



## **Republican Party of Virginia State Central Committee Meeting**

**September 9, 2023**

A meeting of the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia was held at the Life Christian Academy, 1221 Boulevard, Colonial Heights, VA 23834 on September 9, 2023. Chairman Rich Anderson called the meeting to order at 11:09pm. Secretary Jill Cook was present.

The invocation was given by David Botkins.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kristi Way.

The Republican Creed was read by Patti Lyman.

The Chair appointed Carey Allen as Chair of the Proxy Committee.

Jean Gannon's motion to adopt the minutes of the April 21, 2023 State Central Committee meeting, as corrected, passed by voice vote.

The following members attended in person:

Rich Anderson

Kristi Way

Morton Blackwell

Patti Lyman

Jill Cook

Jeff Ryer

Dennis Free

Miki Miller

Carey Allen

Rick Buchanan

John Massoud

Ben Hazekamp

Andrew Lopper

Adam Tolbert

Geary Higgins

Mike Ginsberg

Stephanie Hazekamp

Joey Funai

Wendell Walker

John Cosgrove

Ken Nunnenkamp

Ron Wright  
Chris Marston  
Amanda Batten  
Nancy Dye  
Lauren Keiser  
David Botkins  
Tara Carroll  
Joshua Mayes  
Mark Daniel  
Nicholas Proffitt  
Elizabeth Lankford  
Bill Curtis  
Bill Coburn  
Cliff Dunn  
Carole deTriquet  
Mike Ziegenfuss  
Sarah Mahayni  
Stacie Gordon  
Renee Maxey  
Susan Lascolette  
Steven “Doc” Troxel  
Nate Boyer  
Craig Scott  
Stephen Kurtz  
Tim Parrish  
Kimmy Kruskamp  
Dewey McDonnell  
Nancy Almasi  
Diane Cullo  
Jonathon Hauenschild  
Tyler Lester  
Caleb Cruely  
Susan Edwards  
Steven Statzer  
Mark Sell  
Cathy McNickle  
Heather Rice  
Richard McCarty  
Devon Flynn  
Jean M Gannon  
Thomas Turner  
Skye Riggleman  
Scott Wyatt

The report of the Proxy Committee was accepted. Ten proxies were found to be in order. The following members attended by proxy:

John Selph – proxy held by Zachary Wood  
Susan Cobb - proxy held by Nancy Russell  
E Janet Riddick – proxy held by Kate Maxwell  
Randy Gilbert – proxy held by John Chroninger  
Tara Carroll - proxy held by Ellen Nau  
Curt Lilly – proxy held by Forrest Jones  
Eric Phillips – proxy held by Judi Lynch  
Lou Call – proxy held by Ginny Carlson  
Brady Hillis – proxy held by Antonio Locklear  
Stephen Gallagher – proxy held by Philip Vayntrub

### **Auxiliary Reports**

- The VFRW Report was delivered by Nancy Russell, proxy for President Susan Cobb.
- The YRFV report was delivered by Chair Stephanie Hazekamp.
- The CRFV report was delivered by Chair Joey Funai.
- Chairman Anderson reported that the HSRFV has been chartered and Bella Calfee has been elected Chair. He announced that former HSRFV Secretary Mike Gregory has been elected National Chair.

### **Chairman's Update**

The Chairman reported on the following items:

- Four Unit Chair Summits that have been held
- The Unit Chair handbook will be updated and distributed to Unit Chairs
- Candidate Training Schools are ongoing

Long-range planning calendar

- Election Day: November 7, 2023
- SCC Meeting: December 9, 2023
- Annual RPV Advance: April 12-14; Norfolk, VA
- RPV 2024 Quadrennial Convention: May 31-June 1; Hampton, VA

The Chair introduced Cooper Mohr, State Director for “Secure Your Vote, Virginia”, who gave a presentation on the program.

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

#### **Resolution on Ranked Choice Voting**

Elizabeth Lankford presented on behalf of the Resolutions Committee.

Kristi Way's motion to limit debate to 20 minutes total with ten minutes per side and one minute per person passed by voice vote.

