



Republican Party of Texas – State Republican Executive Committee

Second Quarter 2021 Meeting Minutes – June 4, 2021

Tyler Area Senior Citizen’s Association (TASCA)

10495 County Road 2167, Whitehouse, Texas 75791

Chairman Allen West called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. CDT.

Chaplain Rich Stoglin gave the invocation. Miss Texas’ Outstanding Teen Fort Worth Celeste Lay led the SREC in singing “The Star-Spangled Banner” and “Texas, Our Texas.” Marian Stanko and Fred Rangel, SD 26, led the Pledges to the United States and Texas flags.

Without objection, Chairman West appointed the following members to the Proxy Committee: Kris Coons, SD 25, Chair; Matt Patrick, SD 16; Tom Nobis, SD 7.

Secretary Vergel Cruz called the roll. Members were present unless otherwise noted in the Minutes.

State Chairman	Allen West
State Vice Chairman	Cat Parks
Secretary	Vergel Cruz
Treasurer	Tim O’Hare, absent
General Counsel	Susanna Dokupil, absent
Assistant General Counsel	Rachel Hooper
Parliamentarian	Richard Hayes
Sergeant at Arms	Mike McCloskey
Chaplain	Cmdr. Rich Stoglin, US Navy, Ret.
Finance Chairman	Ed Trevis, absent
Historian	Dr. Tim Westley, from 4:06 p.m.
National Committeeman	Dr. Robin Armstrong
National Committeewoman	Toni Anne Dashiell, absent
SD 1	Rhonda Anderson
SD 1	Dr. Charles Blankenship
SD 2	Jerry Fisher
SD 2	Stephen Stanley
SD 3	Janis Holt, by proxy Karen Morris
SD 3	David Covey

SD 4	Gwendolyn Withrow
SD 4	Chris Breaux
SD 5	Jo Miller
SD 5	Bill Fairbrother by proxy Susan Patrick
SD 6	Dawn McDonald
SD 6	Chris McDonald
SD 7	Deborah Kelting Fite
SD 7	Tom Nobis
SD 8	Margaret Whitt
SD 8	Abraham George
SD 9	Anne Gebhart
SD 9	Steve Atwell
SD 10	Susan Wright, by proxy Jill Horton Tate
SD 10	Warren Norred
SD 11	Tanya Robertson
SD 11	H Scott Apley
SD 12	Jill Glover
SD 12	David Wylie
SD 13	Dawn Elliott
SD 13	Roy Morales
SD 14	Olga Lasher, by proxy Fernando Treviño, Jr.
SD 14	Fernando Treviño, Jr.
SD 15	Gail Stanart
SD 15	Rolando Garcia
SD 16	Susan Fountain
SD 16	Matt Patrick
SD 17	Becky Green
SD 17	Sean Cheben
SD 18	Edee Sinclair
SD 18	Joe Walz, by proxy Edee Sinclair
SD 19	Dr. Alma Arredondo-Lynch
SD 19	Frank Lopez, Jr.
SD 20	Grace Jones
SD 20	Carmen Calderone
SD 21	Naomi Narvaiz
SD 21	Terry Harper
SD 22	Devvie Duke
SD 22	Jon Ker
SD 23	Leslie Thomas
SD 23	Stephen Broden
SD 24	Mary Jane Avery
SD 24	Jack Barcroft, by proxy Chip Howell
SD 25	Kris Coons

SD 25	Mark Dorazio
SD 26	Marian Stanko
SD 26	Fred Rangel
SD 27	Morgan Graham
SD 27	Carlos Cascos
SD 28	Robin Hayes, by proxy John Beckmeyer
SD 28	Steve Evans
SD 29	Robyn Cooper, from 3:50 p.m.
SD 29	Mark Dunham
SD 30	Deon Starnes, from 3:54 p.m.
SD 30	Britton Brooks, absent until 3:54 p.m. then by proxy, Deon Starnes
SD 31	Debi Hays
SD 31	Carroll Precure

The SREC heard welcoming remarks from State Senator Bryan Hughes (SD 1), Smith County Judge Nathaniel Moran, and Paulette Carson, candidate for United States House of Representatives (CD 8).

Proxy Committee Chair Kris Coons, SD 25, gave the report of the Committee: at the time of the roll call, seven proxies were found to be in order.

Steve Atwell, SD 9, moved with a second to forgo the reading of the March 26 and March 27, 2021, SREC meeting Minutes. The motion passed. Tanya Robertson, SD 11, moved that the Minutes from March 27 be corrected by striking the word “delete” in the motion related to the RPT Gab account and replacing it with “suspend.” The motion passed, and the Minutes were approved as corrected.

