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**State Central Committee Meeting  
June 24, 2017**

The regular meeting of the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia was held at the offices of McGuireWoods LLC, Richmond VA, on June 24, 2017. Chairman John Whitbeck called the meeting to order at 12:10pm. Secretary Jill Cook was present.

The invocation was given by Ben Slone

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Whitbeck

The Republican Creed was read by Scott Sayre.

The Chair appointed Nadia Elgendy, Jack Koltisko and Jacob Neff to the Proxy Committee. The Committee reported that 22 proxies were in order.

The Chair recognized Attorney General nominee John Adams, who addressed the Committee for six minutes.

The following members attended in person:

John Whitbeck	Paul Prados	Carole de Triquet
Mike Thomas	Nadia Elgendy	Barbara Tabb
Morton Blackwell	Kishore Thota	Pete Burkheimer
Cynthia Dunbar	Jackson Miller	Carey Allen
Jill Cook	Wendell Walker	Renee Maxey
John Selph	Nancy Dye	Ed Yensho
Jerry Kilgore	Steve Albertson	Joanne Holden
Chris Marston	Bob Watson	Will Kirk
Dennis Free	Larry Kile	Travis Witt
Jennifer Lee	Robert Cunningham	Nate Boyer
Jack Wilson	Carol Dawson	Mark Hile
Scott Sayre	Jeff Ryer	Susan Lascolette
Ben Slone	Ashley McLeod	Dewey McDonnell
Mark Kelly	Wesley Edwards	Nancy Smith
Adam Tolbert	Steve Trent	Sandy Liddy Bourne

David Foster  
Aaron Spradlin  
Michelle Jenkins  
Marcy Hernick  
Corey Scott  
Susan Edwards

Andrew Nicholson  
Mark Sell  
Kyle McDaniel  
Ryan Rauner  
Jack Koltisko  
Jacob Neff

Erika Dyer  
Dustin Rinehart  
Linda Bartlett  
Marie Quinn

The following members attended by proxy:

Eric Herr – proxy held by R Allen Webb  
Lynn Tucker – proxy held by Will Pace  
Jo Thoburn – proxy held by Matt Leeds  
Ellen Nau – proxy held by Lorraine Waddill  
John Cosgrove – proxy held by Amanda Chase  
Diana Banister – proxy held by Debbie Agliano  
Kevin Gentry – proxy held by Matthew Hurtt  
Carolyn Weems – proxy held by Cindy Free  
Chad Green – proxy held by M George Clark  
Bill Coburn – proxy held by Thomas Turner  
Doc Troxel – proxy held by J. Hudson McWilliams  
Joseph Sonsmith – proxy held by Ken Adams  
Carrie Thompson – proxy held by Charlie Nave  
Anne Fitzgerald – proxy held by Sandy Adams  
Ron Hedlund - proxy held by Aaron Gulbranson  
Charlie Keller – proxy held by Valerie Wohlleben  
Puneet Ahluwalia – proxy held by Evan Draim  
Eve Gleason – proxy held by Julie Williams  
Fredy Burgos – proxy held by John Martin  
Jimmie Massie – proxy held by Del John M O’Bannon, III  
Siobhan Dunnavant – proxy held by Frank Ruff

The proxy report was accepted. There were 22 proxies found to be in order.

*One member’s proxy was approved prior to the delivery of the report, but the member was present in person.*

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 4, 2017 meeting were approved.

### **State Chairman’s Report**

The Chair recognized Rollin Reisinger, who spoke for three minutes on behalf of Lt Governor nominee Jill Vogel.

The Chair recognized Garren Shipley, VA Communications Director of RNC, who gave a report on the communications goals of 2017. Following the presentation, Mr. Shipley answered questions from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Governor nominee Ed Gillespie, who addressed the Committee for twelve minutes.

At 12:45pm, Nancy Dye moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy issues and to hear the finance and treasurer's reports. Motion approved by voice vote.

At 1:26pm, Nate Boyer moved to exit Executive Session. Motion approved by voice vote and the Chair called the Committee back to order.

