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**State Central Committee Meeting
April 22, 2021**

A meeting of the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia was held by Zoom conference on April 22, 2021. Chairman Rich Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Secretary Jill Cook was present.

The Chair introduced Kay Crews as Parliamentarian and Lee Goodman as Acting RPV General Counsel.

The invocation was given by Melvin Adams.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Patti Lyman

The Republican Creed was read by Doc Troxel.

The Chair appointed Elizabeth Butler, Nancy Dye and Zack Thompson as the proxy committee.

The following members attended in person:

Rich Anderson	Heather Stefl	Zack Thompson
Kristi Way	Willie Deutsch	Tyler Lester
Morton Blackwell	Mark Daniel	Jacob Holmes
Patti Lyman	David Willis	Caleb Crucey
Jill Cook	Jeff Ryer	Susan Edwards
John Selph	Elizabeth Lankford	Mark Sell
Ken Nunnenkamp	Bill Curtis	Ron Wright
Russ Wright	Cliff Dunn	Heather Rice
Dennis Free	Carole de Triquet	Richard McCarty
Miki Miller	Bill Coburn	Mike Ginsberg
Carey Allen	Nicholas Proffitt	Mauricio Tamargo
Melvin Adams	Levin Turner	Kerry Flynn

John Massoud	Elizabeth Butler	AC Deastlov
Ben Slone	Renee Maxey	Erika Dyer
Andrew Lopper	Ed Yensho	Dan Johnson
Adam Tolbert	Nancy Rodland	Linda Bartlett
Geary Higgins	Will Kirk	Marie Quinn
Melissa Beaudoin	Steve “Doc” Troxel	Mark Cole
Trevor Webb	Dean Welty	David Suetterlein
Thomas Turner	Stephen Kurtz	
Paula Steiner	Curt Lilly	
Wendell Walker	Karen Kwiatkowski	
John Cosgrove	Tara Carroll	
Amanda Batten	Susan Lascolette	
Mark Kelly	Dewey McDonnell	
Dan Webb	Sarah Curran	
Nancy Dye	Vinson Palathingal	

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

Adela Bertoldi – proxy held by Carol Dawson

Nate Boyer – proxy held by Sandy Adams

The minutes from January 23, 2021 and March 12, 2021 meetings were adopted by voice vote.

Auxiliary Reports

Paula Steiner delivered the VFRW Report.

Thomas Turner delivered the YRFV Report.

Trevor Webb delivered the CRFV Report.

The Chair requested that the Committee enter executive session immediately. The Committee went into executive session at 7:33pm and went out of executive session at 7:53pm.

New Business

Consideration of additional polling locations exceeding 1,200 certified delegates in the Counties of Chesterfield, Fairfax, Henrico, or Loudoun, or the Cities of Chesapeake or Virginia Beach

Ben Slone’s motion to approve the option of a second polling location for each of the locations specified in the Call (Chesterfield, Fairfax, Henrico, or Loudoun, or the Cities of Chesapeake or

Virginia Beach,) subject to the request of the Committee Chairs of the six permitted locations and the approval of the respective Congressional District Chair, provided the address of each site be given to RPV by the designated deadlines specified in the Call, passed 42-27, with 4 members answering present.

Members voting in the affirmative: Way, Cook, Nunnenkamp, Free, Miller, Allen, Adams, Slone, Tolbert, Higgins, Beaudoin, Webb (Trevor), Turner (Thomas), Steiner, Walker, Cosgrove, Batten, Dye, Ryer, Lankford, Curtis, Dunn, de Triquet, Coburn, Proffitt, Turner (Levin), Butler, Maxey, Carroll, Thompson, Lester, Holmes, Wright (Ron), Ginsberg, Flynn, Deastlov, Dyer, Johnson, Bartlett, Quinn, Cole, Suetterlein

Members voting in the negative: Blackwell, Lyman, Wright (Russ), Massoud, Kelly, Stefl, Bertoldi, Deutsch, Daniel, Willis, Yensho, Rodland, Kirk, Boyer, Welty, Troxel, Kurtz, Lilly, Kwiatkowski, Lascolette, McDonnell, Cruvey, Edwards, Sell, Rice, McCarty, Tamargo

Members answering present: Loposser, Webb, Curran, Palathingal

Consideration of Proposed Party Plan Amendments for additional voting locations

Amendment #1

1. In Article XII, paragraph 3, subparagraph a, after "Fourth," strike out "5" and insert in its place "7"

Carey Allen moved adoption of Amendment #1. Fewer than three-quarters of those present voting in the affirmative, Amendment #1 was not adopted by roll call vote.

