



## Republican Party of Texas State Republican Executive Committee

### Fourth Quarterly Meeting Minutes, December 3, 2016

#### Wyndham Garden Woodward Conference Center, 3401 South IH-35, Austin TX 78741

Chairman Tom Mechler called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Chairman Mechler appointed Jim Wiggins as temporary secretary, Rena Peden as assistant temporary secretary, and Butch Davis as temporary parliamentarian.

The invocation was delivered by Pastor Rex Johnson. The National Anthem was sung by group of singers from Pastor Johnson's church. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag was led by Candy Noble, SD-8. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag was led by Steve Atwell, SD-9, and Texas Our Texas was sung by Chris McDonald, SD-6.

Will Robbins SD-4 made a motion to set the time of adjournment at 2:30pm with a second by Mark Dunham SD-29. After discussion, motion passed by standing vote of 37 yea and 23 nay.

Jeremy Blosser, SD-10 with a second by J. T. Edwards, SD-11 made motion to move the consideration of the budget and the standing committee reports to before the officer reports on the agenda. After discussion, motion passed via voice vote.

Chairman Mechler appointed a Proxy Committee chaired by Sam Dalton SD-20 with Edee Sinclair SD-18, Naomi Narvaiz SD-21, and Marvin Clede SD-17 as members.

Jim Wiggins, Temporary Secretary, called the roll. Members were present unless otherwise noted in the minutes.

Chair	Tom	Mechler
Vice Chair	Amy	Clark- <b>absent</b>
Secretary	n/a	n/a
Treasurer	Tom	Washington
Asst. Treasurer	Montie	Watkins – <b>absent</b>
Nat. Committeeman	Robin	Armstrong
Nat. Committeewoman	Toni Anne	Dashiell- <b>absent</b>
General Counsel	Patrick	O'Daniel
Asst. Gen. Counsel	Eric	Opiela- <b>absent</b>
Asst. Gen. Counsel	Charlie	Sartain- <b>absent</b>
Parliamentarian	Richard	Hayes- <b>absent</b>

Sergeant at Arms	Nelda	Eppes
Historian	Wayne	Thorburn
Chaplain	Rex	Johnson
SD 1	Dennis	Cable
SD 1	Sue	Evenwel
SD 2	Jason	Ross
SD 2	Vicki	Slaton
SD 3	Terry	Holcomb
SD 3	Judy	Parada
SD 4	Will	Robbins
SD 4	Melinda	<b>Fredricks-<i>left at 2:24pm, proxy to Will Robbins</i></b>
SD 5	Michael	McCloskey
SD 5	Nita	Davidson
SD 6	Chris	McDonald
SD 6	Tammie	Nielsen
SD 7	Mark	Ramsey
SD 7	Sarah	Singleton
SD 8	Karl	Voigtsberger
SD 8	Candy	Noble
SD 9	Steve	Atwell
SD 9	Shelly	Pritchard
SD 10	Jeremy	Blosser
SD 10	Merri	Easterly
SD 11	JT	Edwards
SD 11	Tanya	Robertson
SD 12	David	Halvorson
SD 12	Debbie	<b>Terry-<i>by proxy-Mark Amick</i></b>
SD 13	Dale	Gibble
SD 13	Melanie	<b>Flowers-<i>by proxy-Dale Gibble</i></b>
SD 14	Fernando	Trevino, Jr.
SD 14	Jan	Duncan
SD 15	Vergel	Cruz
SD 15	Gail	Stanart
SD 16	Randall	Dunning
SD 16	Virginia	Prodan
SD 17	Marvin	Clede
SD 17	Tina	Gibson
SD 18	Michael	Cloud
SD 18	Edee	Sinclair
SD 19	Scott	Stratton
SD 19	Terri	DuBose
SD 20	Sam	Dalton
SD 20	Janie	Melendez
SD 21	Mike	Goldman
SD 21	Naomi	Narvaiz
SD 22	Chuck	<b>Wilson-<i>by proxy-Janet Jackson</i></b>
SD 22	Denise	<b>DeLara-<i>by proxy-Linda Hill</i></b>
SD 23	Stephen	Broden
SD 23	Marian	Phillips
SD 24	Jack	<b>Barcroft-<i>by proxy-Skipper Wallace</i></b>
SD 24	Randan	Steinhauser
SD 25	Mark	Dorazio

SD 25	Linda	Kinney
SD 26	Fred	Rangel
SD 26	Marian	Stanko
SD 27	Matthew	Walbeck <i>—absent(no proxy)</i>
SD 27	Sharon	Batterson
SD 28	Drew	Bullard
SD 28	Jane	Cansino
SD 29	Mark	Dunham
SD 29	Lisa	Sprinkle
SD 30	Paul	Braswell
SD 30	Deon	Starnes
SD 31	Tom	Roller
SD 31	Rhonda	Lacy

Proxy Committee Chair Sam Dalton reported that there were five proxies as noted in the roll call above.

Mikenley Heller, *RPT Organization Director* reviewed the SREC meeting Packets to ensure all members had the necessary documents.

The body approved 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly, September 10, 2016 meeting minutes as submitted.

The chair announced that the next item of business was the election of the party secretary. Will Robbins, SD-4 moved the adoption of supplemental rules for the election of the secretary setting forth the manor of nomination, candidate acceptance, speaking order, speaking time allotted to each candidate, manor of voting (if contested), and the appointment of tellers. Randall Dunning, SD-16 seconded the motion. Supplemental rules were adopted via voice vote.

Chair declared that nominations for the office of party secretary were open. Melinda Fredicks, SD-4 nominated Jim Wiggins with second by Marian Stanko, SD-26. Chair made three calls for nominations and hearing none declared the nominations closed. Chair called for motion to elect Jim Wiggins by acclamation which was made by Will Robbins, SD-4. Motion passed via voice vote.

