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Meeting of the Republican Party of Virginia

State Central Committee

April 29, 2016

John Whitbeck, Chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia, called the meeting of the State Central Committee (SCC) to order on Friday, April 29th 2016 at 12:05pm. The meeting was held at the Blue Ridge Events Center located in Harrisonburg, VA in advance of the state convention.

The invocation was given by College Republican Federation of Virginia member Cole Trower.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by former Lt. Gov. John Hager.

The Republican Creed was recited by Sixth District Chairman Wendell Walker.

Appointment of a Proxy Committee was made by the Chairman and made up of College Republicans Ben Slone, Nadia Elgendy and Jack Koltisko.

The Secretary called the roll with the following members in attendance.

John Whitbeck	Jo Thoburn	Roger Miles
Michael Thomas	Terry Wear	David Bartholomew
Morton Blackwell	Dan Webb	Steve Trent
Kathy Hayden	Ellen Nau	Carol De Triquet
Diana Banister	Jackson Miller	Bill Coburn
Chris Marston	John Cosgrove	Barbara Tabb
Jerry Kilgore	Kevin Gentry	Renee Maxey
Jennifer Lee	Juanita Balenger	Chris Shores
Jack Wilson	Al Aitken	Peyton Knight
Lynn Tucker	Steve Albertson	Clara Belle Wheeler
Wendell Walker	Bob Watson	Travis Witt
Ben Slone	Larry Kile	Georgia Alvis-Long
Mark Kelly	Allen Webb	Gene Rose
Adam Tolbert	Carol Dawson	Anne Fitzgerald

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Nancy Smith
Doug Rogers
Marie Quinn
Kristi Way
Mark Hile
Kevin Corbett
Marcy Hernick
Corey Scott
Susan Edwards

Heidi Stirrup
Julie Williams
Mark Sell
Puneet Ahluwalia
Eve Gleason
Keith Damon
Patsy Drain
David Ray
Nadia Elgendy

Jake Lee
Michael Wood
Jeff Wernsing
Miki Miller
Elizabeth Mundy
Jimmie Massie
John Hager

The following members were in attendance by proxy:

Michelle Jenkins, proxy held by Travis Lee
Eric Herr, proxy held by Lori Webb
Richard Nilsen, proxy held by Robert Kenyon
Steve Corazza, proxy held by Wesley Edwards
Joseph Sonsmith, proxy held by Steve Troxel
Mickey Mixon, proxy held by Nate Boyer
William J. Flanagan, proxy held by Michael Flanagan
Noah Wall, proxy held by Anna Urman
Kishore Thota, proxy held by Samantha Sedivy
Ben Dessart, proxy held by Cole Trower
David Ray, proxy held by Susan Swiatek
Jack Wilson, proxy held by Peter Foster

Report of the Proxy Committee found that 12 proxies were in order.

The Chairman announced that former Attorney General Jerry Kilgore will become the Finance Chairman.

Chairman Whitbeck asked the Committee to approve a resolution honoring those who have served the Party for many years who will be departing the State Central Committee. The resolution reads as follows:

On this date, the 29th day of April, in the year 2016, the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia express deep gratitude to (insert name) for his/her years of dedicated service to our Party and the Commonwealth. We thank them for their time and efforts on behalf of the Republican Party of Virginia.

Those being honored include:

Col. Bill Flanagan

Andrew Nicholson
Ann LeHuray
Chris Shores
Doug Rogers
Georgia Alvis-Long
Jerry Lester
Kay Gunter
Kristi Way
Rick Michael
Matthew Burrow
Noah Wall
Patsy Drain
Peyton Knight
David Ray

A second was made to the motion and approved by the body. The Chairman thanked all for their service and gave each a certificate of appreciation.

A motion was made to approve the Minutes from the January 29, 2016 SCC Meeting. There was a second and the motion passed.

The Chairman gave a brief report on the finances and fundraising efforts which are going very well this year.

The Chairman introduced the head of Team Virginia, the Partnership with the Republican National Committee who gave a report on the field operations and efforts to register new voters.

The Republican National Committee Faith Outreach Coordinator made a presentation.

A report was given by First District Member Steve Albertson who headed a task force along with Western Vice Chairman Al Aitken and Tenth District Member Eve Gleason to look into the Frederick County matter and make a recommendation to the SCC on action regarding the Appeal.

Senator Cosgrove had a Parliamentary Inquiry, if it passed will it be taken back to the committee.

Mr. Aitken made a motion that the State Central Committee deny the appeal based on Article X, Section B (of the Party Plan) for the failure to apply the procedures for handling appeals which require that appeals start at the lowest possible level within in the committee and work its way up to State Central. A second was made to the motion.

Tenth District Member Julie Williams made a substitute motion that the State Central Committee direct the Tenth District Committee to use its authority under Article IV, Sec. D., paragraph 1e, to appoint a new Frederick County Republican Committee to serve until a Mass Meeting or Convention can be held to elect their successors.