Members voting in the affirmative: Way, Cook, Nunnenkamp, Wright (Russ), Free, Miller, Allen, Slone, Tolbert, Webb (Trevor), Turner (Thomas), Walker, Cosgrove, Batten, Dye, Ryer, Lankford, Curtis, Dunn, de Triquet, Coburn, Proffitt, Turner (Levin), Butler, Carroll, Thompson, Lester, Holmes, Wright (Ron), Flynn, Deastlov, Dyer, Johnson, Bartlett, Quinn, Cole, Suetterlein

Members voting in the negative: Blackwell, Lyman, Adams, Massoud, Higgins, Beaudoin, Kelly, Steiner, Stefl, Bertoldi, Deutsch, Daniel, Willis, Maxey, Yensho, Rodland, Kirk, Boyer, Welty, Troxel, Kurtz, Lilly, Kwiatkowski, Lascolette, McDonnell, Palathingal, Cruvey, Edwards, Sell, Rice, McCarty, Ginsberg, Tamargo

Members answering present: Loposser, Webb

Amendment #2

2. In Article XII, paragraph 3, subparagraph a, after "Third, " strike out "3" and insert in its place "4"

Carole de Triquet moved adoption of Amendment #2. Fewer than three-quarters of those present voting in the affirmative, Amendment #2 was not adopted by roll call vote.

Members voting in the affirmative: Way, Cook, Nunnenkamp, Free, Miller, Allen, Slone, Tolbert, Higgins, Beaudoin, Webb (Trevor), Turner (Thomas), Steiner, Walker, Cosgrove, Batten, Dye, Ryer, Lankford, Curtis, Dunn, de Triquet, Coburn, Proffitt, Turner (Levin), Butler, Carroll, Thompson, Lester, Holmes, Wright (Ron), Flynn, Deastlov, Dyer, Johnson, Bartlett, Quinn, Cole, Suetterlein

Members voting in the negative: Blackwell, Lyman, Adams, Massoud, Kelly, Stefl, Bertoldi, Deutsch, Daniel, Willis, Maxey, Yensho, Rodland, Kirk, Boyer, Welty, Troxel, Kurtz, Lilly, Kwiatkowski, Lascolette, McDonnell, Palathingal, Cruvey, Edwards, Sell, Rice, McCarty, Ginsberg, Tamargo

Member answering present: Webb

Amendment #3

3. In Article XII, paragraph 3, subparagraph a, after "Second," strike out "5" and insert in its place "7"

Bill Curtis moved adoption of Amendment #3. Fewer than three-quarters of those present voting in the affirmative, Amendment #3 was not adopted by roll call vote.

Members voting in the affirmative: Way, Cook, Nunnenkamp, Free, Miller, Allen, Tolbert, Webb (Trevor), Turner (Thomas), Steiner, Walker, Cosgrove, Batten, Dye, Ryer, Lankford, Curtis, Dunn, de Triquet, Coburn, Proffitt, Turner (Levin), Butler, Carroll, Thompson, Lester, Holmes, Wright (Ron), Flynn, Deastlov, Dyer, Johnson, Bartlett, Quinn, Cole, Suetterlein

Members voting in the negative: Blackwell, Lyman, Wright (Russ), Adams, Massoud, Slone, Higgins, Beaudoin, Kelly, Stefl, Bertoldi, Deutsch, Daniel, Willis, Maxey, Yensho, Rodland, Kirk, Boyer, Welty, Troxel, Kurtz, Lilly, Kwiatkowski, Lascolette, McDonnell, Palathingal, Cruvey, Edwards, Sell, Rice, McCarty, Ginsberg, Tamargo

Member answering present: Webb

Consideration of a Party Plan amendment that provides a religious accommodation for convention delegates.