Chairman Mechler presented Rena Peden with a plaque recognizing her service as party secretary, service on the SREC, and many years of service to the party.

Chairman Mechler presented Butch Davis with a plaque recognizing his many years of service as party parliamentarian from 2003 through 2016.

Paul Braswell, SD-30 moved to adopt a standing rule for all discussion on motions before the SREC to limit the number of speakers on each motion or amendment to three speakers for and three speakers against with each speaker allotted three minutes. Motion was seconded and was passed via voice vote with no discussion.

The chair called on Ann Marie Birdwell, Texas victory Deputy Director, to give a report on 2016 Victory Campaign. The report detailed the time line of events, the number of phone calls, activities of the field offices throughout the state, GOTV activities, and the successes in various races in the 2016 general election.

The chair called on Rick Figueroa to report on the activities of the New Leaders on the Rise Committee and the chair announced the appointment of Hector Villarreal of Houston to the committee. Mr. Figueroa reported that the committee discussed issues relative to straight party voting in the urban areas, voter fraud, voter demographics, and engagement challenges in minority communities.

After Mr. Figueroa's report, the chair called for a motion to confirm the appointment of Mr. Villarreal to the committee. Motion was made by Jane Cansino, SD-28, with a second by David Halvorson, SD-12. Motion passed via voice vote.

The chair called on Kyle Whatley-RPT Executive Director to present the 2017 budget and wish list for expenditures. After the budget presentation and discussion, Mark Ramsey, SD-7, moved to adopt the 2017 budget and wish list as presented with a second by Randall Dunning, SD-16. Mark Ramsey then proposed an amendment to the motion with second by Randall Dunning to require approval by the SREC or by the Officials Committee if the expenditure was urgent of any wish list spending. After discussion, the motion failed via voice vote. The budget was then adopted via voice vote.

The chair announced that the meeting would stand at ease until 11:35am.

The chair called the meeting back to order at 11:35am.

The chair called on Melinda Fredricks, Chair of the Rules committee to give the report of the committee. Chair Fredericks, at the direction of the committee moved that the SREC uphold the RPT Chairman's interpretation of RPT Rule 8.c. that the amendment concerning amendments to the SREC Bylaws as adopted by the convention applies only to the organizational meeting of the SREC. Butch Davis, temporary parliamentarian presented Robert's Rules of Order explanation of the issue and Chairman Mechler explained his ruling. The Chairman then received and answered questions from the membership re: the ruling.

Jeremy Blosser, SD-10, with second by Randall Dunning, SD-16, made a motion to amend the ruling to read, "The proposed amendment, as adopted at the Convention, always applies to the SREC Bylaws."

Jeremy Blosser, SD-10, with second by Mark Ramsey, SD-7, moved to take a roll call vote on the amendment. Motion passed via standing vote.

After discussion pursuant to the supplemental rules, a roll call vote was taken and the amendment failed by a vote of 31 yea and 31 nay.

J T Edwards, SD-11, made a motion to have a roll call vote on the main motion. The roll call motion was seconded and passed via voice vote.

Melinda Fredricks, SD-4, with second by Gail Stanart, SD-15, made a motion to call the question. Motion passed via voice vote.

Roll call vote was taken on the main motion to affirm the chairs interpretation of RPT rule 8.C. Motion passed with 31 yea, 30 nay, and 1 present not voting.

Ronda Lacy, SD-31, gave a report on the Strike Force.

Rules Committee Chair Melinda Fredricks, at the direction of the committee moved the adoption of a change to Article XI of the Bylaws to require a 2/3s vote to amend the Bylaws. Mark Ramsey, SD-7, with a second moved to postpone the consideration of the amendment to the Bylaws until the March, 2017 meeting. A motion to call the question was made and passed via voice vote. The motion to postpone the consideration of the amendment passed via voice vote.

The Chairman announced that the Party Organization Committee will submit it's report in writing by Monday, and that there are no vacancies to fill.

The Chairman called on Candy Noble, Resolutions Committee Chairman, to give the report of the committee. Committee Chair Noble moved at the direction of the committee the adoption of three legislative priorities as follows:

1. Working to advocate for comprehensive school choice in a manner consistent with the RPT platform.
2. We support denial and/or withdrawal of public funds for entities, public and/or private, not in compliance with immigration laws, including sanctuary cities and campuses.
3. Protect the citizens of Texas from unlawful encroachments on their First Amendment rights, including Constitutional religious liberty, and freedom of speech, and as specified in the RPT Platform plank 153.

Michael Cloud, SD-18 moved with second by Jane Cansino, SD-28, to divide the question. Motion passed via voice vote.

Priority 1. passed via voice vote.

Terry Holcomb, SD-3, moved with second by Jeremy Blosser, SD-10, to substitute a priority civil asset forfeiture reform legislation. Motion failed via voice vote.

Priority 3. Passed via voice vote.

Motion made motion and approved without objection to extend time of adjournment until resolution committee report is completed.

Committee Chair Noble at the direction of the committee moved the adoption of a resolution in favor of protecting freedom of speech and freedom of expression. Resolution passed vis roll call vote with 58 yea and 1 nay.

Committee Chair Noble at the direction of the committee moved the adoption of a resolution for the state of Texas to secure its electric grid. Motion passed via roll call vote with 55 yea, 1 nay, and 1 present not voting.

Motion made to extend time to adjourn to permit Chris McDonald SD-6 to propose a resolution. Motion passed via voice vote.

Chris McDonald, SD-6, made a motion with a second by J. T. Edwards, SD-11, to adopt a resolution the recommend Dennis Paul as the presidential elector for CD 36. Motion failed via roll call vote with 7 yea, 43 nay.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Wiggins  
SREC Secretary