The SREC heard reports from the following Officers: Tim O’Hare, Treasurer (by video); Rachel Hooper, Assistant General Counsel; Dr. Tim Westley, Historian; Dr. Robin Armstrong, National Committeeman; Toni Anne Dashiell (by video), National Committeewoman; Cat Parks, State Vice Chairman; and Allen West, State Chairman. As part of her report, Cat Parks recognized Marian Stanko, SD 26; Stan and Michelle Brannon, who lost their son Will in a tragic accident in 2017; Senator Bryan Hughes, who worked with the Brannon family to pass HB 4150 in 2019; and Dr. Tim Westley, Historian. As part of his report, Allen West thanked the SREC for serving alongside him and recognized Kyle Whatley, former RPT Chief Operating Officer, for his five years of distinguished service under three State Chairmen.

Without objection, the SREC ratified the following County Chair appointments made by Chairman West:

Falls	Elizabeth Nelson
La Salle	Mindy Oster

Sutton
Yoakum

Ben Pool
Elizabeth Rodriguez

Without objection, the SREC confirmed Chairman West's appointment of Steve Atwell, SD 9, to the Resolutions Committee. Chairman West's appointment of Jill Tate (non-SREC) to the Candidate Resource Committee was also confirmed without objection.

Next, Steve Evans, SD 28, gave the report of the Rules Committee.

By direction of the Committee, Mr. Evans moved that the SREC Bylaws be amended under Article VII, Section 8(E)(2)(a) as follows:

An ~~auxiliary~~ partnership is defined as a statewide group, ~~not a part of the statutory party structure~~, which ~~as a group~~, subscribes to the beliefs and principles advocated by the Republican Party, which offers opportunities for the growth and development of the Republican Party, the primary purpose of which is to promote the Republican Party of Texas and Republican nominees and causes, and which is granted ~~auxiliary~~ partnership status by the SREC. The Auxiliaries Partnerships and Coalitions Committee, in its sole discretion, shall decide which groups, if any, the Committee will recommend to the SREC for ~~auxiliary~~ partnership status and shall ascertain that each group granted ~~auxiliary~~ partnership status remains a viable and active organization compatible with the Party.

The motion passed by roll call vote of 62 Yes, 1 No.

By direction of the Committee, Mr. Evans moved that the SREC authorize the SREC Secretary and the Chairman of the Rules Committee to make any changes to the SREC Bylaws necessary to conform to the elimination of auxiliary status and the creation of partnership status. The motion passed.

By direction of the Committee, Mr. Evans moved that the SREC Bylaws be amended to add the following to the end of Article XI:

It shall only be in order for the SREC to consider an SREC Bylaws change which has either been previously considered by the Rules Committee, or has been considered by the Rules Committee and failed of adoption. This bylaw may be suspended by either a majority vote of those members present and voting, or by the filing of a minority report with the chairman prior to the convening of the SREC meeting by no less than 20% of the Rules Committee present and voting when a proposal failed of adoption.

H Scott Apley, SD 11, moved with a second to add "of the Rules Committee" after "chairman" in the final sentence. The motion to amend passed, and the main motion, as amended, passed by electronic roll call vote of 55 Yes, 6 No, 2 Abstain.

Chris Breaux, SD 4, moved with a second that the SREC adjourn until 8:45 a.m. CDT, Saturday, June 5, 2021. The motion was approved, and the SREC adjourned at 5:28 p.m. CDT.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vergel B. Cruz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "V".

Vergel B. Cruz, Secretary



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Chaplain Rich Stoglin gave the invocation. Jill Glover and David Wylie, SD 12, led the SREC in singing “The Star-Spangled Banner” and led the Pledge to the United States flag. Becky Green and Sean Cheben, SD 17, led the singing of “Texas, Our Texas” and the Pledge to the Texas flag.

Tom Nobis, SD 7, gave the report of the Proxy Committee: at the time of the roll call, one additional proxy since the previous day was found to be in order.

Secretary Vergel Cruz called the roll. Members were present unless otherwise noted in the Minutes.