4. In Article XII, paragraph 3, insert at the end a new paragraph "The State Central Committee may provide for delegates whose religious obligations prevent them from voting during the convention to cast ballots in the same manner as Military Members."

Miki Miller moved adoption of Amendment #4.

Ed Yensho's motion to refer this amendment to the RPV Party Plan Committee failed 32-40, with one member voting present.

Members voting in the affirmative: Blackwell, Lyman, Wright (Russ), Adams, Massoud, Slone, Beaudoin, Kelly, Stefl, Bertoldi, Deutsch, Daniel, Willis, Maxey, Yensho, Rodland,

Kirk, Boyer, Welty, Troxel, Kurtz, Lilly, Kwiatkowski, Lascolette, McDonnell, Cruvey, Edwards, Sell, Rice, McCarty, Ginsberg, Tamargo

Members voting in the negative: Way, Cook, Selph, Nunnenkamp, Free, Miller, Allen, Tolbert, Higgins, Webb (Trevor), Turner (Thomas), Steiner, Walker, Cosgrove, Batten, Dye, Ryer, Lankford, Curtis, Dunn, de Triquet, Coburn, Proffitt, Turner (Levin), Butler, Carroll, Curran, Palathingal, Thompson, Lester, Holmes, Wright (Ron), Flynn, Deastlov, Dyer, Johnson, Bartlett, Quinn, Cole, Suetterlein

Member voting present: Webb

The Committee recessed at 10:49pm.
The Committee reconvened at 10:57pm.

Fewer than three-quarters of those present voting in the affirmative, Amendment #4 was not adopted by roll call vote.

Members voting in the affirmative: Way, Cook, Nunnenkamp, Free, Miller, Allen, Adams, Slone, Tolbert, Higgins, Beaudoin, Webb, (Trevor), Turner (Thomas), Steiner, Walker, Batten, Dye, Ryer, Lankford, Curtis, Dunn, de Triquet, Coburn, Proffitt, Turner (Levin), Butler, Carroll, Thompson, Lester, Holmes, Cruvey, Wright (Ron), Flynn, Deastlov, Dyer, Johnson, Bartlett, Quinn, Cole

Members voting in the negative: Blackwell, Lyman, Wright (Russ), Massoud, Slone, Stefl, Bertoldi, Deutsch, Daniel, Willis, Maxey, Yensho, Rodland, Kirk, Boyer, Welty, Troxel, Kurtz, Lilly, Kwiatkowski, Lascolette, McDonnell, Palathingal, Edwards, Sell, Rice, McCarty, Tamargo

Members answering present: Kelly, Webb, Ginsberg

Without objection, the request of the Chair to adjourn until Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 7:00pm was granted, and the Committee adjourned at 11:41pm.

April 25 Adjourned Meeting

The Chairman called the adjourned meeting to order at 7:01pm on Sunday, April 25, 2021.

Upon request of the Chair, the Committee went into executive session at 7:02pm and went out of executive session at 9:20pm.

The following members attended in person:

Rich Anderson	Mark Daniel	Zack Thompson
Kristi Way	David Willis	Jacob Holmes
Morton Blackwell	Jeff Ryer	Caleb Cruvey
Patti Lyman	Elizabeth Lankford	Susan Edwards

John Selph	Bill Curtis	Mark Sell
Jill Cook	Cliff Dunn	Ron Wright
Russ Wright	Carole de Triquet	Heather Rice
Dennis Free	Bill Coburn	Richard McCarty
Miki Miller	Nicholas Proffitt	Mike Ginsberg
Carey Allen	Elizabeth Butler	Mauricio Tamargo
Melvin Adams	Levin Turner	Kerry Flynn
John Massoud	Renee Maxey	Erika Dyer
Ben Slone	Ed Yensho	Dan Johnson
Andrew Lopper	Nancy Rodland	Linda Bartlett
Adam Tolbert	Will Kirk	Marie Quinn
Geary Higgins	Nate Boyer	Mark Cole
Melissa Beaudoine	Dean Welty	David Suetterlein
Trevor Webb	Steve "Doc" Troxel	
Thomas Turner	Stephen Kurtz	
Paula Steiner	Curt Lilly	
Wendell Walker	Karen Kwiatkowski	
John Cosgrove	Tara Carroll	
Mark Kelly	Susan Lascolette	
Dan Webb	Dewey McDonnell	
Nancy Dye	Jack Blakely	
Heather Stefl	Sarah Curran	
Willie Deutsch	Vinson Palathingal	

The report of the proxy committee was accepted. Four proxies were found to be in order:

Ken Nunnenkamp – proxy held by Cindy Free
Adela Bertoldi – proxy held by Carol Dawson
Tyler Lester – proxy held by John Hess
AC Deastlov – proxy held by Ian Waite

Kristi Way's motion that when the committee adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 1:00pm was adopted by voice vote.