A Point of Order was made that the substitute motion was not properly before the committee.

The Chairman determined it was proper. Those involved in the situation, Dr. Mark Berg, Andy Robbins, and Dutch Jennings addressed the committee. Further discussion commenced.

The question was called on the substitute motion. After the voice vote, the Chairman declared the motion failed.

Mr. Aitken reiterated the original motion made that the appeal be denied because it is not in compliance with Article X.

Further discussion commenced and the Question was called.

A standing vote was required and the vote was 40-30 in favor of the motion.

The next item of business involved an appeal in the 11th District. Mr. Albertson reported on the situation and the task force's findings on it.

Eleventh District Member David Ray made a motion that the appeal be denied because it was filed too late. The appeal must be filed within 30 days of the decision according to the Party Plan. The motion was seconded.

First District Member Carol Dawson made a motion to table the motion. The motion was seconded but failed.

First Chairman Mike Thomas, Eleventh District Chairman Terry Wear, and General Counsel Chris Marston further clarified.

The Question on Mr. Ray's motion was called. The motion to deny the appeal was approved.

Mr. Ray made a new motion that all official committees (including the SCC) have the authority, under the Party Plan to adopt provisions, such as election thresholds, in all Calls to Conventions and Mass Meetings. The motion was seconded.

Eastern Vice Chairman Kevin Gentry made a motion to "Lay on the Table" this motion. Mr. Gentry's motion was seconded by Del. Jackson Miller and passed without debate.

Party Plan Committee Chair Eve Gleason made a motion to approve a Party Plan Amendment regarding Article VII that was approved by the Committee.

In Article VII, Section C

*A member of an Official Committee is held to a higher standard of support for nominees of the Republican Party than an individual who merely participates in a mass meeting, party canvass, convention or primary. Therefore, a member of an Official Committee is deemed to have resigned his Committee position if he (a) makes a reportable contribution to and/or (b) **knowingly** allows his name to be publicly used by and/or (c) makes a written or other public statement ~~in support~~ **supporting the election** of a candidate in opposition to a Republican nominee in a Virginia General or Special Election, and/or (d) becomes an officer of any other political party. **A majority of the elected officers of an official committee are charged with recognizing when this provision is in effect. For members of multiple official committees, such recognition by a given official committee applies to all subordinate official committees.** Such member may be re-instated by a majority vote of the other members of the Committee.*

For the purposes of this section, “allows” shall mean that a member has either (i) affirmatively given permission for his name to be publicly used, or (ii) refused to publicly disavow the use of his name upon receiving notification by an official committee chairman that it is being used.

The motion was seconded and there was further discussion on the merits.

The Question was called. The Motion to approve requiring a ¾ roll call vote was as follows:

First	Last	Y/N
John	Whitbeck	--
Michael	Thomas	Y
Morton	Blackwell	Y
Kathy	Hayden	Y
Diana	Banister	Y
Rich	Nilsen	Y
Eric	Herr	Y
Jennifer	Lee	Y
Jack	Wilson	Y
Lynn	Tucker	Y
Wendell	Walker	Y
Ben	Slone	Y
Mark	Kelly	Y
Adam	Tolbert	Y

Jo	Thoburn	Y
Terry	Wear	Y
Dan	Webb	Y
Ellen	Nau	Y
Jackson	Miller	Y
Kevin	Gentry	Y
Juanita	Balenger	Y
Steve	Albertson	Y
Bob	Watson	Y
Larry	Kile	Y
Allen	Webb	N
Carol	Dawson	Y
Roger	Miles	Y
Stephen	Corazza	Y
Steve	Trent	N
Carol	De Triquet	Y

Bill	Coburn	Y
Barbara	Tabb	Y
Bill	Flanagan	Y
Kishore	Thota	Y
Renee	Maxey	Y
Peyton	Knight	Y
Clara	Wheeler	Y
Ben	Dessart	Y
Travis	Witt	Y
Georgia	Alvis-Long	Y
Mickey	Mixon	Y
Joseph	Sonsmith	Y
Gene	Rose	Y
Anne	Fitzgerald	Y
Nancy	Smith	Y
Marie	Quinn	Y
Kristi	Way	Y
Mark	Hile	Y
Noah	Wall	Y
Kevin	Corbett	Y

Marcy	Hernick	Y
Michelle	Jenkins	Y
Corey	Scott	Y
Susan	Edwards	Y
Heidi	Stirrup	Y
Julie	Williams	Y
Mark	Sell	Y
Puneet	Ahluwalia	Y
Eve	Gleason	Y
Keith	Damon	Y
Patsy	Drain	Y
David	Ray	N
Nadia	Elgendy	Y
Jack	Koltisko	Y
Michael	Wood	Y
Jeff	Wernsing	Y
Miki	Miller	Y
Elizabeth	Mundy	Y
Jimmie	Massie	Y

The motion on the Party Plan Amendment passed 65-3.

A motion was made to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.