



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

**April 21, 2023**

A meeting of the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia was held at the Richmond Marriott, 500 E Broad St, Richmond, VA 23219, on April 21, 2023. Chairman Rich Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:09pm. 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 Morton Blackwell.

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 Lopper

Adam Tolbert

Geary Higgins

Mike Ginsberg

Susan Cobb

Jessi Rapelje Blakely

Joey Funai

Wendell Walker

Ken Nunnenkamp

Ron Wright

Chris Marston

Amanda Batten

Zack Thompson  
Lauren Keiser  
David Botkins  
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  
Will Kirk  
Randy Gilbert  
Craig Scott  
Stephen Kurtz  
Curt Lilly  
Tim Parrish  
Kimmy Kruskamp  
Dewey McDonnell  
Nancy Almasi  
Diane Cullo  
Jack Blakely  
Susan Edwards  
Jacob Holmes  
Eric Phillips  
'Mark Sell  
Cathy McNickle  
Heather Rice  
Richard McCarty  
Devon Flynn  
Jean M Gannon  
Lou Call  
Thomas Turner  
Dan Johnson  
Brady Hillis  
Stephen Gallagher  
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:

- John Cosgrove - proxy held by Bill DeSteph
- Mark Kelly - proxy held by Matthew Hurtt
- Nancy Dye – proxy held by Nancy Russell
- Tara Carroll - proxy held by Ellen Nau
- E Janet Riddick – proxy held by Kate Maxwell
- Karen Kwiatkowski - proxy held by Jeff Roadcap
- Tyler Lester - proxy held by Jenny Nichols
- Caleb Cruey - proxy held by Heather Pyles

Cliff Dunn's motion to reorder the agenda to consider Items #12a, #12b and #12c; and #13a immediately after item #9 carried by voice vote.

The Chair noted that fourteen SCC members have not yet declared whether they have any conflicts of Interest. The Chair asked these members to inform the Vice Chair immediately.

#### **Election of Western Vice Chairman**

Ninth District Chair Adam Tolbert nominated Zack Thompson for Western Vice Chairman to replace Dan Webb, who has resigned.

Cliff Dunn's motion to nominate by acclamation was approved and Mr. Thompson was elected by unanimous consent.

Cliff Dunn's motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2022 meeting passed by voice vote.

#### **New Business Appeals**

The Chair proposed the following rules for the appeals process, which were agreed to by unanimous consent:

- **For the Dawn Jones Appeal**  
Each side will be given ten minutes to present, followed by a total of twenty minutes for debate, with each speaker given one minute; and a five-minute closing statement per side. Speakers will alternate between those supporting the appeal and those opposing the appeal.
- **For the other Appeals**  
Each side will be given five minutes to present, followed by a total of ten minutes for debate, with each speaker given one minute; and a two-minute closing statement per side.

#### **Appeal from Dawn Jones of the 2d Congressional District's Decision**

- Rick Boyer presented on behalf of Appellant Dawn Jones, formerly of the Suffolk Republican Committee.
- Isle of Wight Committee Chairman Bill Yoakum and Third District Chair Miki Miller presented on behalf of the Second District Committee.

Miki Miller's motion to sustain the actions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Committee was agreed to by a vote of 47-29.

Members voting in the affirmative: Way, Cook, Selph, Ryer, Free, Miller, Massoud, Hazekamp, Tolbert, Higgins, Cobb, Rapelje Blakely, Funai, Walker, Cosgrove (by proxy), Nunnenkamp, Batten, Thompson, Dye (by proxy), Keiser, Botkins, Mayes, Proffitt, Lankford, Curtis, Coburn, Dunn, de Triquet, Ziegenfuss, Riddick (by proxy), Gordon, Parrish, Cullo, Blakely, Lester (by proxy), Holmes, Phillips, Flynn, Wright, Gannon, Call, Turner, Johnson, Hillis, Gallagher, Wyatt, Suetterlein

Members voting in the negative: Blackwell, Lyman, Allen, Buchanan, Loposser, Ginsberg, Kelly (by proxy), Carroll (by proxy), Daniel, Mahayni, Maxey, Lascolette, Troxel, Boyer, Kirk, Gilbert, Scott, Kurtz, Kwiatkowski (by proxy), Lilly, Kruskamp, McDonnell, Almasi, Cruet (by proxy), Edwards, Sell, McNickle, Rice, McCarty

#### **Appeal from Mr. Joel Overly of Halifax County Republican Committee's Decision**

Joel Overly presented on his own behalf.