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SD 6	Dawn McDonald
SD 6	Chris McDonald
SD 7	Deborah Kelting Fite
SD 7	Tom Nobis
SD 8	Margaret Whitt
SD 8	Abraham George
SD 9	Anne Gebhart
SD 9	Steve Atwell, from 9:29 a.m.
SD 10	Susan Wright, by proxy Jill Horton Tate
SD 10	Warren Norred, from 9:08 a.m.
SD 11	Tanya Robertson
SD 11	H Scott Apley
SD 12	Jill Glover
SD 12	David Wylie
SD 13	Dawn Elliott
SD 13	Roy Morales
SD 14	Olga Lasher, by proxy Fernando Treviño, Jr.
SD 14	Fernando Treviño, Jr.
SD 15	Gail Stanart
SD 15	Rolando Garcia
SD 16	Susan Fountain
SD 16	Matt Patrick
SD 17	Becky Green
SD 17	Sean Cheben
SD 18	Edee Sinclair, from 9:07 a.m.
SD 18	Joe Walz, from 9:07 a.m.
SD 19	Dr. Alma Arredondo-Lynch
SD 19	Frank Lopez, Jr.
SD 20	Grace Jones, from 9:04 a.m.
SD 20	Carmen Calderone
SD 21	Naomi Narvaiz
SD 21	Terry Harper
SD 22	Devvie Duke, from 9:08 a.m.
SD 22	Jon Ker
SD 23	Leslie Thomas, from 9:05 a.m.
SD 23	Stephen Broden, absent until 9:03 a.m. then by proxy, Troy Jackson
SD 24	Mary Jane Avery
SD 24	Jack Barcroft, by proxy Chip Howell

SD 25	Kris Coons, from 9:14 a.m.
SD 25	Mark Dorazio
SD 26	Marian Stanko, absent, then by proxy Fred Rangel 9:03-9:14 a.m., then present herself
SD 26	Fred Rangel, from 9:03 a.m.
SD 27	Morgan Graham
SD 27	Carlos Cascos
SD 28	Robin Hayes, by proxy John Beckmeyer
SD 28	Steve Evans, by proxy Teresa Beckmeyer
SD 29	Robyn Cooper
SD 29	Mark Dunham
SD 30	Deon Starnes, by proxy Britton Brooks until 9:17 a.m., then present herself
SD 30	Britton Brooks
SD 31	Debi Hays
SD 31	Carroll Precure

The SREC heard remarks from Smith County Chair David Stein and Drew Sexton, RNC Regional Political Director.

The SREC heard reports from the Standing Committees. Susan Fountain, SD 16, gave the report of the Party Organization Committee.

David Wylie, SD 12, gave the report of the Partnerships and Coalitions Committee. As part of his report, Mr. Wylie recognized leaders from the following Partnerships: Brad Namdar, Texas Young Republicans; Brandon Kiser, State Chairman, Texas Federation of College Republicans; Anne Gebhart, Texas Republican Assembly; Dr. Tim Westley, 150 Black Men of Texas; Alma Jackson, Juan Seguin Society; and Karen Marshall, National Federation of Pachyderms – Texas Chapter. Mr. Wylie also recognized Dwayne Wright, SREC Liaison and Executive Director, Texas Republican County Chairmen's Association and Glynis Chester, President, Texas Federation of Republican Women.

Mr. Wylie moved that the Texas Republican County Chairmen's Association and the Texas Federation of Republican Women be assigned with Partnership status. The motion was ruled out of order.

David Covey, SD 3, rose to a question of privilege to announce his candidacy for State Chairman and to thank outgoing Chairman West for his service.

Steve Atwell, SD 9, gave the report of the Candidate Resource Committee (CRC). As part of his report, Mr. Atwell recognized the service to the CRC of Titus County Chair and former SREC member Sue Evenwel.

Next, Jerry Fisher, SD 2, gave the report of the Resolutions Committee.

By direction of the Committee, Ms. Fisher moved the adoption of the “2021 Texas Legislative Session and RPT Legislative Priorities” resolution.

Mark Dorazio, SD 25, moved with a second to add the following as the third *Resolved* clause of the Resolution: “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas respectfully requests that the Family Educational Relief Program (SB1968) be included in any 2021 or 2022 special session; and.” The motion to amend passed.

Jill Glover, SD 12, moved with a second to add “each Republican State Representative and State Senator,” before “the Republican County Chairs” in the final *Resolved* clause, and the motion to amend passed.

Tanya Robertson, SD 11, moved with a second to add “reform” after “Integrity” in the first *Resolved* clause, and the motion to amend passed.

Jon Ker, SD 22, moved with a second to add the following as the fourth *Resolved* clause of the Resolution: “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas respectfully requests that Abolition of Abortion (HB 3326) be included in any 2021 or 2022 special session; and.” Chris Breaux, SD 4, with a second, moved the previous question on the amendment, and the motion passed by electronic roll call vote of 55 Yes, 6 No, 1 Abstain. The amendment passed by electronic roll call vote of 35 Yes, 28 No.

Chris Breaux, SD 4, moved with a second to add the following as the penultimate *Resolved* clause of the Resolution: “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Republican Executive Committee finds that Governor Abbott, Lieutenant Governor Patrick, and Speaker of the House Phelan intentionally obstructed numerous Legislative Priorities of the Republican Party of Texas; and.” After debate and without objection, Mr. Breaux withdrew the amendment.

