

State Central Committee Meeting March 12, 2021

A meeting of the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia was held by Zoom conference on March 12, 2021. Chairman Rich Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Secretary Jill Cook was present.

The invocation was given by Melvin Adams.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Melvin Adams.

The Republican Creed was read by Doc Troxel.

The Chair appointed Elizabeth Butler, Adela Bertoldi and Zack Thompson as the proxy committee.

The following members attended in person:

Rich Anderson	Heather Stefl	Sarah Curran
Kristi Way	Adela Bertoldi	Vinson Palathingal
Morton Blackwell	Willie Deutsch	Zack Thompson
Patti Lyman	Mark Daniel	Tyler Lester
Jill Cook	David Willis	Jacob Holmes
Chris Marston	Jeff Ryer	Caleb Cruey
Ken Nunnenkamp	Elizabeth Lankford	Mark Sell
Russ Wright	Bill Curtis	Ron Wright
Dennis Free	Cliff Dunn	Heather Rice
Miki Miller	Carole de Triquet	Richard McCarty
Carey Allen	Bill Coburn	Mike Ginsberg
Melvin Adams	Nicholas Proffitt	Mauricio Tamargo
John Massoud	Elizabeth Butler	Kerry Flynn
Ben Slone	Renee Maxey	AC Deastlov
Andrew Loposser	Ed Yensho	Erika Dyer

Adam Tolbert	Nancy Rodland	Linda Bartlett
Geary Higgins	Will Kirk	Marie Quinn
Melissa Beaudoin	Nate Boyer	Mark Cole
Trevor Webb	Dean Welty	David Suetterlein
Thomas Turner	Stephen Kurtz	
Paula Steiner	Steve "Doc" Troxel	
Wendell Walker	Curt Lilly	
John Cosgrove	Karen Kwiatkowski	
Amanda Batten	Tara Carroll	
Mark Kelly	Susan Lascolette	
Dan Webb	Dewey McDonnell	
Nancy Dye	Eric Wilson	

The report of the Proxy Committee was accepted. Five proxies were found to be in order. Not all proxies were needed.

The following members attended by proxy:
Susan Edwards – proxy held by Robert Andrews
Levin Turner – proxy held by Barbara Tabb
Dan Johnson – proxy held by Nick Welham

Consideration of Party Plan Amendments

The Chair offered the following Amendment to Article XII, paragraph 3, of the RPV State Party Plan:

Strike out paragraph 3 and insert in its place the following:

- 3. An RPV State Convention to nominate candidates for statewide office shall use the following alternative method, which temporarily takes precedence over contrary provisions in other Articles of the State Party Plan:
- a. The State Central Committee shall act on the reports of each State Convention Committee on behalf of the Convention.
- b. Neither the number of delegates nor the fraction of a delegate vote assigned to a delegate may be limited.
 - c. Units must accept delegate filings made on the form issued by the RPV Chairman.
- d. Certified delegates from each unit must cast their ballots at polling locations designated by their unit committee. Multiple unit committees may designate the same polling location. If any unit committee fails to designate a polling location by the deadline for certifying delegates, the parent district committee may designate a polling location for delegates from that unit.
 - e. The RPV State Convention may not consider any amendments to the RPV State Party Plan

Kristi Way moved the adoption of the following amendments to the Chair's Party Plan Amendment:

Amendment #1—insert "in 2021" between "statewide office" and "shall use"

Amendment #2—strike subparagraph d and insert in its place:

"d. Certified delegates from each unit must cast their ballots at polling locations designated at the direction of the State Central Committee, which will include at most the following number of polling locations managed by Congressional District Committees for the Congressional Districts listed: First, 3; Second, 5; Third, 3; Fourth, 5; Fifth, 4; Sixth, 4; Seventh, 4; Eighth, 1; Ninth, 6; Tenth, 1; Eleventh, 1; provided, however, that if more than 1200 delegates are certified in the Counties of Chesterfield, Fairfax, Henrico, or Loudoun, or the Cities of Chesapeake or Virginia Beach, upon request of the respective Unit Committee, the State Central Committee, at a meeting called with 72 hours notice, may add an additional polling location."