Adoption of Rules Committee Report

Steve Albertson presented the report of the Rules Committee.

Nancy Dye's motion to strike the following language from the Credentials section of the draft rules was adopted by voice vote:

"or one of the appointed tellers if the Credentials representative is not available"

Miki Miller's motion to amend the Convention Rules by inserting at the end of Rule 4 the following new paragraph was adopted by voice vote.

"A certified delegate may certify to the RPV Chairman on a form issued by him that the delegate's religious obligations forbid him or her from voting during the regular hours that all polling locations will be open. Such certifications shall be submitted no later than 5 pm on May 4. The RPV Chairman shall direct the Head Teller and respective District Chairman of any polling location to which certifying delegates are assigned to make arrangements for them to vote at a site designated by the Head Teller and respective District Chairman from 3 pm to 6 pm on Friday, May 7."

Levin Turner's motion to adopt the Convention Rules as amended passed by voice vote. (see text below)

Amendment to Convention Call to accommodate voters with religious obligations Jeff Ryer's motion to adopt the following amendment to the Convention Call passed without objection:

"To reflect the adoption of the Rules as amended, I move we amend the Convention Call as follows: Under "Voting" after "May 8, 2021, insert "*or at an alternative time for those declaring a religious obligation as set forth in the Rules.*"

2021 REPUBLICAN PARTY OF VIRGINIA UNASSEMBLED STATE CONVENTION RULES

1 – Rules

1. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (12th Edition) shall govern the Convention in all cases where they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the State Party Plan, the Call of the Convention, and rules adopted by the Convention, in that order of precedence.
2. The RPV Rules Committee may meet electronically, including meetings as may be required during the hours the polls are open and votes are being tallied.
3. The Head Tellers shall have the authority to enforce these Rules at their respective polling locations in the same manner as the chairman of an assembled convention.

2 – Credentials

1. The RPV Credentials Committee shall report on the proper certification of the members of each delegation and decide any question that may arise concerning certification. Any challenge to an entire delegation, or individual Delegate, must be brought before the RPV Credentials Committee not later than 5:00 pm on April 27, 2021.
2. The Credentials Committee shall promulgate a form to be used for submitting all challenges and/or appeals concerning an individual's Delegate status. Each challenge shall use a separate form for each individual who is the subject of the challenge. All challenges to a certified Delegate's status must be brought by a member of the challenged Delegate's delegation. No fee shall be charged for bringing any Credentials Committee challenge.
3. During the hours the polls are open, the Head Teller and a representative appointed by the RPV Credentials Committee (or one of the other appointed tellers, if a Credentials representative is unavailable) may consider and decide the case of individuals who believe they were improperly excluded from the roll of Delegates.
4. Delegates may vote only at the polling location to which they have been assigned.
5. The RPV Credentials Committee may meet electronically, including meetings as may be required during the hours the polls are open and votes are being tallied.

3 – Nominations

- A. The RPV Nominations Committee shall report not later than 5:00 p.m. on April 17, 2021 the names of all candidates who meet the legal requirements of and who have properly and timely filed for the office sought.
2. Once the filing deadline for an office has closed, a candidate for said office who has withdrawn from consideration for the position he or she was seeking will be unable to have his or her name resubmitted for consideration by the RPV Nominations Committee.
 3. In lieu of in person nominations and related speeches or presentations, each candidate for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General shall be granted the opportunity to submit a prepared video, with the content of such video to be determined at the discretion of the respective candidates. Videos submitted by candidates for Governor shall not exceed ten (10) minutes in length, and for Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General (5) minutes. These videos will be posted prominently on the RPV website on May 1, 2021, beginning at 7:30 p.m., replicating ballot order as determined by the RPV Nominations Committee. Each candidate choosing to present a video pursuant to this rule must have posted the video to a video hosting site (e.g., YouTube, Vimeo), and provided any embed code or other necessary information requested by RPV staff no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 2021. Each candidate presenting a video must coordinate with RPV staff in advance to avoid technical difficulties. The relevant RPV staff member receiving candidate videos will not disclose such materials or related details to anyone prior to 7:30 p.m. on May 1, 2021.