Patti Lyman presented the Resolution:

VIRGINIA STATE CENTRAL RESOLUTION TO OFFICIALLY OPPOSE RANKED CHOICE VOTING

*WHEREAS, On January 27, 2023 the Republican National Committee adopted the following resolution TO OFFICIALLY OPPOSE RANKED CHOICE VOTING ACROSS THE COUNTRY:*

*"WHEREAS, The mission of the Republican Party is to act as the party of liberty, the party of equality, the party of opportunity for all, the party of favoritism for none and to encourage and allow the broadest possible participation of all voters in Republican Party activities at all levels and to ensure that the Republican Party is open and accessible to all Americans;*

*WHEREAS, America has operated on a well-understood and relatively uniform election system that has been implemented over two hundred years to support our constitutional republic;*

*WHEREAS, The political parties in America have created the world's largest representative forums for debate amongst thousands of factions of American citizens all across the nation;*

*WHEREAS, Traditional American primary and general elections ensure that voters who support one candidate, not a plurality of candidates, are heard clearly while ranked choice voting schemes open elections to 'ballot exhaustion' or the disenfranchisement of voters who choose not to support multiple candidates who do not clearly represent their values;*

*WHEREAS, The grassroots activists of the Republican Party have made it abundantly clear that they do not trust new election procedures, outcomes, and further complications of modern systems that sow additional distrust in elections and we need to keep voting simple and secure;*

*WHEREAS, Educating voters on the confusing processes that vary by state has cost taxpayers tens of millions of dollars for educational efforts that have provided ineffective results;*

*WHEREAS, States and communities where ranked choice voting has been tested have consistently decreased voter participation in those communities and in many cases the elections have resulted in more discarded votes than counted votes;*

*WHEREAS, Ranked choice voting often results in additional tabulation delays resulting in days or weeks of additional counting while depending exclusively on technology without traceable ballots to support determined winners; and*

*WHEREAS, Supporters of ranked choice voting seek to eliminate or disempower party primaries; therefore, be it*

*RESOLVED, That the Republican National Committee rejects ranked choice voting and similar schemes that increase election distrust, and voter suppression and disenfranchisement, eliminate the historic political party system, and put elections in the hands of expensive election schemes that cost taxpayers and depend exclusively on confusing technology and unelected bureaucrats to manage it; and*

*RESOLVED, That the Republican National Committee calls on Congress, state legislatures, and voters to oppose ranked choice voting in every locality and level of government and return elections to easier systems that have worked for centuries for fair and transparent elections.” (1.)*

*WHEREAS, the Virginia State Central Committee wishes to recognize and support the RNC resolution against Ranked Choice Voting in Virginia,*

*WHEREAS, in the 2020 legislative session the Virginia General Assembly approved Chapter 1054, An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 24.2-673.1, relating to ranked choice voting; elections for local governing bodies; local option pilot program. (2.) (3.)*

*WHEREAS, said legislation has resulted in the requirement for ELECT to adopt additional policies and procedures to administer ranked choice voting across Virginia whose implementation has resulted in additional and unnecessary costs to Virginia taxpayers while further complicating elections (4.); therefore, be it*

*RESOLVED, That the Virginia State Central Committee calls on all county, city, and state elected officials, electoral board members, the Republican Party of Virginia, and all Virginia voters to oppose ranked choice voting in every locality and level of government and return elections to easier systems that have worked for centuries for fair and transparent elections.*

The Resolution was not adopted, 27-43.

Members voting in the affirmative:

Blackwell, Lyman, Buchanan, Massoud, Loposser, Higgins, Daniel, Maxey, Lascolette, Troxel, Boyer, Gilbert, Scott, Lilly, Kruskamp, McDonnell, Almasi, Hauenschild, Cruvey, Edwards, Sell, McNickle, Rice, Flynn, Call, Gallagher, Wyatt

Members voting in the negative:

Way, Cook, Selph, Ryer, Free, Miller, Allen, B.Hazekamp, Tolbert, Ginsberg, Cobb, S.Hazekamp, Funai, Walker, Cosgrove, Nunnenkamp, Batten, Dye, Keiser, Botkins, Carroll, Mayes, Proffitt, Lankford, Curtis, Coburn, Dunn, de Triquet, Ziegenfuss, Riddick, Mahayni, Gordon, Parrish, Cullo, Lester, Statzer, Phillips, McCarty, Wright, Gannon, Turner, Riggelman, Hillis

Member answering present: Kurtz

### **Suffolk Appeal**

Cliff Dunn’s motion that the Party Plan Committee look at putting a timeline for reconstituting a committee into the Plan passed by unanimous consent.