By unanimous consent the question was divided and each amendment was considered separately.

Amendment #1 passed by voice vote.

Amendment #2 passed by a roll call vote of 53-17

Members voting in the affirmative: Way, Blackwell, Cook, Wright (Russ), Free, Miller, Allen, Adams, Massoud, Slone, Tolbert, Higgins, Beaudoin, Webb, (Trevor), Turner (Thomas), Steiner, Walker, Cosgrove, Kelly, Batten, Dye, Ryer, Lankford, Curtis, Dunn, de Triquet, Coburn, Proffitt, Turner (Levin), Butler, Maxey, Boyer, Welty, Troxel, Carroll, Wilson, Thompson, Lester, Holmes, Cruey, Edwards, Wright (Ron), McCarty, Ginsberg, Tamargo, Flynn, Deastlov, Dyer, Johnson, Bartlett, Quinn, Cole, Suetterlein

Members voting in the negative: Lyman, Stefl, Bertoldi, Deutsch, Daniel, Willis, Yensho, Rodland, Kirk, Kurtz, Lilly, Kwiatkowksi, Lascolette, McDonnell, Palathingal, Sell, Rice

Members answering present: Loposser, Webb

At Doc Troxel's request, by unanimous consent the Committee ordered the following entered in the minutes, item (c) means, "Unit Chairs will receive forms whether they are produced by the unit or by RPV, but that it in no way precludes the Chairman from certifying every filing form that comes in".

At the Chair's request, by unanimous consent the Chair requested that his statement be entered in the minutes, "There was recently proposed an online central filing form that would feed into an Excel spreadsheet, and that data in turn would be provided to Unit Chairs. I do not intend to use that at the state level."

The Party Plan Amendment, as amended, was adopted by roll call vote, 56-15.

Members voting in the affirmative: Anderson, Way, Blackwell, Cook, Wright (Russ), Free, Miller, Allen, Adams, Massoud, Slone, Tolbert, Higgins, Beaudoin, Webb, (Trevor), Turner (Thomas), Steiner, Walker, Cosgrove, Kelly, Batten, Dye, Deutsch, Ryer, Lankford, Curtis, Dunn, de Triquet, Coburn, Proffitt, Turner (Levin), Butler, Maxey, Boyer, Welty, Troxel, Carroll, Lascolette, Wilson, Thompson, Lester, Holmes, Cruey, Edwards, Wright (Ron), McCarty, Ginsberg, Tamargo, Flynn, Deastlov, Dyer, Johnson, Bartlett, Quinn, Cole, Suetterlein

Members voting in the negative: Lyman, Stefl, Bertoldi, Daniel, Willis, Yensho, Rodland, Kirk, Kurtz, Lilly, Kwiatkowksi, McDonnell, Palathingal, Sell, Rice

Members answering present: Loposser, Webb

Consideration of Amendment to the Convention Call

The Committee considered a motion by Jeff Ryer to amend the Convention Call adopted at the adjourned meeting of February 23 with a substitute.

Several amendments to the substitute having been adopted by voice vote, the Committee adopted the motion, with the proviso that the Chairman be authorized to make technical or grammatical corrections in the following form:

Republican Party of Virginia 2021 Convention

May 8, 2021 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Call to Convene

As Chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization (the "Party Plan") and as directed by the State Central Committee, I, Richard L. Anderson, do hereby issue this Call for the Republican Party of Virginia's 2021 Convention (the "Convention"), to be held on May 8, 2021, for the purpose of nominating a Republican candidate for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General to be voted for in the November 2, 2021 General Election.

This Call shall be published on the RPV website, and by such other means as may be required by the Party Plan. The requirement to publish this Call in a newspaper of general circulation has been eliminated by two-thirds vote of the State Central Committee.

Polling Locations

Delegates will cast their votes at the polling locations determined by the method described in section three and posted to the RPV website no later than April 24, 2021.

