



**Republican Party of Texas State Republican Executive Committee  
First Quarterly Meeting Minutes, March 30, 2019  
Wyndham Garden Woodward Conference Center  
3401 South IH-35, Austin, Texas 78741**

Chairman James Dickey called the meeting to order at 9:10 am.

The invocation was led by David Halvorson, SD-12. The National Anthem was led by Chris McDonald, SD-6. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag was led by Summer Wise, SD-24. “Texas our Texas” was led by Carla Sisk, SD-21. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag was led by Judy Parada, SD-3.

Chairman Dickey appointed without objection a Proxy Committee chaired by Jason Ross, SD-2, with Jerry Fisher, SD-2, and Fernando Treviño, SD-14, as members.

Will Robbins, Secretary, called the roll. Members were present unless otherwise noted in the minutes.

Chairman	James	Dickey
Vice Chair	Alma	Jackson
Secretary	Will	Robbins
Treasurer	Larry	Hicks
Nat. Committeeman	Robin	Armstrong
Nat. Committeewoman	Toni Anne	Dashiell
General Counsel	Chris	Gober - ABSENT
Asst. Gen. Counsel	Trey	Trainer - ABSENT
Asst. Gen. Counsel	Ross	Fischer - ABSENT
Asst. Gen. Counsel	Wade	Emmert - ABSENT
Asst. Gen. Counsel	Art	Martinez de Vara - ABSENT
Parliamentarian	Chris	Howe
Sergeant at Arms	Nelda	Eppes
Chaplain	Corey	Tabor - ABSENT
SD 1	Ross	Kecseg
SD 1	Sue	Evenwel
SD 2	Jason	Ross
SD 2	Jerry	Fisher
SD 3	Terry	Holcomb <i>at 9:23am</i>
SD 3	Judy	Parada

SD 4	Walter	West at 10:35am
SD 4	Allison	Winter
SD 5	Michael	McCloskey
SD 5	Nita	Davidson
SD 6	Chris	McDonald
SD 6	Dawn	McDonald
SD 7	Mark	Ramsey
SD 7	Terri	Leo
SD 8	Chuck	Branch by default proxy Susan Fischer
SD 8	Susan	Fischer
SD 9	Steve	Atwell
SD 9	Anne	Gebhart
SD 10	Warren	Norred
SD 10	Susan	Wright at 9:23am
SD 11	JT	Edwards at 9:42am
SD 11	Tanya	Robertson
SD 12	David	Halvorson
SD 12	Debbie	Terry by proxy Jill Glover
SD 13	Roy	Morales
SD 13	Dawn	Elliott
SD 14	Fernando	Trevino, Jr.
SD 14	Jan	Duncan
SD 15	Vergel	Cruz
SD 15	Gail	Stanart
SD 16	Randall	Dunning by proxy Matt Patrick
SD 16	Susan	Fountain
SD 17	Marvin	Clede
SD 17	Kathaleen	Wall by proxy Marvin Clede at 1:54pm
SD 18	Rick	Rigueroa
SD 18	Edee	Sinclair
SD 19	Robert	Casias by proxy Stuart Knowlton
SD 19	Marian	Knowlton
SD 20	Sam	Dalton
SD 20	Hannah	Scott
SD 21	Terry	Harper
SD 21	Carla	Sisk
SD 22	Sam	Bryant
SD 22	Ashley	Sellers by proxy Amy Hedtke
SD 23	Stephen	Broden by proxy Chuck Henne
SD 23	Leslie	Thomas
SD 24	Jack	Barcroft
SD 24	Summer	Wise
SD 25	Mark	Dorazio
SD 25	Linda	Kinney
SD 26	Michael	Rain by proxy Michael Deffendall at 2:31pm
SD 26	Marian	Stanko by proxy Michael Rain at 9:34am; Michael Deffendall at 1:30pm
SD 27	Morgan	Graham at 9:43am
SD 27	James	Zavaleta by default proxy Morgan Graham at 9:43am
SD 28	Drew	Bullard

SD 28	Neva	Haney
SD 29	Mark	Dunham
SD 29	Barbara	Carrasco
SD 30	Britton	Brooks
SD 30	Deon	Starnes
SD 31	Tom	Roller
SD 31	Rhonda	Lacy by proxy Tom Roller

Brandon Moore, RPT Organization Director, reviewed the SREC Meeting Packets.