### **State Chairman's Report (continued)**

The Chair entertained the Committee by reading some "Mean Tweets" directed at RPV.

### **Unfinished Business and General Orders**

#### **Report of Communications Best Practices Task Force**

Jill Cook reported that the Task Force has compiled a list of recommendations. Members were asked to review the written report and give any feedback or input. Dave Foster will propose adoption at the fall meeting.

#### **Appeals Review Committee**

Bob Watson reported on behalf of the Committee, which convened four times between March and June. Two documents were produced: Guidelines and a Check List.

The Secretary will send the two documents electronically to the members for their review. Members were asked to submit input, and the committee will request a resolution at the fall meeting.

At 1:42pm, the Chair announced a lunch recess.

At 2:00pm, the meeting was called back to order.

### **New Business**

The Secretary read the following resolution honoring Pat Mullins. Nate Boyer moved to accept the Resolution, which was approved unanimously by voice vote.

*"Whereas, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and The Republican Party of Virginia specifically lost a great leader, a great friend, and a great man on May 28, 2017, with the untimely passing of former Chairman Patrick Mullins; and,*

*Whereas, Patrick Mullins, of Louisa County was elected in 2009 to serve as chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia; and,*

*Whereas, Patrick Mullins, of Fairfax County, was elected Chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia in 2009, and,*

*Whereas, Patrick Mullins, Served as chairman of Louisa and Fairfax Republican Committees; and,*

*Whereas, Patrick Mullins, shepherded our Party through some of its darkest hours; and,  
Whereas, Patrick Mullins, grew our Party, built a robust infrastructure and led to some of our greatest successes; and,  
Whereas, Patrick Mullins, spent much of his time outside of politics serving disabled children through therapeutic riding; and,  
Whereas, Patrick Mullins, was an extraordinary storyteller, a canny political operator, and diligent worker for our shared conservative values; and,  
Whereas, Patrick Mullins, joyously shared his love of God, love of country, love of Commonwealth in all that he did; and,  
Whereas, Pat Mullins was a good friend to us all;  
Now therefore be it resolved by the Republican Party of Virginia;  
Be it RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Virginia extends its thanks to both the Almighty and the Mullins family for their gracious willingness to share the life, wisdom, and love of Patrick Mullins with us all; and,  
Be it RESOLVED, the Republican Party of Virginia extends its deepest condolences to the Mullins family, and joins them in both the mourning of his passing, and in the celebration of his life."*

#### National Delegate Selection Party Plan Amendment – Bourne Resolution

Sandy Liddy Bourne moved to adopt the following resolution:

*"Be it resolved that the State Central Committee creates a temporary committee with the following purpose:*

*To review the national delegate selection process for at-large delegates from Virginia to the 2016 RNC convention.*

*To prepare a report to be delivered at the 2017 Winter SCC Meeting outlining:*

- *The individuals chosen by the nominations committee as at-large delegates and at-large alternates delegates*
- *The individuals who made up the nominations committee*
- *The criteria used to make these selections*
- *Perceived issues with the nomination process with an exploration into the veracity of the criticisms*
- *Suggestions for possible improvements in the process for the future*

*The committee is to be co-chaired by Sandy Liddy Bourne and Steve Albertson with membership made up of one appointee by each Congressional District Chairman, the Chairman of RPV, the head of the VFRW, the Chairman of the YRFV, and the Chair of the CRFV. Appointees are expected to meet via conference call once a month. The committee will seek input from the delegates and alternates, the nominations committee, staff, unit chairs, and convention attendees on the matters to be discussed by the committee.*

*The committee is to be named the "RPV At-Large Delegate Review Process Committee" and will cease to exist after the Winter 2017 RPV Meeting."*

Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Clara Belle Wheeler addressed the committee regarding voter integrity processes, including list maintenance, voter tracking and the importance of Election Officers.

Nomination Method for 2018 US Senate Candidate

Executive Director Findlay gave a brief presentation on convention process.

