



# MINUTES

## 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Committee

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SPECIAL MEETING OF  
THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICAN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
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Held at 3215 Rock Creek Villa Drive, Quinton, VA 23141  
In the Dogwood Room, Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 10:00 AM

**ATTENDANCE** (Y = Present, A = Absent, P = Present by Proxy):

Chair (Jeffrey Ryer )	[Y]	Secretary (Edgar Doleman)	[Y]
Treasurer (vacant)	[A]	State Central C4 (Lauren Keiser)	[Y]
State Central C4 (Tara Carroll)	[Y]	State Central C4 (David Botkins)	[Y]
State Central R2 (Mark Daniel)	[Y]	State Central P4 (Joshua Mayes)	[A]
YRFV - Young Republicans (Brady Hillis)	[Y]	VFRW (Fay Williamson)	[P]
CRFV - College Republicans (Joey Funai)	[Y]	CHESTERFIELD (Rick Michael)	[Y]
ESSEX (Billy Healy)	[Y]	GLOUCESTER (Ashley Chriscoe)	[P]
HANOVER (Brian Boykin rep)	[Y]	HENRICO (Brian Horn)	[Y]
JAMES CITY /WILLIAMSBURG (Barbara Null)	[Y]	KING AND QUEEN (Bill Rilee)	[Y]
KING WILLIAM (Lindsay Robinson)	[P]	LANCASTER/1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair (Michael Schoelwer)	[Y]
MATHEWS (Byron Rauch)	[A]	MIDDLESEX (Lynda Muller)	[P]
NEW KENT (Jake Westbrook)	[Y]	NORTHUMBERLAND (Marion Cockrell)	[Y]
POQUOSON (Colleen Holcomb)	[Y]	RICHMOND (Debbie Harper)	[A]
WESTMORELAND (M. Alan Aylor )	[Y]	YORK (Robert Wood)	[P]

**APPROVED PROXIES**

GLOUCESTER (Ashley Chriscoe) proxy to Pat Dunnington  
KING WILLIAM (Lindsay Robinson) proxy to John Breeden  
MIDDLESEX (Lynda Muller) proxy to John D. Hooper  
YORK (Robert Wood) proxy to Joshua Johnson

**GENERAL OPENING**

Chairman Ryer called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Mark Daniel gave an invocation, Edgar Doleman led the Pledge of Allegiance and Brady Hillis read the Republican Creed.

The Chair appointed Alan Aylor and Rick Michael to form a proxy committee. Four proxies were submitted to the Proxy Committee and approved. The secretary called the roll. J.B. Benson presented documentation confirming Jake Westbrook as his replacement representing New Kent. 23 voting members were present constituting a quorum and a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority.

**GUESTS**

The Chair introduced guests and new members.

**REPORTS**

**Secretary.** Copies of the minutes of the December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular meeting had been distributed with the call. Joshua Mayes moved to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Alan Aylor. The minutes were approved without dissent.

**Treasurer.** No report submitted as an order of new business was to elect a new treasurer.

**VFRW.** Fay Williamson reported their convention will be held May 13-15 in Alexandria. A 'Paint the Town Red' affair is planned at the John Marshall Hotel \$60 a ticket and a pancake dinner fundraiser will be held Feb. 17, at \$8 a ticket (flyers passed out).

**YRFV.** Brady Hillis reported that they will hold a Lobby Day, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> and invited all to attend.

**CRFV.** Joey Funai reported they will have a convention this month to elect new leadership. He is running for vice chair.

### ***UNFINISHED BUSINESS***

**2022 Convention Call.** The Chair noted that copies of the revised call had been distributed and opened the floor to comments. A question concerning the proper definition of Military members was found to be resolved in the revised call. The Chair noted that Lindsay Robinson, chair of the Committee for Arrangements had reported results. The probable convention costs would be in the range of \$1,000 to \$1,500. Possible venues were high schools in King William County and Hanover County. After discussion, the Chair asked for votes to rank the preferences. Results of preference ranking vote was 1<sup>st</sup> Mechanicsville High School, 2<sup>nd</sup> Atlee High School, and fall-back King William High School.

Discussion continued.

Question was raised, why \$1,500 filing fee for the chair? The Chair replied that conventions are to be cost neutral and the expected costs were approximately \$750 for the location and \$750 for security. Mark Daniel made a motion to reduce the chair filing fee for candidates for chair to \$1,000, seconded by Joshua Mayes. Motion approved without dissent. The Chair noted filing deadline for candidates for chair is Feb. 18, 5 pm. Question was raised concerning use of machines for the rank choice voting prescribed in the call. The Chair noted that machines for electing a single position was not economical; county chairs could manage manually. Question was raised concerning the phrase "online filing" for delegates. The Chair noted it was mainly for Henrico which does have an online portal (created by RPV Treasurer John Self) for filing which other counties can use is desired.

