C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Bill | Curtis | Y |
| 2nd C.D. StCen Rep - Presidential | Mr. | Wesley | Edwards | Y |
| 3rd C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Steve | Trent | Y |
| 3rd C.D. StCen Rep | Mrs. | Carole | de Triquet | Y |
| 3rd C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Bill | Coburn | Y |
| 4th C.D. StCen Rep. | Mrs. | Barbara | Tabb | Y |
| 4th C.D. StCen Rep | Ms | Angela | Swygert | Y |
| 4th C.D. StCen Rep | Ms | E. Janet | Riddick | Y |

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| 5th C.D. StCen Rep | Mrs. | Renee | Maxey | N |
| 5th C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Ed | Yensho | N |
| 5th C.D. StCen Rep | Ms. | Nancy | Rodland | N |
| 5th C.D. StCen Rep - Congressional | Mr. | Will | Kirk | N |
| 5th C.D. StCen Rep - Presidential | Mr. | Travis | Witt | N |
| 6th C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Nate | Boyer | N |
| 6th C.D. StCen Rep | Dr. | Steve "Doc" | Troxel | N |
| 6th C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Joseph | Sonsmith | N |
| 6th C.D. StCen Rep - Congressional | Ms. | Jeffrey | Adams | N |
| 6th C.D. StCen Rep - Presidential | Mrs. | Anne | Fitzgerald | N |
| 7th C.D. St. Rep.- Presidential | Mr. | Mark | Hile | N |
| 7th C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | David | Ross | N |
| 7th C.D. StCen Rep | Hon. | Susan | Lascolette | N |
| 7th C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Dewey | McDonnell | N |
| 8th C.D. StCen Rep | Mr | Charlie | Keller | Y |
| 8th C.D. StCen Rep | Mrs. | Sandy Liddy | Bourne | Y |
| 8th C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | David | Foster | Y |
| 9th C.D. StCen Rep - Congressional | Mr | Zack | Thompson | Y |
| 9th C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Tyler | Lester | Y |
| 9th C.D. StCen Rep - Presidential | Ms. | Marcy | Hernick | Y |
| 9th C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Caleb | Cruey | N |
| 9th C.D. StCen Rep | Mrs. | Susan | Edwards | N |
| 10th C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Mark | Sell | N |
| 10th C.D. StCen Rep | Mrs. | Julie | Williams | N |
| 10th C.D. StCen Rep | Mr | Michael | Feuz | N |
| 11th C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Richard | McCarty | N |
| 11th C.D. StCen Rep | Ms. | Erin | Porch | N |
| 11th C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Ryan | Rauner | Y |
| CRFV First Vice-Chairman | Mr. | Tyler | Perkins | Absent |
| CRFV Second Vice-Chairman | Ms. | Jenn | Weigle | Y |
| YRFV StCen Rep | Ms. | Erika | Dyer | Y |
| YRFV StCen Rep | Mr. | Cole | Trower | Y |
| VFRW StCen Rep | Mrs. | Linda | Bartlett | Y |
| VFRW StCen Rep | Ms. | Marie | Quinn | Y |
| House Caucus StCen Rep | Hon. | Robert | Thomas | Y |
| Senate Caucus StCen Rep | Hon. | David | Suetterlein | N |
| Ex Officio | | John | Hager | NV |

Resolution regarding the Authority of the First District Committee

Dennis Free moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2019 the First District Committee issued a Ruling stating that (i) the convention held by the 97th Legislative District Committee on May 4, 2019 was valid; (ii) the certification of the nominee elected at the convention to the State Board of Elections was valid and proper; and (iii) the Call by the 97th Legislative District Committee for a Party Canvass scheduled for June 1, 2019 is null and void; and

WHEREAS, the Ruling was not appealed within thirty days of May 20, 2019 and therefore is not subject to further appeal pursuant to Article X, Paragraph (B)(5) of the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of the Virginia; and

WHEREAS, two ELECT-511 forms have been submitted to the State Board of Elections on behalf of the 97th Legislative District Committee, one of which names the candidate elected at the convention as the nominee and the other of which names the candidate elected at the party canvass as the nominee; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Elections has asked the Republican Party of Virginia for guidance regarding the identity of the legitimate nominee for the 97th District; and

WHEREAS, the Republican Party of Virginia acts and speaks through its official committees; and

WHEREAS, the State Central Committee is the highest official committee of the Republican Party of Virginia;

The State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia resolves as follows:

- 1. The Ruling is valid and not subject to appeal, and therefore represents the final and definitive resolution of the Republican Party of Virginia of the matters addressed in it.*
- 2. The ELECT-511 identifying Scott Wyatt, the nominee elected at the convention to the State Board of Elections, is valid and proper and any other ELECT-511 is invalid and improper.*
- 3. The State Secretary of the Republican Party of Virginia is directed to provide a copy of this resolution to the State Board of Elections by email no later than 10:00 a.m., Monday, June 24, 2019 and to inform the State Board of Elections that this represents the Republican Party of Virginia's response to its inquiry regarding the identity of the legitimate nominee for the 97th House of Delegates District.*

Mike Thomas raised a point of order that the resolution was not in order because the appeal on which the First District purported to act was not properly before it.

