



## **Republican Party of Virginia State Central Committee Meeting April 12, 2025**

A regular meeting of the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia was held at the Virginia Manufacturer's Association, 2112 W Laburnum Ave, Room 205, Richmond VA 23227, on Saturday, April 12, 2025. Chairman Rich Anderson called the meeting to order at 11:05am. Secretary Jill Cook was present.

The invocation was given by Mark Daniel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Morton Blackwell.

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

\*Mark Peake

Kristi Way

Morton Blackwell

Patti Lyman

Jill Cook

John Selph

Jeff Ryer

Dennis Free

Miki Miller

Carey Allen

Rick Buchanan

John Massoud

Ben Hazekamp

Susan Valentine

Adam Tolbert

Chris Harnisch

Rosie Oakley

Chelle Davis

Stephanie Hazekamp

Cara Pocono

Kellen Habibelahy

Wendell Walker

Bill De Steph

Nick Andersen  
Chris Marston  
Chris Winslow  
Amanda Batten  
Eric Phillips  
Nancy Dye  
Jack Blakely  
David Botkins  
DeLois Stallman  
Jack Blakely  
Mark Daniel  
Nicholas Proffitt  
Elizabeth Lankford  
Bill Coburn  
Venkat Eleswarapu  
Cliff Dunn  
Carole de Triquet  
Mike Ziegenfuss  
Sarah Mahayni  
Stacie Gordon  
Daniel Bradshaw  
Jim Searce  
Carlton Ballowe  
Stephen Kurtz  
Willie Deutsch  
Patrick Sullivan  
Curt Lilly  
Tim Parrish  
Laird Knights  
Brett Pritchett Nancy  
Almasi  
Diane Cullo  
Valerie Wohlleben  
Jennifer Nichols  
Caleb Cruey  
Lindsay Honeycutt  
Lynn Bogle  
Steven Statzer  
Carol Czarkowski  
Jim Huber  
Dan Brubaker  
Steve Rogers

Matt Braynard  
Jean Gannon  
Cody Butler  
Skye Riggleman  
Elizabeth Wells  
Alex Kagan  
Scott Wyatt  
David Suetterlein

Eight valid proxies were found to be in order:

- Ken Nunnenkamp, Sr – proxy held by Al Cobb
- Trevor Webb – proxy held by Kitty Staskelunas
- Bill Curtis – proxy held by Cindy Free
- Zach Wood – proxy held by Sophia Fairman
- Carolyn Ley – proxy held by Susan Lascolette
- Will Kirk – proxy held by Lorna Ballowe
- Randy Gilbert – proxy held by Chris Thomas
- Lou Call – proxy held by Susan Cobb

The minutes of the December 9, 2024 State Central Committee meeting were accepted without objection.

**Executive Director's Update** Ken Nunnenkamp reported on the following:

- Survey for RPV Data Needs
- Candidate Training Schools
- Weekly Data Training Series
- New AI Platform
- Comprehensive Tag Dictionary
- Message Polling Conducted 2024
- Focus Groups 2024
- Method of Contact Modeling Study 2024

Orlando Martinez reported in more detail on the Regional Candidate Training School, which he will continue leading in 2025. The 2025 schedule is:

- Henrico County: Monday, June 23, 2025 (6:00-9:00pm)
- Farmville: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 (6:00-9:00pm)
- Warsaw: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 (6:00-9:00pm)
- Fairfax County: Thursday, June 26, 2025 ((6:00-9:00pm)
- Virginia Beach: Saturday, June 28, 2025 (11:00am-3:00pm)
- Chesapeake: Sunday, June 29, 2025 (6:00-9:00pm)
- Southside – Danville/South Boston: Monday, June 30, 2025 (6:00-9:00pm)
- Culpeper: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 (6:00-9:00pm)
- Roanoke: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 (6:00-9:00pm)
- Abingdon: Thursday, July 3, 2025 (6:00-9:00pm)

## SCC Long-Range Meeting Calendar

### SCC Meeting:

- Saturday, August 9, 2025
- Executive Committee: 10:00-11:00am
- SCC Full Committee: 11:00am-2:00pm
- Richmond (exact location TBA)

### 42<sup>nd</sup> RPV Advance:

- Friday-Sunday, December 5-7, 2025
- Kingsmill Resort, 1010 Kingsmill Rd, Williamsburg, VA 23185

### SCC Meeting (includes approval of the 2026 budget)

- Saturday, December 6, 2025
- Executive Committee: 8:00-9:00am
- SCC Full Committee: 9:00am-12:00pm
- Kingsmill Resort, 1010 Kingsmill Rd, Williamsburg, VA 23185

## Tributes to Chairman Anderson

Executive Director Nunnenkamp read an excerpt from a letter from Gov Youngkin to Chairman Anderson.

Vice Chair Way delivered a tribute to Chairman Anderson, listing his accomplishments.

National Committeeman Blackwell and National Committeewoman Lyman presented the gift of a clock to Chairman Anderson for his service.

Vice Chair Way read a proclamation from Lt. Governor Winsome Earle-Sears in honor of Chairman Anderson.