Chris Marston moved that the Party's nominee for US Senate in 2018 be selected by a process to be filled in "in the blank". Ben Slone proposed filling the blank with "Convention". Dennis Free proposed filling the blank with "Primary". These two choices were added to Marston's motion. The Committee adopted the motion by unanimous voice vote. The Committee filled the blank with "primary" by a roll call vote of 45 to 35.

Michael	Thomas	P
Morton	Blackwell	C
Cynthia	Dunbar	C
Jill	Cook	P
John	Selph	P
Jerry	Kilgore	P
Eric	Herr	C
Dennis	Free	P
Jennifer	Lee	P
Jack	Wilson	P
Lynn	Tucker	P
Scott	Sayre	C
Ben	Slone	C
Mark	Kelly	C
Adam	Tolbert	P
Jo	Thoburn	C
Paul	Prados	C
Nadia	Elgendy	P
Kishore	Thota	P
Ellen	Nau	P
Jackson	Miller	P
John	Cosgrove	P
Kevin	Gentry	C
Diana	Banister	C
Wendell	Walker	P
Nancy	Dye	P
Steve	Albertson	C
Bob	Watson	C
Larry	Kile	C
Robert	Cunningham	C
Carol	Dawson	C
Jeff	Ryer	P
Carolyn	Weems	P

Ashley	McLeod	P
Chad	Green	P
Wesley	Edwards	P
Steve	Trent	P
Carole	de Triquet	P
Bill	Coburn	P
Barbara	Tabb	P
Pete	Burkhimer	P
Carey	Allen	P
Renee	Maxey	C
Ed	Yensho	C
Joanne	Holden	C
Will	Kirk	C
Travis	Witt	C
Nate	Boyer	C
Steve "Doc"	Troxel	C
Joseph	Sonsmith	C
Carrie	Thompson	C
Anne	Fitzgerald	C
Mark	Hile	C
Ron	Hedlund	P
Susan	Lascolette	C
Dewey	McDonnell	C
Nancy	Smith	C
Charlie	Keller	P
Sandy Liddy	Bourne	P
David	Foster	P
Aaron	Spradlin	C
Michelle	Jenkins	P
Marcy	Hernick	P
Corey	Scott	P
Susan	Edwards	C
Andrew	Nicholson	C
Mark	Sell	C
Puneet	Ahluwalia	P
Eve	Gleason	C
Kyle	McDaniel	P
Fredy	Burgos	C
Ryan	Rauner	P
Jack	Koltisko	P
Jacob	Neff	P
Erika	Dyer	P
Dustin	Rinehart	P
Linda	Bartlett	P
Marie	Quinn	P
Jimmie	Massie	P
Siobhan	Dunnavant	P

### Spotsylvania Appeal

Paul Prados moved to divide the question on the appeal as follows: (i) is the appeal moot because the First District Committee lacked jurisdiction due to insufficient signatures, (ii) is the appeal moot because Mr. Yakabouski has qualified to be on the ballot as an independent, and (iii) if the appeal is not moot, shall the appeal be granted."

Aaron Gulbranson (proxy to Ron Hedlund) moved to amend the Prados motion as such: Do not divide the question, allow 10 min presentation by each side, then 20 min discussion. Motion failed by voice vote.

Prados motion was called. Voice vote was unclear to the Chair. Standing vote was called; motion failed 36-43.

Ten minutes were allotted to each side for presentation.

Chris Woodfin spoke for the appellant.

The following spoke against the appeal:

Dale Swanson – Spotsylvania GOP Chair

David Ross – SCRC Chairman of Board of Supervisors

Ron Breeden – volunteer for SCRC

Aaron Gulbranson moved to uphold the appeal.

Substitute motion by Mike Thomas: Uphold the appeal and reaffirm that Mr. Yakabouski is the Republican nominee for Battlefield District Supervisor.

Counsel suggested that both motions be withdrawn. Both withdrew. New motion by Mike Thomas - to uphold the appeal and state that Mr. Yakabouski is determined to be the Republican nominee, as stated in the Call.

Thomas motion was called. Voice vote was unclear; standing vote was called. Motion passed 41-36.

Chris Marston moved to adjourn; motion passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 3:03pm.