### **New Business**

## **Resolution Regarding Terms of Call for the 2024 Quadrennial Convention**

The Resolution Regarding Terms of Call for the 2024 Quadrennial Convention moved by Jeff Ryer was adopted by voice vote, several amendments having been made.

### *Terms of Call for 2024 Quadrennial State Convention*

*Whereas, the Party Plan directs the State Central Committee to call State Conventions and make arrangements therefor, including the basis of representation, the time and the place;*

*Whereas, the Party Plan directs the State Chairman to issue calls for State Conventions;*

*Whereas, the Party Plan sets the basis of representation for State Conventions;*

*Whereas, the Party Plan requires that any registration fee for a State Convention, not to exceed \$45, be included in the Call;*

*Whereas, the Party Plan requires that any pre-filing requirement for offices to be filled at a convention*

*be included in the Call;*

*Whereas, the Party Plan includes special provisions for the selection of Military Members as delegates to*

*conventions and provides for a method for such Military Members votes to be cast if they are unable to*

*attend the convention;*

*Therefore be it resolved, that State Central Committee hereby calls the 2024 Quadrennial Convention*

*1. to be held at the Hampton Roads Convention Center in Hampton, Virginia, to convene on May 31, 2024 at 2:30 pm, and to reconvene on June 1, 2024, at 10:00 am, with no votes for offices to be filled by the Convention prior to 11:30 am on June 1, 2024*

*2. to be composed of delegates and alternate delegates from each city and county on the basis of one (1) Delegate Vote for each two hundred fifty (250) votes cast or major portion thereof for the Republican candidate in the 2020 election for President and the 2021 election for Governor;*

*3. to require a registration fee of \$45 for all delegates and alternate delegates;*

*4. to provide for participation by Military Members in accord with the Plan;*

*5. to require pre-filing by candidates for State Chairman, National Committeeman, and National Committeewoman by January 15, 2024, with a filing fee of \$6,000 in the case of the State Chairman and \$3,000 otherwise;*

*6. to require pre-filing by candidates for Elector by April 12, 2024, with a filing fee of \$450;*

*7. to offer electronic pre-filing for candidates for State Convention Delegate or Alternate where authorized by their respective unit call through the RPV;*

*and be it further resolved, that the State Central Committee directs*

*1. that each District Chairman issue the call for the 2024 Quadrennial District Convention no later than February 1, 2024, for a convention to be held no earlier than March 1, 2024, and no later than May 26, 2024;*

*2. that each Unit call for the mass meeting, party canvass, or convention to elect delegates to the Quadrennial District Convention, delegates to the State District Convention, and to elect a unit*

*chair and committee for the 2024 to be held no earlier than February 5, 2024, and no later than April 15, 2023 (with any pre-filing deadline for state convention delegate no earlier than February 1, 2024).*

### **Amendment Regarding Method of Allocating and Binding Delegates to the 2024 Republican National Convention**

The Committee amended the resolution adopted on April 21, 2023 regarding allocation and binding by voice vote. The resolution as amended is:

*Resolved, the Republican Party of Virginia determines that the results of the March 5, 2024, Presidential*

*Primary election will be used to allocate and bind Virginia's delegation to the 2023 Republican National*

*Convention based on the results certified to the Chairman by the State Board of Elections, as follows:*

*1. Congressional District Delegates—the three district delegates and alternate delegates in each Congressional District shall be allocated among the presidential candidates based on the total votes cast in that Congressional District and bound to cast their votes for the candidate to whom they have been allocated on the first ballot at the Convention as follows:*

- a. If one candidate receives more than fifty percent (50%) of the total votes cast or only one candidate receives more than fifteen percent (15%) of the total votes cast, all delegates and alternate delegates will be allocated to that candidate.*
- b. If two or more candidates receive more than fifteen percent (15%) of the vote, two delegates and alternates will be allocated to the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes and one delegate and alternate will be allocated to the candidate receiving the next greatest number of votes.*
- c. Otherwise, one delegate and one alternate will be allocated to each of the three candidates receiving the greatest numbers of votes.*

