



****PURSUANT TO Art. VII, Sec. 8(A)(3) MEETING DECLARED OPEN BY
CHAIRMAN****

**Republican Party of Texas State Republican Executive Committee
Officials Committee Minutes, November 16, 2017**

CONFERENCE CALL

Chairman, James Dickey called the meeting of the Officials Committee to order at 6:32pm.

Jim Wiggins-Secretary called the roll. A quorum was established. Attendance was as follows:

VOTING MEMBERS

CHAIRMAN-JAMES DICKEY (did not vote unless otherwise noted)
VICE CHAIR-AMY CLARK
CANDY NOBLE SD-8-***absent***
TINA GIBSON SD-17
MARK RAMSEY SD-7
JANE CANSINO SD-28-***absent***
JEREMY BLOSSER SD-10
MELINDA FREDRICKS SD-4
JASON ROSS SD-2

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

SECRETARY-JIM WIGGINS
TREASURER-LARRY HICKS
NATIONAL COMMITTEEWOMAN-TONI ANNE DASHIEL-***absent***
NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN-Dr. ROBIN ARMSTRONG-***absent***
GENERAL COUNSEL-CHRIS GOBER-***absent***
ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL-TREY TRAINER-***absent***
PARLIMENTARIAN-CHRIS HOWE-***absent***
SGT AT ARMS-NELDA EPPES
FINANCE CHAIRMAN-THOMAS GLEASON III-***absent***

The Chairman announced the purpose of the meeting is the consideration of the budget for 2018 and is the second of three meetings of the Officials Committee for this purpose as required by the by laws.

Chairman Dickey called on Mark Ramsey, to lead the committee in prayer.

The Chairman, asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the November 10, 2017 Officials Committee meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as presented.

The Chairman then stated that focus of this meeting is the non-core political activity budgets that are separate from the core operating budget and consist of programs that will take place only if the funds are made available to pay for them.

The Chairman called on Kyle Whatley-Executive Director and Kirsty Wilkinson-RNC State Director/RPT Political Director to present the first draft of the Victory 2018 budget. Mr. Whatley advised the committee that the budget they were looking at was preliminary and was dependent on how the program was actually put together. Ms. Wilkinson explained the Victory 2018 operating process and potential staffing needs. Mr. Whatley then discussed the individual line items on the draft budget which totaled \$2,224,912.

The Chairman, Mr. Whatley, and Ms. Wilkinson replied to questions from the members of the committee and the committee engaged in general discussion of the present and past Victory campaigns.

The Chairman asked for guidance as to how to present the budget to the SREC and advised the committee about the status of actions already taken by the Victory 2018 Chair-State Senator Dawn Buckingham.

The Chairman thanked committee members for the feedback on his email on the budget process.

The Chairman announced that the next meeting will cover the core operating budget.

Kyle Whatley advised the committee about approving the contract with Milan & Co for Susan McClain to prepare the party's TEC and FEC compliance reports. The formal notice will be sent out immediately after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm.

Jim Wiggins, Secretary