The Chair found the point of order well taken.

Jeff Ryer appealed the ruling of the Chair. The previous question having been ordered upon the motion of Paul Prados, the ruling of the chair was not sustained by show of hands.

After debate, the Resolution was adopted by roll call vote 56-17-3.

| Executive Committee – June 22, 2019 | | | | 1 st District Appeal Vote |
|--|------|----------|------------|---|
| RPV Chairman | Mr | Jack | Wilson | AB |
| First Vice Chairman | Mr. | Michael | Thomas | N |
| National Committeeman | Mr. | Morton | Blackwell | Y |
| National Committeewoman | Ms | Cynthia | Dunbar | Y |
| Secretary | Mrs. | Jill | Cook | AB |
| Treasurer | Mr. | John | Selph | N |
| Legal Counsel | Mr. | Chris | Marston | NV |
| Finance Chairman | | | | |
| 1st District Chairman | Mr. | Bob | Watson | Y |
| 2nd District Chairman | Mr. | Dennis | Free | Y |
| 3rd District Chairman | Ms. | Jennifer | Lee | N |
| 4th District Chairman | Ms | Carey | Allen | N |
| 5th District Chairman | Mr | Melvin | Adams | Y |
| 6th District Chairman | Mr. | Jennifer | Brown | Y |
| 7th District Chairman | Mr. | Ben | Slone | Y |
| 8th District Chairman | Mr. | Mark | Kelly | Y |
| 9th District Chairman | Mr. | Adam | Tolbert | Y |
| 10th District Chairman | Mr. | Andrew | Nicholson | Y |
| 11th District Chairman | Mr. | Paul | Prados | Y |
| CRFV Chairman | Ms | Courtney | Britt | N |
| YRFV President | Mr. | Thomas | Turner | N |
| VFRW President | Ms. | Mary | Franklin | AB |
| StCen Caucus Rep. | Hon. | Chris | Stolle | N |
| StCen Caucus Rep. | Hon. | John | Cosgrove | Y |
| Eastern Vice Chairman | Mr | Chris | Marston | Y |
| Eastern Vice Chairwoman | Ms. | Amanda | Batten | Y |
| Western Vice Chairman | Mr. | Wendell | Walker | Y |
| Western Vice Chairwoman | Mrs. | Nancy | Dye | N |
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| State Central | | | | |
| 1st C.D. StCen Rep | Ms | Heather | Stefl | Y |
| 1st C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Russ | Wright | Y |
| 1st C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Larry | Kile | Y |
| 1st C.D. StCen Rep - Congressional | Mr. | Mark | Daniel | Y |
| 1st C.D. StCen Rep - Presidential | Hon. | Carol | Dawson* | Y |
| 2nd C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Jeff | Ryer | Y |
| 2nd C.D. StCen Rep | Hon. | Carolyn | Weems | Y |
| 2nd C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Bill | Curtis | Y |
| 2nd C.D. StCen Rep - Presidential | Mr. | Wesley | Edwards | Y |
| 3rd C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Steve | Trent | N |
| 3rd C.D. StCen Rep | Mrs. | Carole | de Triquet | N |
| 3rd C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Bill | Coburn | Y |
| 4th C.D. StCen Rep. | Mrs. | Barbara | Tabb | N |
| 4th C.D. StCen Rep | Ms | Angela | Swygert | Y |
| 4th C.D. StCen Rep | Ms | E. Janet | Riddick | N |
| 5th C.D. StCen Rep | Mrs. | Renee | Maxey | Y |
| 5th C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Ed | Yensho | Y |
| 5th C.D. StCen Rep | Ms. | Nancy | Rodland | Y |
| 5th C.D. StCen Rep - Congressional | Mr. | Will | Kirk | Y |