## Chairman's Update

The Chairman welcomed the five new members of the SCC:

- Susan Valentine – Eighth District Chair
- Kellen Habibelahy – President, High School Republican Federation of Virginia
- Venkat Eleswarapu – SCC representative, Second District
- Carlton Ballowe – SCC representative, Fifth District
- Alex Kagan – SCC representative, College Republican Federation of Virginia

The Chairman thanked the four departing members of the SCC:

- Stephanie Hazekamp – Chair, Young Republican Federation of Virginia
- Jean Gannon – SCC representative, Virginia Federation of Republican Women
- Lou Call – SCC representative, Virginia Federation of Republican Women
- Cody Butler – SCC representative, Young Republican Federation of Virginia

The Chair encouraged the SCC to do the following:

- Review the State Party Plan via Committee
- Review the Conflict of Interest section of the State Party Plan
- Conduct an annual audit/financial review – John Selph will Chair this group
- Complete the roster of District reps to serve on the Finance Committee. The Audit and Budget Committees have already been reconstituted.

- Discuss the subject of potential Unit purchases of real property

Third District Chair Miki Miller presented Chairman Anderson with thank-you cards from members of SCC.

Vice Chair Kristi Way gave a brief recap of the Executive Board meeting that preceded the general meeting.

### **Election of New Chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia**

The Chair laid out the process for the election and asked for civility.

- There will be simple nominations with no nomination speeches. Seconds are not required.
- Each nominee will be allowed five minutes to speak.
- There will be no Q and A of the candidates
- Voting will be by secret paper ballot.

Morton Blackwell's motion to accept the rules as laid out by the Chairman passed by voice vote.

Steven Statzer nominated Scott Pio.

Skye Riggelman nominated Senator Mark Peake.

Sen Bill DeSteph's motion to close nominations passed by voice vote.

### **Tellers Report**

Number of votes cast - 78

Necessary for election - 40

Scott Pio received – 15

Mark Peake received - 62

Illegal Votes - 1

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The Chair announced that Senator Peake had been elected. Chairman Anderson's resignation became effective upon the election of his successor and Senator Peake assumed office and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

### **Auxiliary Reports**

Virginia Federation of Republican Women (VFRW): President Chelle Davis delivered the report with the following highlights:

- VFRW conducted letter-writing campaign for the Wisconsin GOP judge election.
- Virginia Legislative Day, January 2025
- Annual Convention will be held in Short Pump May 15-16, where a new President will be elected.

Young Republican Federation of Virginia (YRFV): Chairman Stephanie Hazekamp delivered the report with the following highlights:

- The Annual Convention will be held May 16-17 in Richmond.
- The 2025 National Convention will be held in Nashville.
- YRFV participated in Super Saturday for the Loudoun Special Election and Legislative Day in Richmond.

College Republican Federation of Virginia (CRFV): Chairman Cara Pocono delivered the report with the following highlights:

- Many members attended inauguration events
- Cara was re-elected Chair and Liz Wells was re-elected as SCC rep at the February Convention.

High School Republican Federation of Virginia (HSRFV): President Kellen Habibelahy delivered the report with the following highlights:

- They have seen a rise in membership and have raised \$2,000 this year.
- The 2025 Convention will be held July 19, 2025, and will be virtual.
- There are HSRFV Chapters in nine of the eleven Congressional Districts; the Seventh and Third Districts still lack a Chapter..

The Chair invited each candidate or candidate representative present to speak for up to two minutes.

- Political Director Richard Waggoner spoke on behalf of LG Winsome Earle-Sears, candidate for governor.
- Lt Governor candidate John Reid spoke for himself.
- Political Director Jonathon Nave spoke on behalf of Supervisor Pat Herrity for Lt Governor.
- Nathanael Hirt spoke on behalf of Jason Miyares for Attorney General.
- Jordan Familant spoke on behalf of Jen Kiggans for Congress.

Jeff Ryer moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing “financial and other strategic matters”.

The Committee entered Executive Session at 1:16pm.

The Committee returned to General Session at 1:40pm.

Jeff Ryer’s motion to adopt the following passed by voice vote:

*“The RPV State Central Committee prohibits any official committee of the Republican Party of Virginia from directly or indirectly encumbering the resources of the Republican Party of Virginia and further prohibits RPV official committees from engaging in any debt-backed real property transactions without the specific approval of the RPV State Central Committee by a majority vote.”*

### **Carroll County Appeal**

The Committee agreed to fix Saturday, May 31 at 11:00am, as the time to which to adjourn upon Jeff Ryer's motion.

Mr. Ryer explained that the adjourned meeting was to provide for the timely resolution of an appeal. An Appeals Committee considering an appeal from Lowell Bowman regarding Carroll County's most recent mass meeting had voted on its recommendation and was preparing to issue its report. Appeals Committee rulings become final unless at least 20 percent of the members of the State Central Committee request that the full Committee review the ruling at least 14 days prior to a meeting of the State Central Committee. In order to resolve the Appeal, which had been pending for nearly one year, setting an adjourned meeting provided for an earlier resolution of the matter. Members who wish the State Central Committee to review the Appeals Committee report should contact the executive director by e-mail no later than May 17. Unless at least 20 percent of the members request consideration, the Chair has been directed to cancel the adjourned meeting.

David Botkins delivered the benediction.

The meeting adjourned at 1:48pm.