Proxy Committee Chair reported that the proxies submitted were in order. The report of the Proxy Committee was approved without objection.

Chairman Dickey asked for any additions or corrections to the Fourth Quarterly meeting minutes. Mike McCloskey, SD-5, moved with second for approval of the minutes. Terry Holcomb, SD-3, moved to correct the minutes on page 5 to “The SREC Recommends to the Officials Committee the Creation of an Officials Committee State Chair Performance Review Committee.” The correction was approved without objection. The minutes as corrected were approved without objection.

Jan Duncan, SD-14, moved with a second to adopt the special orders of the distributed agenda. The motion passed by voice vote.

Larry Hicks, Treasurer, gave a financial report, re: revenue and operating expenses both below budget, strong cash balance.

Without objection, the Audit Committee Report will be given when the audit firm arrives and the Counsel’s report will be given when the General Counsel arrives.

Toni Anne Dashiell, National Committeewoman, gave her report, re: electoral college, RNC fundraising vs DNC fundraising, RNC Spring meeting.

Dr. Robin Armstrong, National Committeeman, gave his report, re: loss of Texas suburbs, healthcare policy, getting ready for the fight in 2020.

Tom Roller, SD-31, and the auditors gave the report of the Audit Committee, re: auditing process, overview of the audit, clean audit.

Without objection, the Chairman’s county chair appointments were ratified as follows:

Bridget Wakefield – Coleman County

Without objection, Ashley Sellers’, SD-22, resignation from the Legislative Priorities Committee was accepted and Sue Evenwell’s, SD-1, appointment to the Legislative Priorities Committee was accepted.

The Chairman announced that he has made one rule clarification pursuant to RPT Rule 1(F): under RPT Rule 7(b)(5) - a member not need be present for the vote to sign onto a demand for roll call.

Vice Chair Alma Jackson gave her report, re: southern border trip with TYRF, outreach to Hispanics, “Greater Opportunity Party,” and the need for a border wall.

The meeting recessed at 10:20am.

The meeting resumed at 10:33am.

Chairman James Dickey gave his report, re: Red Alert Texas presentation, need 1 million new Texas Republican Voters, focus on 2020 election, research on issues and messaging issues, reaching out to unaffiliated Texans, promoting our Core Values, Texas Republicans are incredibly generous people, legislative update including property tax reforms, religious liberty protections, and ending taxpayer funded lobbying.

Stephen Wong, RPT Political Director, gave a report on the political operations of the party.

Without objection, the Audit results will be posted on the Party’s website.

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Chairman Dickey named Stacy Hock as the 2020 Victory Chair. Stacy Hock briefly addressed the body.

Chairman James Dickey gave a report of the Officials Committee. At the direction of the committee, the Chairman moved adoption of the recommendation that Smith County Chair Brent Thompson has abandoned office pursuant to Texas Election Code 171.029 and that the SREC does request Chairman James Dickey to send the required notice. Without objection, the motion passed.

Chairman Dickey has appointed the following members of the Candidate Resource Committee:

**SREC Members (12)**

Steve Atwell, Chair	Jan Duncan	Tom Roller
Vergel Cruz, Vice Chair	Deon Starnes	Anne Gebhart
Marian Stanko	Kathaleen Wall	Rick Figueroa
JT Edwards	Judy Parada	Hannah Scott

**Non-SREC Members (6)**

Russell Hayter	Rena Peden	Bob Borochoff
Harold Jenkins	Fred Tate	Mona Bailey

**Additional Members**

Lisa Hendrickson	Jerry Madden
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Without objection, the appointments were accepted.

Steve Atwell, SD-9, gave a report of the Candidate Resource Committee, re: results of 2018 cycle, plans for 2020 cycle, acknowledgement of past and current committee members.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:48am.

The meeting resumed at 12:16pm.

The lunch sponsor was the Texas Israel Alliance. George Seay spoke on behalf of the sponsor.

Jon Williams, Texas Young Republican Federation, gave a report.

Anthony Nguyen, Texas Asian Republican Assembly, gave a report.