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| 5th C.D. StCen Rep - Presidential | Mr. | Travis | Witt | Y |
| 6th C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Nate | Boyer | Y |
| 6th C.D. StCen Rep | Dr. | Steve "Doc" | Troxel | Y |
| 6th C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Joseph | Sonsmith | Y |
| 6th C.D. StCen Rep - Congressional | Ms. | Jeffrey | Adams | Y |
| 6th C.D. StCen Rep - Presidential | Mrs. | Anne | Fitzgerald | Y |
| 7th C.D. St. Rep.- Presidential | Mr. | Mark | Hile | Y |
| 7th C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | David | Ross | Y |
| 7th C.D. StCen Rep | Hon. | Susan | Lascolette | Y |
| 7th C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Dewey | McDonnell | Y |
| 8th C.D. StCen Rep | Mr | Charlie | Keller | N |
| 8th C.D. StCen Rep | Mrs. | Sandy Liddy | Bourne | Y |
| 8th C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | David | Foster | Y |
| 9th C.D. StCen Rep - Congressional | Mr | Zack | Thompson | Y |
| 9th C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Tyler | Lester | Y |
| 9th C.D. StCen Rep - Presidential | Ms. | Marcy | Hernick | Y |
| 9th C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Caleb | Cruey | Y |
| 9th C.D. StCen Rep | Mrs. | Susan | Edwards | Y |
| 10th C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Mark | Sell | Y |
| 10th C.D. StCen Rep | Mrs. | Julie | Williams | Y |
| 10th C.D. StCen Rep | Mr | Michael | Feuz | Y |
| 11th C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Richard | McCarty | Y |
| 11th C.D. StCen Rep | Ms. | Erin | Porch | Y |
| 11th C.D. StCen Rep | Mr. | Ryan | Rauner | Y |
| CRFV First Vice-Chairman | Mr. | Tyler | Perkins | Absent |
| CRFV Second Vice-Chairman | Ms. | Jenn | Weigle | Y |
| YRFV StCen Rep | Ms. | Erika | Dyer | N |
| YRFV StCen Rep | Mr. | Cole | Trower | N |
| VFRW StCen Rep | Mrs. | Linda | Bartlett | Y |
| VFRW StCen Rep | Ms. | Marie | Quinn | N |
| House Caucus StCen Rep | Hon. | Robert | Thomas | N |
| Senate Caucus StCen Rep | Hon. | David | Suetterlein | Y |
| Ex Officio | | John | Hager | NV |

Resolution of Committee Authority to Hear Contests and Appeals of Committee Actions

Jeff Adams moved to adopt of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2019 the Hanover County Republican Committee voted to remove its then-chairman Dale Taylor by a vote of 80-1; and

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2019 the Hanover County Republican Committee heard the contest of Nicholas Collette, challenging a call issued by Ms. Taylor after her removal as chairman, upheld such contest and affirmed Ms. Taylor's removal as chairman by a vote of 59-6; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Taylor has not contested her removal or appealed the Hanover County Republican Committee's decision upholding Mr. Collette's appeal; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2019 the Appeals Committee of the Republican Party of the Virginia issued a 'Decision' that purported to (i) make factual findings regarding Ms. Taylor's removal and (ii) overrule the decisions of the HCRC; and

WHEREAS, the Appeals Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia has the authority to overturn the rulings of the General Counsel on matters of interpretation of the Plan or Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, but does not have the power to (i) make factual findings or (ii) overrule the acts of official committees of the party; and

WHEREAS, the State Central Committee is the highest official committee of the Republican Party of Virginia;

NOW THEREFORE, The State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia resolves as follows:

- 1. The Decision exceeds the authority of the Appeals Committee, and is null and void.*
- 2. The decisions of the HCRC to remove Ms. Taylor and to uphold the contest of Mr. Collette are valid and binding unless and until they are overruled pursuant to a contest or appeal brought pursuant to Article X, Section B of the Plan or Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia.*

Mike Thomas raised the point of order that the resolution was not in order because decisions of the appeals committee that overrule the General Counsel may not be appealed to the Committee.

The Chair found the point of order well taken. Doc Troxel appealed the ruling of the Chair. Prior to consideration of the appeal, the Committee granted Mike Thomas' request to withdraw the point of order by unanimous consent.

The previous question having been ordered by voice vote, the resolution was adopted on a rising vote.

The Committee recessed for ten minutes by unanimous consent at 1:32 pm. The recess having expired, the Chair called the meeting to order at 1:42pm.

National Committee Reports

Cynthia Dunbar addressed the Committee and invited us all to attend the next RNC meeting. Morton Blackwell addressed the Committee and introduced the Leadership Institute's summer intern.

The Chair's motion to dispense with remaining reports passed by voice vote. Upon adoption of a motion to adjourn by voice vote, the Committee adjourned at 1:46pm.