Question was raised concerning the filing deadline for delegates. The Chair noted it could not be changed as the party plan specifies 7 days before the convention.

Mike Schoelwer made a motion to add the words "unless revised by the RPV" to the header for delegate votes, and to correct the address for the secretary, seconded by Tara Carroll. The motion passed without dissent.

**Committee Audit.** The Chair called for volunteers to perform the required audit of the Committee. Lacking volunteers, the Chair suggested a motion to allow the Chair to contract a qualified person, estimating the cost to be roughly \$250. Barbara Null made the motion which was approved without dissent.

### ***NEW BUSINESS***

**Approval of Election Rules.** The Chair proposed using the same rules approved for the conduct of elections at the last meeting. under New Business were distributed with the call. The acting Chair asked for a motion to approve the proposed rules and appointed Billy Healy and Rick Michael as the Teller Committee.

**Election of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair.** Tara Carroll nominated Julie Coggsdale. Mark Daniel nominated J.B. Benson, but J.B. declined. There being no other nominees, Brian Horn, seconded by Pat Dunnington, moved to close nominations. The motion was approved without dissent and Julie was elected by acclaim.

**Election of Treasurer.** Joshua Mayes nominated George Clark, former treasurer for 2<sup>nd</sup> District. There being no other nominations, Brian Horn, seconded by Pat Dunnington, moved to close nominations. The motion was approved without dissent and Brian was elected by acclaim

### ***UNIT REPORTS***

**Chesterfield.** Rick Michael noted they welcomed a visit by Rob Wittman at their last meeting and will be holding a canvass at the end of March.

**Essex.** Billy Healy they also welcomed a visit by Rob Wittman at their last meeting and he talked a long time. Essex's new school board is now 3 to 2 Republican. They revoked the mask mandate, causing a teacher backlash, but overrode them.

**Gloucester.** Pat Dunnington noted the Daffodil Festival will be Apr. 2-3 and that their office will be getting a make-over.

**Hanover.** Bryan Boykin reported they have set up an accountability committee to track and hold accountable local officials.

**Henrico.** Bryan Horn noted they are thrilled to be in the 1<sup>st</sup> District, there will be a breakfast meeting on Feb. 19 and then they will reconstitute the committee.

**King William.** John Breeden noted they had a new chair, they have increased membership three-fold and are sponsoring a fancy dress ball in April.

**Lancaster.** Mike Schoelwer noted the revised Reagan Day Dinner in March, that they have created an election integrity committee, that he is working with Middle Resolution to support Education Savings Accounts

legislation and announced a "TSS Lunch" Thursday, Feb 10 for those tired of screaming at their TV and wanting to do something.

**Middlesex.** John Hooper noted a new chair and officers to be installed this month. Their school board met on the mask mandates and Monday will be deciding in another meeting.

**New Kent.** Mark Daniel praised JB Benson's work. Concerning their School Board, he told a tale of a new woman on the board, seemingly timid who after two liberals ranted for mask mandates, quietly said she would vote the other way and that pulled two more otherwise timid members to her side, turning the tide. He also noted they had been filing lots of FOIA requests.

**Northumberland.** Marion Cockrell noted their next meeting is Wednesday, Feb 9 and that they have been gaining new members monthly.

**Poquoson.** Colleen Holcom noted they are reconstituting and she's finding lots of interest. Their next meeting is Feb. 26.

**Westmoreland.** Ala Aylor noted their quarterly meeting will be in March and they are working petitions to get Rob Wittman on the ballot.

**Williamsburg/James City.** Barbara Null noted their mass meeting is set for March 27 and the Williamsburg Breakfast Club is very active.

**York.** Joshua Johnson noted that Bob Wood is the outgoing chair and that they are glad to be in the 1<sup>st</sup> District. The Chair appointed Lindsay Robinson to chair a committee on arrangements.

#### ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

Daniel Gualteros, Wittman Campaign Manager, noted they were closing in on 1,000 signatures to get Rob on the ballot. Looking to get many more than required to cover possible signature rejections.

Tara Carroll asks members to please get her newsletter.

George Clark noted the next RPV Advance in April will include a skeet shoot and golf tournament.

The Chair noted that the State Board of Election will soon allow us to report a primary for Rob Wittman as the method of nomination. The Chair also noted the appointment of Chris Woodfin as Counsel for the committee and that a parliamentarian is TBD.

#### ***ADJOURNMENT***

Jeff Ryer proposed that the next meeting be scheduled for April on a day to be determined to avoid conflicts with other meetings. Approved by voice vote. Alan Aylor made a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 11:36 am.

Respectfully submitted:

Edgar Doleman, Secretary