Voting

Nominees will be determined by Ranked Choice Voting as described in Article II of the Party Plan. Voting will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on May 8, 2021.

1. Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, regardless of race, religion, national origin or sex, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and who, if requested, express in open meeting either orally or in writing as may be required, their intent to support all of its nominees for public office in the ensuing election, may participate as members of the Republican Party of Virginia in its mass meetings, party canvasses, conventions or primaries encompassing their respective election districts.

2. Composition of the Convention

Delegate Votes

The Convention shall be composed of delegates of the respective units they represent. Each unit is allocated one (1) delegate vote for each two hundred fifty (250) votes or major portion thereof cast for the Republican nominee in the most recent elections for President and Governor, provided that each unit shall be entitled to at least one (1) delegate vote.

Delegates

The delegates shall be elected in unit mass meetings, party canvasses or conventions that shall be called for this purpose by each unit committee in conformity with the Party Plan. Although the total number of delegate votes is fixed by the ratio described, there is no limit on the number of delegates a unit may elect to cast those delegate votes.

Each unit's delegate vote is set forth in the Delegate Votes table at the end of this Call.

Military Provision

Any Military Member who is otherwise qualified under Article I to participate in Republican Party actions and who complies with the procedures to become a delegate to the Convention, and who produces valid military identification or other proof of active-duty status shall be certified as a delegate and shall not be required to be elected as a delegate.

Military Members who are certified as delegates pursuant to the preceding paragraph that are unable to attend the convention in person due to obligations of their official military orders, shall have their votes cast within their unit delegation. Military Member ballots shall be made available by the RPV Chairman or his designee at least twenty (20) days prior to the convention (April 18, 2021). Ballots must be received by the Chairman no later than 12:30 pm on Wednesday, May 5, 2021.

3. Polling Locations

Delegates may cast ballots only at the polling location to which the unit they represent are assigned.

Each District Committee will determine the polling locations to which units are assigned. For purposes of the Convention, split units (i.e., units portions of which are included in more than one Congressional District) are considered part of the Congressional District in which they have the greatest Republican Party Voting Strength.

District Committees may establish at most the following number of polling locations: First, 3; Second, 5; Third, 3; Fourth, 5; Fifth, 4; Sixth, 4; Seventh, 4; Eighth, 1; Ninth, 6; Tenth, 1; Eleventh, 1; provided, however, that if more than 1,200 delegates are certified in the Counties of Chesterfield, Fairfax, Henrico, or Loudoun, or the Cities of Chesapeake or Virginia Beach, upon request of the respective Unit Committee, the State Central Committee, at a meeting called with 72-hours notice, may add an additional polling location.

A unit, by application of its unit chairmen and agreement of the relevant district chairmen, may request to be assigned to any polling location managed by its District Committee or a neighboring District Committee.

District Chairmen must provide the preliminary polling locations and unit assignments to the RPV Chairman or his designee not later than April 12, 2021; and final polling locations and unit assignments not later than April 22, 2021. The RPV Chairman shall cause the complete list of polling locations and unit assignments to be posted on the RPV website not later than April 24, 2021.

4. Candidate Filing Requirements

Each candidate shall file a written statement of intent to seek the Republican Party of Virginia's nomination for the respective office and commitment not to seek election in the ensuing General Election other than as the Republican nominee, in a form to be determined by the RPV Chairman and posted on the Party's website, and shall pay a filing fee as follows:

Candidate for Governor \$14,000.00 Candidate for Lieutenant Governor \$2,900.00 Candidate for Attorney General \$12,000.00

The written statement of intent and commitment, and the filing fee, shall be delivered to the RPV Chairman in person, by commercial delivery service or via postal mail, and must be received by the Chairman no later than **5:00 p.m.** on **March 26, 2021**. Postmarks, or other proof of posting or dispatch, shall not govern.