Josh Findlay, Regional Director Over Party Organization for President Trump's Re-Election Campaign, addressed the meeting.

Steve Munisteri, Sen. John Cornyn's Campaign, gave a report.

The Chairman reviewed progress on the 2019 Goals and Objectives that were incorporated into the budget.

Marian Knowlton, SD-19, gave a report of the Party Organization Committee, re: updates from working groups within the committee, new resources for county chairs, New Mover List through Advantage App.

JT Edwards, SD-11, gave a report of the Auxiliaries and Coalitions Committee, re: auxiliaries are doing well, all engaged with the legislature, received report from National Pachyderm.

Vergel Cruz, SD-15, gave a report of the Resolutions Committee. At the direction of the Committee, Mr. Cruz moved adoption of "Resolution in Honor of Former Congressman Ralph M. Hall, U.S. Representative from the Fourth District of Texas." The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

At the direction of the Committee, Mr. Cruz moved adoption of "Resolution Honoring James A. Cribbs." The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

At the direction of the Committee, Mr. Cruz moved adoption of "Resolution Reaffirming State Board of Education Responsibility for the Permanent School Fund." Mark Ramsey, SD-7, moved with a second to amend the resolution by, "THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Republican Executive Committee reaffirms our commitment that the elected State Board of Education remain directly accountable to Texas citizens and independent of the legislative and executive branches, responsible for managing the Permanent School Fund through transparent deliberations and active public engagement; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to all members of the Texas Legislature, all members of the State Board of Education, Governor Greg Abbott, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick, and Speaker Dennis Bonnen." The amendment passed by voice vote. The motion as amended passed by a roll call vote of 61 ayes to 0 nays.

Jan Duncan, SD-14, gave a report of the Rules Committee. At the direction of the Committee, Mrs. Duncan moved adoption of SREC Bylaw Amendments “Article III-Membership

### Section 2. Qualifications.

In order to qualify as a candidate for membership on the SREC, one must be affiliated with the Party ~~in the year in which the SREC is elected and in which he or she runs for SREC membership~~, contingent only upon requisites stated in Section 1 of this Article, to be confirmed by the SREC.

## ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

### Section 3. Proxies.

If the appointment complies with the Texas Election Code, written proxies for voting members shall be recognized at any regular, special or statutory meetings, ~~of the SREC~~, except where otherwise specified in the bylaws. Proxies are ~~considered~~ valid if the member’s signature is notarized or confirmation is provided to the Secretary and is approved by a proxy committee. A member may choose to designate their Senate District counterpart to serve as a default proxy in the case of their absence and no other proxy being submitted. The member may remove the default proxy status as well.

### Section 5. Voting.

Each member ~~of the SREC, including the Chairman and the Vice Chairman~~, in person or represented by proxy, shall have the right to cast his individual vote.” The motion passed by an electronic roll call vote of 62 ayes to 0 nays.

At the direction of the Committee, Mrs. Duncan gave notice that Rule 8K will be stricken in its entirety or amended per the Rules Committee recommendations at the next meeting.

Mark Ramsey, SD-7, gave a report of the Legislative Priorities Committee, re: work with state legislators, RPT STAT page and email list, testimony on bills, motivated grassroots activists.

Deon Starnes, SD-30, gave a report of the Convention Arrangements Committee, re: second site visit in March, Rena Peden is volunteering her time to coordinate all of the space allocation and management replacing a paid position, working to have better internet, Marriott to provide written statement allowing open carry in their hotel, Hilton of the Americas does not allow open carry in their hotel.

Tanya Robertson, SD-11, gave a report of the Advancement Committee, re: online publication of the “Speakers Bureau”, Volunteer of the Year Banquet update.

Vice Chair Alma Jackson gave a report of the Engagement Committee, re: encouraging non-traditional Republicans to join the Party, Governor Abbott’s new minority outreach director will be at next meeting, work with providing conservative presence with LULAC, highlight the great things President Trump has done in office to combat the bad press, highlighted engagement work done by greater Houston area Young Republicans, established goals for the Committee.

Terri Leo, SD-7, moved with a second under new business to suspend the rules in order to consider a resolution. The motion failed by a division vote.

Carla Sisk, SD-21, moved with a second to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 2:59pm.

Will Robbins  
Secretary