Chairman Rick Buchanan and Counsel John Marsden presented on behalf of the Fifth Congressional District Republican Committee.

John Massoud's motion to sustain the decision of the Fifth Congressional District and deny the appeal carried by voice vote.

#### **Appeal from Mr. Danny H. Goad of the Botetourt County Republican Committee's Decision**

The appellant did not appear at the meeting.

Jeff Ryer's motion to dismiss the appeal carried by voice vote.

#### **Unfinished Business from December 10, 2022 SCC Meeting: Party Plan Committee Amendment**

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the proposed Party Plan amendment was rejected made by David Sutterlein at the December 10, 2022, meeting was called up and agreed to by unanimous consent.

On behalf of the Party Plan Committee, Cliff Dunn moved the adoption of the following three amendments to the Party Plan Amendment as amended at the December 10, 2022 meeting:

- On Line 25, after "(c)" STRIKE "two (2) members", and INSERT "one (1) member"
- On Line 43, after "least" STRIKE "one-third (1/3)", and INSERT "thirty percent (30%)"
- Line 17, after "rendered." INSERT

*"6. In the event that a member of a Unit or Legislative District Committee raised a concern in debate, made a motion to reconsider that was lost, or raised a point of order that was not well taken, the decision may be appealed directly to the appropriate Congressional District Committee. In the event that a member of a Congressional District Committee raised a concern in debate, made a motion to reconsider that was lost, or raised a point of order that was not well taken, the decision may be appealed directly to the State Central Committee.";* and to renumber the following paragraphs.

The Committee's amendments were agreed to by voice vote.

John Massoud's motion to amend by striking out *"by the Chairman"* and inserting in its place *"one member to be chosen by the other four members"* on line 25, carried by voice vote.

Patti Lyman's motion to amend by striking out *"thirty percent (30%)"* and inserting in its place *"twenty-five percent (25%)"* on line 40, carried by voice vote.

Three-fourths of the members having voted in the affirmative, the Party Plan Amendment, as amended, was adopted by roll call vote of 68-7 as follows:

In ARTICLE X Rulings and Appeals, SECTION B. Contests, insert after paragraph 5, the following:

*"6. In the event that a member of a Unit or Legislative District Committee raised a concern in debate, made a motion to reconsider that was lost, or raised a point of order that was not well taken, the decision may be appealed directly to the appropriate Congressional District Committee. In the event that a member of a Congressional District Committee raised a concern in debate, made a motion to reconsider that was lost, or raised a point of order that was not well taken, the decision may be appealed directly to the State Central Committee.*

*"7. A timely appeal made to the State Central Committee shall be referred to an Appeals Committee appointed for that purpose by the State Chairman. The members of the Appeals Committee shall consist of five (5) members of the State Central Committee, as follows: (a) two (2) members requested by the Appellant; (b) two (2) members requested by the Chairman of the Official Committee that rendered the decision being appealed; and (c) one (1) member to be chosen by the other four members. No member of the Appeals Committee may have participated previously in the matter being appealed, nor may any member have a conflict of interest as defined in Article VII, Section J.*

*"The Appeals Committee shall be tasked with receiving all evidence and testimony regarding the appeal. After due deliberation, the Appeals Committee shall issue a written report on a majority vote that includes the following items: (1) a statement of the facts of the matter; (2) a statement of the alleged violations of the State Party Plan and the text of the relevant provisions of the State Party Plan; (3) a discussion of the reasoning of the Appeals Committee in reaching their decision; and (4) the final determination of the Appeals Committee and the resolution of the appeal. A minority of the Appeals Committee may issue a dissenting report. The report of the Appeals Committee, including any dissenting report, shall be forwarded expeditiously to the members of the State Central Committee. The ruling of the Appeals Committee shall stand unless any of following actions occur: (1) the State Chairman refers the matter to the State Central Committee when he believes it is in the best interests of the Party to do so; or (2) at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the voting members of the State Central Committee petition the State Chairman to put the matter on the agenda of the next meeting; provided further, that such petition must be received by the State Chairman at least fourteen (14) calendar days before a scheduled meeting of the State Central Committee. In such case, the State*

*Central Committee shall review the report of the Appeals Committee and vote to either affirm or reverse the report; no new evidence or testimony shall be received, except under a suspension of the rules.”*

and renumber the following paragraphs.