5. Certification of Delegates

Delegates elected by each unit shall be certified in writing over the signatures of the permanent chairman and permanent secretary of the mass meeting or convention, or by the unit chair in the case of a party canvass. Such certifications shall be made using an Excel Spreadsheet form set by the RPV Chairman and posted on the Party's website and shall be delivered to the Chairman electronically as soon as practicable following their election (or, in the case of a cancelled mass meeting, party canvass or convention, the declaration of their election), but, in any event, all certifications, regardless of the date of the local mass meeting, party canvass, or convention must be delivered electronically fourteen (14) days (5:00 p.m. on April 24, 2021) prior to the convening of said convention. After the filing deadline of the certification, no change may be made.

6. Official Correspondence

If this call requires or permits a filing or other document or information to be made, sent or delivered, it shall be done as follows:

If in person, or via commercial delivery service:

Rich Anderson Chairman, Republican Party of Virginia 115 East Grace Street Richmond, Virginia 23235

If by postal mail:

Rich Anderson Chairman, Republican Party of Virginia Post Office Box 12025 Richmond, Virginia 23241

If by electronic mail or other electronic means:

Email: convention@virginia.gop

Other: In accordance with written consent and instructions provided by the RPV

Chairman or his designee

Republican Party of Virginia 2021 Convention <u>Delegate Votes</u>

	Delegate
Unit	Votes
Accomack County	60
Albemarle County	143
Alexandria City	101
Alleghany County /	
Covington City	44
Amelia County	34
Amherst County	70
Appomattox County	42
Arlington County	154
Augusta County	192
Bath County	11
Bedford County	225
Bland County	18
Botetourt County	96
Bristol City	33
Brunswick County	21
Buchanan County	47
Buckingham County	29
Campbell County	136
Caroline County	50
Carroll County	76
Charles City County	11
Charlotte County	25
Charlottesville City	22
Chesapeake City	365
Chesterfield County	606
Clarke County	33
Colonial Heights City	39
Craig County	16
Culpeper County	98
Cumberland County	19
Danville City	48
Dickenson County	33
Dinwiddie County	53
Emporia City /	
Greensville County	19
Essex County	20
Fairfax City	27
Fairfax County	1142
Falls Church City	11

	Delegate
Unit	Votes
Fauquier County	158
Floyd County	39
Fluvanna County	52
Franklin City /	
Southampton County	47
Franklin County	132
Frederick County	185
Fredericksburg City	26
Galax City	11
Giles County	44
Gloucester County	92
Goochland County	66
Grayson County	40
Greene County	43
Halifax County	67
Hampton City	118
Hanover County	288
Harrisonburg City	37
Henrico County	429
Henry County /	
Martinsville City	118
Highland County	7
Hopewell City	27
Isle Of Wight County	87
James City County /	
Williamsburg City	170
King & Queen County	15
King George County	51
King William County	45
Lancaster County	26
Lee County	55
Loudoun County	514
Louisa County	82
Lunenburg County	23
Lynchburg City	112
Madison County	34
Manassas City	41
Manassas Park City	12
Mathews County	26
Mecklenburg County	58

Unit	Delegate Votes
Middlesex County	27
Montgomery County	133
Nelson County	31
New Kent County	61
Newport News City	169
Norfolk City	148
Northampton County	19
Northumberland	
County	31
Nottoway County	26
Orange County	76
Page County	57
Patrick County	47
Petersburg City	10
Pittsylvania County	150
Poquoson City	36
Portsmouth City	84
Powhatan County	89
Prince Edward County	29
Prince George County	65
Prince William County	511
Pulaski County	81
Radford City	18
Rappahannock County	18
Richmond City	115
Richmond County	16
Roanoke City	98
Roanoke County	220
Rockbridge County /	
Lexington City / Buena	
Vista City	70
Rockingham County	193
Russell County	64
Salem City	51
Scott County	56
Shenandoah County	103
Smyth County	68
Spotsylvania County	240
Stafford County	235
Staunton City	36

	Delegate
Unit	Votes
Suffolk City	127
Surry County	13
Sussex County	15
Tazewell County	100
Virginia Beach City	661
Warren County	83
Washington County	136
Waynesboro City	35
Westmoreland County	33
Winchester City	33
Wise County / Norton	
City	87
Wythe County	72
York County	132

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.				