4 – Voting

1. Procedures for voting and tallying votes shall be uniform at all polling locations, except that a polling location may allow delegates to walk up to the polling place or drive up to the polling place; however, any polling location that allows delegates to walk up must

also provide for delegates to drive up or vote curbside upon request. The uniform procedures for voting and tallying votes shall be posted on the RPV website not later than May 1, 2021.

2. Each polling location shall have at least three tellers, including a Head Teller who will be a District Chairman or his or her designee (where more than one district shares a polling place, the District Chairmen will decide amongst themselves who will serve as Head Teller). All tellers must participate in training provided by the RPV Rules Committee (observers provided for in paragraph G may observe the training). Only tellers may check in delegates, distribute ballots, collect ballots, or tally votes. Tellers tallying votes will work in pairs. Tellers may appoint volunteers to assist in directing traffic and enforcing rules at polling locations. No person who is directly or indirectly paid by a candidate or campaign seeking a nomination at the Convention shall serve as a teller.
3. Voting shall be by ballot. The Rules Committee will generate a uniform ballot style to be used by all polling locations. Voting for the nominations for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General shall be done by ranked choice voting as defined by the State Party Plan.
4. The total of the votes (raw votes) in all counties and cities voting at each polling location shall be reported by the Head Teller.
5. Each county and city delegation shall have the number of delegate votes as specified in the Call and certified by the RPV Credentials Committee.
6. Delegations shall vote full vote, as defined in Article VIII, Section H.3 of the Party Plan, unless otherwise designated by their electing body.
7. During the balloting in any given contest, each candidate for a particular nomination, or his designee, may designate at least one observer for each polling location. The observers shall not be entitled to participate in the ballot tallying but shall otherwise be entitled to observe every facet of the count, subject to reasonable limitations as may be set forth by the Head Teller to address practical considerations. Observers may not (i) hinder or delay any delegate, teller, party volunteer, or other observer; (ii) attempt in any manner to influence any delegate; (iii) be in a position to see the marked ballot of any particular voter; or (iv) otherwise impede the orderly conduct of the election. Head Tellers may eject or restrict the activities of any observers in violation of the foregoing provisions; provided, however, the Head Teller shall in good faith endeavor to ensure that no campaign is allowed fewer than one observer unless absolutely necessary for the orderly conduct of the election. Nothing in these rules shall be construed to deny a candidate for nomination to public office a right to serve as his own observer in any polling location.
8. The vote of all delegations shall be reported to the nearest one-hundredth (1/100) decimal (e.g., 0.01), and there shall be no cumulative voting.
9. If the difference in delegate vote (weighted vote) between the two candidates contesting the final ranked choice contest for a particular nomination is one percent (1%) or less, the candidate with fewer votes may request a recount within 72 hours of the announcement of the results. Separately, the RPV Chairman may also order the initiation of a recount of the results if, in his sole discretion, such an action is necessary or appropriate.
10. In order to receive a ballot all delegates must present a valid photo identification or another form of identification approved by the RPV Credentials Committee.
11. The names of the candidates for various offices shall appear on the ballot in an order determined by lot by the RPV Nominations Committee.