*2. At-Large Delegates Virginia's at-large delegates and alternate delegates shall be allocated among the presidential candidates in proportion to the total qualified votes cast for those candidates in the Primary and shall be bound to cast their votes for the candidate to whom they have been allocated on the first ballot at the Convention as follows:*

- a. Winner-take-all threshold--(a) if one candidate receives more than fifty percent (50%) of the total votes cast or (b) only one candidate receives more than fifteen percent (15%) of the total votes cast, all delegates will be allocated to that candidate.*
- b. Minimum vote threshold--If two or more candidates receive more than fifteen percent (15%) of the total votes cast, the delegates will be allocated to only those candidates in proportion to the total qualified votes cast. "Total qualified votes cast" means the total number of votes cast only for those candidates who received more than fifteen percent (15%) of the total votes cast.*
- c. Calculation Rules*
  - i. In order to determine the proportional allocation of delegates to each candidate, the fraction of the total qualified votes cast for each candidate will be*

*multiplied by the total number of at-large delegates and the product will be rounded to the nearest whole number.*

*ii. In the event that a delegate is unallocated due to rounding, that unallocated delegate shall be allocated to the candidate closest to the rounding threshold. iii. In the event that a delegate is overallocated due to rounding, that over- allocated delegate shall be removed from the allocation for the candidate furthest from the rounding threshold.*

*3. National Committee Members--As Virginia's representatives on the Republican National Committee, the Chairman, the National Committeeman, and the National Committeewoman are not allocated or bound to any candidate.*

### **Resolution Regarding Delegate Selection**

Jeff Ryer's motion to adopt the Resolution, as amended, passed by voice vote.

*Resolved, the Republican Party of Virginia determines that the delegates and alternate delegates to the*

*Republican National Convention will be selected pursuant to the following rules:*

*1. Submitted Lists—In accord with § 24.2-545 of the Code of Virginia, candidates competing in the March 5, 2024, Republican Presidential Primary, when submitting the required minimum of 5,000 signatures of qualified voters, including at least 200 qualified votes from each of the congressional districts, to the State Board of Elections, shall also submit the following:*

*a. The full names and registered voter addresses of qualified Virginia voters, matching the available number of at-large and alternate delegates awarded to the Virginia Delegation by the Republican National Committee, who would be elected as at-large and alternate delegates to the 2024 Republican National Convention. These names shall be placed in numerical order of priority, one through the total number of available at-large delegates and alternate delegates awarded to the Virginia Delegation, by the campaign submitting petitions.*

*b. The full names and registered voter addresses of six (6) qualified Virginia voters for each of the eleven congressional districts (sixty-six (66) voters total) who would be elected as delegates and alternate delegates to the 2024 Republican National Convention for their respective congressional districts. These names shall be placed in numerical order of priority, one (1) through six (6) for the respective congressional districts, by the campaign submitting petitions.*

*2. Limitation—Individuals seeking election as delegate or alternate delegate may only have their names submitted by one (1) campaign.*

*3. Selection—Individuals elected as delegates and alternate delegates will be determined according to the proportional allocation adopted by the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia at its April 2023 and September 2023 meetings, respecting the prioritized lists of the campaign awarded delegates.*



4. *Eligibility—To be eligible for election as delegates and alternate delegates, individuals must also be in compliance with the provision of Article I, Section A of the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia and sign a statement affirming that status.*

Tara Carroll left the meeting and was represented by proxy Ellen Nau.

#### **Executive Session**

Without objection, the Committee entered Executive Session at 2:34pm to discuss financial and other matters. The Committee returned to open session at 2:47pm.

#### **Announcements**

National Committeeman Morton Blackwell reported that his PAC has targeted several nonincumbent candidates and will give them \$30,000 each.

Delegate Wendell Walker announced that yard sign wickets are available to candidates for free.

Tim Parrish's motion that The Executive Committee be permitted to make such changes as deemed necessary regarding delegate allocation and selection, in order to comply with all laws and party rules and that no changes may be made to any details specifically discussed and agreed upon by the SCC during this meeting passed by voice vote.

The benediction was given by Mark Daniel.

The Committee adjourned at 2:56pm on September 9, 2023.