

Republican Party of Virginia State Central Committee Meeting

April 13, 2024

A regular meeting of the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia was held at the Hilton Norfolk the Main in Norfolk on Saturday, April 13, 2024. Chairman Rich Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:04 am. 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 addressed the Committee regarding the importance of the Advance.

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

The following members attended in person:

Rich Anderson

Kristi Way

Morton Blackwell

Patti Lvman

Jill Cook

Jeff Ryer

Dennis Free

Miki Miller

Carey Allen

John Massoud

Ben Hazekamp

Luisa Guerra-Young

Adam Tolbert

Geary Higgins

Rosie Oakley

Susan Cobb

Joey Funai

Wendell Walker

David Suetterlein

Ken Nunnenkamp, Sr

Ron Wright

Chris Marston

Mark Kelly

Amanda Batten

Zack Thompson

Nancy Dye

Lauren Keiser

David Botkins

Tara Carroll

Joshua Mayes

Mark Daniel

Nicholas Proffitt

Elizabeth Lankford

Bill Curtis

Bill Coburn

Cliff Dunn

Carole de Triquet

Mike Ziegenfuss

Zach Wood

Sarah Mahayni

Stacie Gordon

Renee Maxey

Susan Lascolette

Will Kirk

Stephen Kurtz

Laird Knights

Brett Pritchett

Nancy Almasi

Diane Cullo

Valerie Wohlleben

Jennifer Nichols

Caleb Cruey

Eric Phillips

Mark Sell

Heather Rice

Richard McCarty

Devon Flynn

Jean M Gannon Cody Butler Skye Riggleman Scott Wyatt

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

John Selph: proxy held by Nancy Russell Rick Buchanan: proxy held by Jim Herring

Stephanie Hazekamp: proxy held by Helen Sharpe

Doc Troxel: proxy held by Sarah Kalafian

Craig Scott: proxy held by Jocelyn Hinegadener-White

Nate Boyer: proxy held by Jennifer Kirk Curt Lilly: proxy held by Debbie Medlin

Cathy McNickle: proxy held by Chris Harnisch

Lou Call: proxy held by Julie Coggsdale

The minutes of the December 9, 2023 State Central Committee meeting were accepted without objection.

Auxiliary Reports

- President Susan Cobb delivered the report of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women.
 President Cobb noted that this was her last SCC meeting, as their Convention is coming up and a new Board will be elected.
- Helen Sharpe delivered the report of the Young Republican Federation of Virginia on behalf of Chair Stephanie Hazekamp. She announced that their fundraiser will be held in June.
- Chair Joey Funai delivered the report of the College Republican Federation of Virginia. Chair Funai noted that this was his last SCC meeting, as their elections are coming up and a new Board will be elected.
- HSRFV Tenth Congressional District Chair Kellen Habibelahy reported on behalf of High School Republican Federation of Virginia Chair Bella Calfee. The Federation has seen an increase in membership of 195% statewide. They will hold a Convention this summer and he announced his candidacy for Chair.

Chairman's Update

The Chairman's report included the following items:

- Thank you to departing SCC members
- Welcome new SCC members
- Announcement of new RPV staff
 - o RPV Finance Director: Christine Stephenson
 - o RPV Convention Coordinator: Andrea Bell

- Long-range planning calendar:
 - o 2024 RPV Quadrennial State Convention: Friday, May 31-Saturday, June 1. Hampton Convention Center. Convention Center (lodging at Embassy Suites)
 - o 2024 Republican National Convention: July 15-18. Milwaukee, WI
 - o State Central Committee Meeting: Saturday, August 24. Richmond
 - o State Central Committee Meeting: Saturday, December 7, Location TBA
- The Committee agreed with the Chair's desire to move the next SCC meeting from September 14, 2024 to August 24, 2024.
- Review of 2024 Election

Unfinished Business and General Orders

Resolutions Committee Report

Resolutions Committee Chair Elizabeth Lankford reported on the Ranked Choice Voting Amendment.

The Resolution, as amended, was adopted by voice vote.

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE RANKED CHOICE VOTING IN STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

WHEREAS, On January 27, 2023, the Republican National Committee adopted a Resolution to Officially Oppose Ranked Choice Voting Across the Country1; and

WHEREAS, since 2021 the Republican National Committee has adopted a total of fifty-four individual resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the Republican National Committee adopted an average of eight resolutions at each meeting held during its current four-year term; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the aforementioned Resolution to Officially Oppose Ranked Choice Voting Across the Country, resolutions approved by the Republican National Committee over the last four years address a multitude of concerns, including condemning the Biden Administration's failed border policies, supporting Israel's right to defend itself, and opposing all forms of Antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, the Republican Party of Virginia is officially recognized by the Republican National Committee as the exclusive organization to represent and promote the Republican Party in the Commonwealth of Virginia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia, that the Republican Party of Virginia supports resolutions approved by the Republican National Committee; and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, that, absent the approval by the State Central Committee of a resolution contradicting or clarifying a resolution previously approved by the Republican National Committee, the Republican Party of Virginia affirms and assents to resolutions approved by the Republican National Committee.

1 Resolution to Officially Oppose Ranked Choice Voting Across the Country, Republican National Committee, January 2023

New Business

There was no new business.

Executive Session

The Committee entered Executive Session at 10:04am to discuss financial and legal matters.

The Committee returned to open session at 10:41am.

Cliff Dunn's motion (Mike Ziegenfuss second) to provide SCC with quarterly financial statements to the Committee failed by voice vote.

Mark Daniel delivered the benediction.

The meeting adjourned at 10:47am on April 13, 2024.