6 – Campaigning and Campaign Materials

1. During the times the polls are open and while ballots are being counted, no person may (i) loiter or congregate within 40 feet of any entrance of any polling location; (ii) within such distance give, tender, or exhibit any ballot, ticket, or other campaign material to any person or solicit or in any manner attempt to influence any person in casting his vote; or (iii) hinder or delay a qualified delegate in entering or leaving a polling location. The Head Tellers or their designees have discretion to modify the 40-foot line to accommodate the layout of the building or parking area or to address safety concerns at their polling locations.
2. In addition to the restrictions in paragraph A, the posting of signs and the location of campaigning are subject to reasonable restrictions imposed by the polling location as a condition of its use or by the Head Tellers or their designees in the interest of safety or efficiency, provided that such restrictions are applied uniformly to all campaigns.
3. Everyone present at the polling location should endeavor to follow appropriate public health guidelines.
4. Any sample ballot provided to delegates by any candidate, group or person must have a clearly visible legend or watermark on its face reading “sample ballot” in font size of 18 point or greater, as well as an authorization disclaimer as required by the Code of Virginia.

Adoption of Nominations Committee Report

Willie Deutsch’s motion to adopt the report carried by voice vote.

Nominations Committee Report

Members of the 2021 Nominations Comm. are as follows: Renee Maxey, Chair; Erika Dyer, St. Chairman’s Appointee; David Willis (1st CD); Brad Martin (2nd CD); Al Cobb (3rd CD); Janet Riddick (4th CD); Dan Moy (5th CD); Sabrina Schnibel (6th CD); Paula Kallay (7th CD); Brent Blevins (8th CD); Zack Thompson (9th CD); Gerry Caffrey (10th CD) and Gary Aiken (11th CD).

On April 9, 2021, the Nominations Committee met via Zoom and voted in favor of random lot drawings as the method to determine the order in which the candidate names will appear on the ballot for the May 8, 2021 Republican State Convention. The Nominations Committee voted to use random lot drawings for all three statewide races, the Governor, Lt. Governor and Attorney General races. The Nominations Committee voted in favor of the first name drawn in each of the three races would be listed first on the ballot for the respective race; this same process would continue with the last name drawn in each race being placed last on the ballot for the respective race. A priority of the Nominations Committee was to ensure transparency throughout its deliberations and processes, including the random lot drawings and how they were conducted.

The random lot drawings were conducted at the Republican Party of Virginia headquarters on April 15, 2021 at 1:00pm. All members of the Nominations Committee and one representative from each of the 17 campaigns were invited to observe the drawings via Zoom, as well as in person. RPV was asked to invite the local tv media, also. Nominations Committee Chair Renee Maxey and Seventh (7th) Cong. District representative on the Nominations Committee, Paula Kallay, conducted the random lot drawings.

The entire process of the random lot drawings was audio and video recorded by RPV. RPV shared the recording of the random lot drawing on Facebook, as well. Chairman Anderson distributed a press release on April 15, 2021 announcing the results of the random lot drawings. The results of the random lot drawings are as follows and specifies the order in which all of the candidate names will appear on the ballot for the 2021 Republican State Convention:

Governor: Lt. Governor:

1. Glenn A. Youngkin
2. Amanda Freeman Chase
3. M. Kirkland “Kirk” Cox
4. Peter Doran
5. Sergio De La Pena 6. Peter A. “Pete” Snyder
7. Octavia L. Johnson

1. Lance R. Allen
2. Timothy D. “Tim” Hugo
3. Maeve T. Rigler 4. Glenn R. Davis, Jr.
5. Puneet Ahluwalia

Attorney General: 1. C. L.

- “Chuck” Smith, Jr.
2. Jason S. Miyares
 3. Jack White
 4. Leslie Haley

Cliff Dunn requested the Chair form a Committee to look into the Article XII provisions which are expiring. The Chair agreed to do so.

Ben Slone’s motion to approve the option of a second location in Henrico County and to certify the list of 2021 RPV Convention locations delineated on the RPV website carried by voice vote.

Upon Jeff Ryer's motion, the Committee went into executive session at 10:34 pm. The Committee adjourned at 11:30pm.

May 1 Adjourned Meeting

The Chair called the May 1 adjourned meeting to order at 2:00pm on Saturday, May 1, 2021, continuing the executive session begun on April 25, 2021.

The Committee went out of executive session at 2:18 pm.

