



Republican Party of Virginia State Central Committee Meeting

December 9, 2023

A regular meeting of the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia was held at the Delta Hotel 555 E Canal St, Richmond, VA 23219 on December 9, 2023. Chairman Rich Anderson called the meeting to order at 12:06pm. 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.

The following members attended in person:

Rich Anderson

Kristi Way

Morton Blackwell

Patti Lyman

Jill Cook

John Selph

Jeff Ryer

Dennis Free

Miki Miller

Carey Allen

Rick Buchanan

John Massoud

Ben Hazekamp

Andrew Loposser

Adam Tolbert

Mike Ginsberg

Susan Cobb

Stephanie Hazekamp

Joey Funai

Wendell Walker

Ron Wright

Chris Marston

Mark Kelly
Amanda Batten
Zack Thompson
Nancy Dye
Lauren Keiser
David Botkins
Joshua Mayes
Mark Daniel
Nicholas Proffitt
Bill Curtis
Cliff Dunn
Carole de Triquet
Mike Ziegenfuss
Sarah Mahayni
Stacie Gordon
Renee Maxey
Steven “Doc” Troxel
Will Kirk
Randy Gilbert
Craig Scott
Tim Parrish
Kimmy Kruskamp
Dewey McDonnell
Nancy Almasi
Diane Cullo
Jonathon Hauenschild
Eric Phillips
Mark Sell
Cathy McNickle
Heather Rice
Richard McCarty
Devon Flynn
Jean M Gannon
Lou Call
Scott Wyatt
David Suetterlein

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

Geary Higgins – proxy held by Kirk McNickle
Tara Carroll – proxy held by Ellen Nau
Elizabeth Lankford – proxy held by Parker Boggs
Bill Coburn - proxy held by Tom Goedkoop
Susan Lascolette – proxy held by Mark Hile

Nate Boyer – proxy held by Carolyn Ley
Curt Lilly – proxy held by Anne Fitzgerald
Thomas Turner – proxy held by Helen Sharpe
Skye Riggleman – proxy held by Cody Butler

The minutes of the September 9, 2023 State Central Committee meeting were approved as read.

Auxiliary Reports

- The VFRW Report was delivered by President Susan Cobb. Highlights were Legislative Day in January and the 2024 Convention
- The YRFV report was delivered by Chair Stephanie Hazekamp. Highlights were deployments for candidates and YR member recruitment.
- The CRFV report was delivered by Chair Joey Funai.
- The Chair reported on behalf of HSRFV Chair Bella Calfee. The HSRFV is seeking a representative for each Congressional District. Their 2024 goal is to strengthen ties with RPV.

Chairman's Update

The Chairman reported on the following items:

- 2023 Election Results
- Calendar

General Counsel's Report

Chris Marston highlighted points from the email he distributed regarding party organization process:

- District Convention Calls should be sent by February 1, 2024; all conventions should be held between March 1 and May 4, 2024.
- Purpose of Unit Convention is to elect Chair, members and delegates to District and State Conventions
- Must be held between February 5 and April 15, cannot be published before January 1
- All calls must be published on RPV website
- District Convention is to elect Chair, three State Central Committee members and one elector
- State Convention is to elect Chair, National Committeeman, National Committeewoman, and 2 electors.
- Deadline to file for State Chair and National Committee members is January 15. Deadline for electors is April 12

New Business

Resolutions Committee Report

In the absence of Chair Elizabeth Lankford, Sarah Mahayni delivered the Committee's report. The Committee received another resolution on ranked choice voting and will make its recommendation on that resolution at the next meeting.

Party Plan Amendment Committee Report

Chairman Jeff Ryer delivered the Committee's report. The Committee met several times to consider four proposals. The Committee recommended the two Party Plan Amendments, notice of which was included in the call.

Party Plan Amendment - Participation in Party Process

The Committee adopted the Party Plan Amendment on Participation in the Party Process by voice vote. Jeff Ryer's motion to adopt the amendment, as amended, passed by voice vote after adopting an amendment offered by Mark Daniel.

The Party Plan was amended in Article I, Sec. A, paragraph 2 by inserting at the end "A candidate who, having properly filed to seek the Republican nomination in a primary or other nominating process, publicly supports a candidate in opposition to a Republican nominee, shall not be qualified for participation in party actions as defined in Article I for a period of four (4) years."

Party Plan Amendment – State Central Committee -Article III

The Committee considered the Party Plan Amendment to Article III. A motion to postpone having been defeated, by unanimous consent, the question was divided into three parts—amendments to the Plan's paragraphs on the Executive Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Budget Committee

Having agreed to a secondary amendment to conform the language to other parts of the Plan, the Committee agreed to the Party Plan amendment's paragraph on the Executive Committee by a counted rising vote of 50-13.

The Plan was amended in Article III, Section E, paragraph 1 by

- In sub-paragraph a
 - Striking out “, but they shall not be entitled to vote” and inserting “non-voting members”
 - Striking out “The First Vice Chairman” and inserting “The Vice Chairs”
 - Inserting “respective” between “selected by the” and “Republican members”
 - Striking out “who are currently serving on the State Central Committee” and inserting “in a manner determined by the respective caucus leaders of each chamber”
- Striking sub-paragraph b and inserting in its place “Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held not less than once every three months at dates, times and places designated by the Chairman upon not less than two (2) weeks written notice to the Executive Committee members (to include by electronic mail with delivery confirmation to the e-mail address of record for each member). Meetings may also be called at the order of the Chairman or upon written request of one-third of the Executive Committee's voting members, such writing to include separate e-mail messages from the members' e-mail addresses of record.”
- Inserting at the end a new sub-paragraph d “The Executive Committee may convene electronically when in-person meetings are not feasible, at the discretion of the Chairman.”

The amendment to the paragraph on the Finance Committee was not adopted, three-quarters of those present not having voted in the affirmative by a counted rising vote of 45-16.

The amendment to the paragraph on the Budget Committee was not adopted, three-quarters of those present not having voted in the affirmative by a counted rising vote of 45-15.

Executive Session

The Committee entered Executive Session at 2:25pm to discuss financial and other matters.

The Committee returned to open session at 3:33pm.

The Committee adopted the budget as presented on Ron Wright's motion by voice vote.

Announcements

Tim Parrish asked the Committee to acknowledge that today is Governor Youngkin's birthday and urged Committee members to send him greetings.

Morton Blackwell reported that his Leadership Institute Committee supported five candidates: Segura, Wolff, Diggs, Brewer and Adams

The Committee adjourned at 3:36pm on December 9, 2023.