Members voting in the affirmative: Way, Blackwell, Lyman, Cook, Selph, Ryer, Free, Miller, Buchanan, Massoud, Hazekamp, Loposser, Tolbert, Higgins, Ginsberg, Cobb, Rapelje Blakely, Funai, Walker, Cosgrove (by proxy), Nunnenkamp, Kelly (by proxy), Batten, Thompson, Dye (by proxy), Keiser, Botkins, Carroll (by proxy), Mayes, Daniel, Proffitt, Lankford, Curtis, Coburn, Dunn, de Triquet, Ziegenfuss, Riddick (by proxy), Mahayni, Gordon, Troxel, Boyer, Kirk, Gilbert, Scott, Kurtz, Kwiatkowski (by proxy), Lilly, Parrish, Kruskamp, Alamas, Cullo, Blakely, Lester (by proxy), Cruey (by proxy), Edwards, Holmes, McNickle, Flynn, Wright, Gannon, Call, Turner, Johnson, Hillis, Gallagher, Wyatt, Suetterlein

Members voting in the negative: Allen, Maxey, Lascolette, McDonnell, Sell, Rice, McCarty

Dan Johnson left the meeting at 2:50pm and appointed Maria Garliaccio as his proxy.

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

Cliff Dunn’s motion to refer the resolution to the Resolutions Committee carried by voice vote.

#### **Method of Nomination for 2024 Republican Nominee for US Senate**

Adam Tolbert’s motion to select a Primary as our nomination method for the US Senate candidate carried by voice vote.

#### **Method of Binding Delegates to the 2024 Republican National Convention** Kristi

Way introduced the following resolution:

*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 2024 Republican National Convention Based on the results certified to the Chairman by the State Board of Elections, as follows:*

- 1. Each of Virginia’s 48 elected Delegates and 48 elected Alternate Delegates shall be allocated among the presidential candidates in proportion to the votes received by 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.*
- 2. In order to determine the number of delegates to be allocated to each candidate, the fraction of the total vote for each candidate will be multiplied by 48 and the product will be rounded to the nearest whole number.*
- 3. In the event that a Delegate is unallocated due to rounding, the unallocated Delegate shall be allocated to the candidate closest to the rounding threshold.*
- 4. In the event that a Delegate is over-allocated due to rounding, the over-allocated Delegate shall be removed from the candidate furthest from the rounding threshold.*
- 5. As Virginia’s representatives on the Republican National Committee, the Chairman, the National Committeeman, and the National Committeewoman are not bound.*

The resolution was agreed to by voice vote.

### **Chairman's Report**

The Chair introduced new RPV staff members Orlando Martinez as Director of Candidate Services and Jacob Alderman as Regional Director of Candidate Services. Three more Regional Directors will be hired.

### **Auxiliary Reports**

The VFRW, CRFV and HSRFV auxiliaries ceded their time to outgoing YRFV Chair Jessi Rapelje Blakely. She thanked the Committee and announced the 2023 YRFV Convention, which will take place June 10 at the Hippodrome in Richmond.

### **Executive Session**

Without objection, the Committee entered Executive Session at 4:30pm to discuss financial and other matters.

The Committee returned to open session at 4:52pm.

### **Announcements**

The Chair announced the following important dates:

#### **2023**

- Unit Chair Summit, Western Region: Saturday, July 8, 2023
- Unit Chair Summit, Eastern Region: Saturday, July 15, 2023
- State Central Committee Meeting: Saturday, September 9, Richmond
- State Central Committee 2024 Budget Meeting: Saturday, December 9, Richmond
- RPV Commonwealth Dinner: Between December 11-14, 2023 (Details TBA)

#### **2024**

- 2024 RPV Advance: April 12-14, 2024, Hilton Norfolk The Main, Norfolk
- State Central Committee Meeting: Friday, April 12, 2024, Hilton Norfolk The Main, Norfolk
- 2024 RPV Quadrennial State Convention: May 31-June 1, 2024, Hampton Convention Center/Lodging at Embassy Suites
- 2024 RNC Convention: July 15-18, 2024, Milwaukee, WI
- State Central Committee Meeting: Saturday, September 14, 2024, Richmond
- State Central Committee 2025 Budget Meeting: Saturday, December 14, 2024, Richmond

Devon Flynn's motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

The Committee adjourned at 5:03pm on April 21, 2023.