The following members attended in person:

Rich Anderson	Bill Curtis	Mauricio Tamargo
Kristi Way	Cliff Dunn	Kerry Flynn
Morton Blackwell	Carole de Triquet	AC Deastlov

Patti Lyman	Bill Coburn	Erika Dyer
Jill Cook	Elizabeth Butler	Dan Johnson
John Selph	Renee Maxey	Linda Bartlett
Ken Nunnenkamp	Ed Yensho	Marie Quinn
Russ Wright	Nancy Rodland	
Dennis Free	Will Kirk	
Miki Miller	Steve “Doc” Troxel	
Carey Allen	Dean Welty	
Ben Slone	Stephen Kurtz	
Andrew Lopper	Curt Lilly	
Adam Tolbert	Karen Kwiatkowski	
Geary Higgins	Susan Lascolette	
Melissa Beaudoin	Dewey McDonnell	
Trevor Webb	Sarah Curran	
Wendell Walker	Vinson Palathingal	
Amanda Batten	Zack Thompson	
Mark Kelly	Jacob Holmes	
Dan Webb	Caleb Crucey	
Nancy Dye	Susan Edwards	
Heather Stefl	Mark Sell	
Mark Daniel	Ron Wright	
David Willis	Heather Rice	
Jeff Ryer	Richard McCarty	
Elizabeth Lankford	Mike Ginsberg	

The report of the proxy committee was accepted. Twelve proxies were found to be in order. One proxy did not attend.

The following members attended by proxy:

Melvin Adams – proxy held by Rick Buchannan

Thomas Turner – proxy held by Sarah Mahayni

Paula Steiner – proxy held by Lori Urban

Adela Bertoldi - proxy held by Dylan Stefl

Willie Deutsch - proxy held by Patrick Stefl

Nicholas Proffitt - proxy held by Tyler Craddock
Levin Turner - proxy held by Devin Squeglia
Nate Boyer - proxy held by Christian Raymond
Tara Carroll - proxy held by Jean Gannon
Jack Blakely - proxy held by Nancy Almasi
Tyler Lester - proxy held by Josh Hess

Amendment to previously adopted Rules Report

Ben Slone's motion to amend the Rules report to accept the extension of the deadline for Credentials challenges by one day from April 27, 2021 to April 28, 2021 carried by voice vote.

Adoption of Credentials Committee Report

Chair Clara Belle Wheeler delivered the Credentials Report.

Credentials Committee Report to the State Central Committee

Thank you for hearing this report from the Credentials Committee. Please consider that this is a real team effort and that this report is from the entire Committee and Dr. Nancy Dye and me as co-chairs.

As per your request, we have a representative from each of the eleven (11) Congressional Districts appointed by the individual District Chairs. We have co-chairs appointed by the Party. We also appointed our own in-house counsel to provide both legal and Party Plan guidance. As a bonus Counselor Bryan Horn, Henrico County Republican Party Chairman has become "indispensable" as an ex-officio member by providing extraordinary spread-sheet and split-screen skills which have given the Committee the ability to see and review all of the applications and supporting documents which we have needed to make careful evaluations.

We would like to thank the learned and ever cheerful RPV acting General Counsel, Lee Goodman. To state the obvious, Counselor Goodman has extensive election law knowledge. He continues to serve both our Nation and Virginia in his efforts to secure legal elections. His gracious and complete answers to our questions have assisted us to render legal and fair decisions on the matters of delegate credentials.

Both of these gentlemen are acknowledged to assure you that the Credentials Committee has followed both the letter and the spirit of the law and the Party Plan.

The Credentials Committee sent two memoranda to the Unit and District Chairs and to the each of the Campaigns.

These memoranda were explanations of the regulations, procedures, and timelines for submitting delegate filing applications as well as the procedures for filing delegate challenges and appeals. We explained the filing forms and procedures for all Unit Chairs to follow. This information was provided directly to each of the campaigns. Our Committee and all Virginia Republicans are indebted to Tommy Ewing and Justin Rice. Tommy has arranged for our electronic/video meetings and sent out all the memoranda and delegate lists to the Unit Chairs and Campaigns. They have received all the incoming lists of delegates from the Unit Chairs. Beginning tomorrow morning they will be organizing and delivering all of the paper poll books to the Head Tellers and Unit Chairs.

There will be updates next week as the appeals process continues thru Friday.

The Credentials Committee has been rigorous in its efforts to assist the Unit Chairs in their understanding and implementation of the regulations and requirements for the Certification of Delegates. To paraphrase a very old TV show, "...there are over 55,00 application stories in the process to becoming a Certified Delegate".

*Because of rules set before the Credential Committee was appointed, there has been more **lack of uniformity** in the process than any of us would have liked to have seen.*

- 1. the wide variety of individual unit **filing deadlines***
- 2. the variation in **filing methods***
- 3. the multitude of **filing form designs***
- 4. the many questions of **what information is material** (absolutely required) for acceptance*
- 5. the **uncertainty** for applications to know if their application was received on time*
- 6. the multitude of **filing methods** which varied by locality*
 - hand delivered to Unit Chair or designated person*
 - hand delivered to Campaign worker*
 - electronically delivered to Unit*
 - electronically delivered to Campaign*
 - USPS delivery*
- 7. no requirement that applications were to be **notified** of receipt, acceptance, or denial of application before*
 - filing deadline*
- 8. **discrepancies** between the Virginia Registered Voter List and Voting History vs the information on the*
 - GOP Data Center*

All of the above have caused confusion for the voters, the Unit, and for the Campaigns. Thousands of hours have been expended and many people are still confused and upset.

There are **53,650** *certified to vote delegates*
 729 *denied applications*
 164 *conditionally certified delegates*

The Credentials Committee has reviewed over 250 appeals or challenges. If you have reviewed Provisional Ballots and found that it is an involved process, I assure you that the Credentials Committee understands how very trying and frequently painful denying an application is.

The Poll Books will show three categories of names

- 1. Certified to Vote*
- 2. Denied - can't vote*
- 3. Conditionally Certified - will need to either sign the appeals form*
or sign the Renunciation form BEFORE voting

Upon advice of Counsel and as part of the Party Plan and the Rules Committee rules for the Convention the Credential Committee will continue to meet to provide a means for appeals to be reviewed up to and including on Convention Day.

Since the Delegate Applicants may or may not have been given notice of the Certification denial and thus would have no way of knowing that information, they may arrive at the Convention site expecting to vote. Thus the Credentials Committee will be available either in-person or by phone to handle appeals. As previously written, no challenges to remove a Delegate will be heard on Convention Day. We shall plan to educate additional certified delegates to assist in the processing of appeals and to coordinate with members of the Credentials Committee to make credentials decisions on Convention Day. These additional individuals will work on site to facilitate the process and work closely with the Head Tellers and Unit Chairs. This additional help will reduce the burden of work for the Tellers and Unit Chairs who will require some distance from the decision making process. This will provide additional transparency and impartiality in decisions.

Due to the wide variety of venues being used, the Credentials Committee shall provide guidance and personnel needs. This guidance is to be sent-out either tomorrow or Monday.

The Credentials Committee will continue to meet to update the appeals roster. there will be additions to the "supplemental" poll books which will be available on Convention Day. All of these continuing appeals are required because applicants were unable to know with certainty the status of their applications.

*All of our decisions have been made based on the Party Plan and any additional regulations set by the Rules Committee. Based on the data and applications we have seen, you can know that this is **Not a Closed Convention**.*

*Due to the **lack of uniformity** of the Delegate Filing Process, the **variation in filing deadlines**, the **multiple** filing application forms, **inconsistent** unit filing and certification procedures, the certification process can provide for a **wide variation** in the certification or rejection of applications. There will be many unhappy people. Much of this discontent is due to the **compressed timeline** and the **lack of uniformity**.*

Tyler Craddock moved to adopt the Credentials report.

Ed Yensho moved the following amendment to the Credentials report:

“I move that the Credentials committee be expanded to accommodate on site final rulings of potential delegate conflicts. Each voting location shall have a credential committee composed of the head teller, or his/her designee, and two others who shall make an immediate final determination of all credentialing conflicts that may arise.”

Following several changes, the original amendment, as amended, was adopted by voice vote:

I move that the Credentials Committee be expanded to accommodate on site final rulings of potential Delegate conflicts. Such expanded membership shall be deemed to be the “representative appointed by the RPV Credentials Committee” in accordance with Rule 2.C, who shall make a final determination of all Credentialing conflicts that may arise.

The Credentials Report, as amended, was adopted by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 3:44pm on May 1, 2021.