Steve Atwell, SD 9, moved with a second to amend the fourth *Resolved* clause (amending a motion previously adopted) by adding the following to the end: “and we support the history of the pro-life movement with a focus on stopping abortionists, and not on punishing women in desperate situations.” The motion failed by electronic roll call vote of 29 Yes, 34 No. While the vote was totaled, State Representative Matt Schaefer addressed the SREC on the passage of Constitutional Carry (HB 1927).

Tom Nobis, SD 7, moved with a second to amend the fourth *Resolved* clause (amending a motion previously adopted) by striking “Abolition of Abortion (HB 3326)” and replacing it with “Texas Abolition Strategy (HB 3760).” The motion failed by electronic roll call vote of 18 Yes, 41 No, 3 Abstain.

Chris McDonald, SD 6, moved the previous question with a second, and the motion passed. The “2021 Texas Legislative Session and RPT Legislative Priorities” resolution, as amended, passed by electronic roll call vote of 53 Yes, 10 No.

By direction of the Committee, Ms. Fisher moved the adoption of the “Legislative Priorities Passage Plan” resolution. Chris Breaux, SD 4, moved with a second to postpone the resolution indefinitely, and the motion passed.

Next, Jill Glover, SD 12, gave the report of the Legislative Priorities Committee. As part of her report, Ms. Glover asked the Chairs of the Legislative Priority Subcommittees to provide summaries of relevant Legislative results. The following members addressed the SREC: Gail Stanart, SD 15, Ban Taxpayer-Funded Lobbying; Mark Dorazio, SD 25, School Choice for All; David Wylie, SD 12, Monument Protection; Stephen Stanley, SD 2, Constitutional Carry; Jon Ker, SD 22, Abolition of Abortion; Jill Glover, SD 12, Children and Gender Modification; Abraham George, SD 8, Religious Freedom; and Tanya Robertson, SD 11, Election Integrity.

Mike McCloskey, Sergeant at Arms, rose to a question of privilege to address Legislative results on religious liberty.

Reports of the Special Committees followed. Alma Jackson gave the report of the Engagement Committee.

On behalf of the lunch sponsor Grassroots America – We the People PAC, JoAnn Fleming, Executive Director, addressed the SREC. Without objection, the meeting recessed for lunch at 12:21 p.m. and was called back to order at 1:12 p.m.

Deon Starnes, SD 30, gave the report of Election Integrity Committee, and as part of her report recognized Tanya Robertson, SD 11, for her work on the “Protect the Texas Vote Initiative.” With a second, Ms. Robertson moved that \$175,000 be added to the RPT Budget in 2021 and \$200,000 in 2022 to fund the Initiative. Sean Cheben, SD 17, moved that the motion be postponed to the next quarterly SREC meeting, and motion passed.

The SREC proceeded to New Business.

Jill Glover, SD 12, rose to a question of privilege to request that former State Representative Matt Rinaldi be permitted to address the SREC. Without objection, Mr. Rinaldi spoke on his candidacy for State Chairman.

Rhonda Anderson, SD 1, rose to a question of privilege to address the tragic passing on the previous day of Emmanuel Slack, 17, who admirably served in Republican politics in both Louisiana and Texas and had already distinguished himself as a leader in the Party. The SREC paused for a moment of prayerful silence in his memory.

H Scott Apley, SD 11, moved with a second to suspend SREC Bylaws Article VII, Section 7(F) (3), in order to consider the “Resolution Opposing the Election of RPT Officers and Executive Committee Members through the Republican Party Primary.” The motion to suspend the Bylaws passed, and the resolution passed by electronic roll call of 48 Yes, 4, No, 10 Abstain.

Leslie Thomas, SD 23, rose to a question of privilege to honor Maggie Whitt, SD 8, for her efforts in collection signatures across Texas in support of RPT’s Legislative efforts. Ms. Whitt addressed the SREC.

Maggie Whitt, SD 8, moved with a second “that the SREC un-suspend and reinstate the Republican Party of Texas Gab account” (rescinding a motion previously adopted on March 27, 2021). Deon Starnes, SD 30, moved with a second to amend the motion by adding to the end “that there would be five pre-approved positive messages that RPT staff will use to respond to vitriolic messages on a daily basis.” With a second, Tanya Robertson, SD 11, moved a secondary amendment to add "directly from our Platform and Principles" after “messages.” The secondary amendment passed. With a second, Carroll Precure, SD 31, moved a secondary amendment to add “approved by the State Chairman and” before “directly.” The secondary amendment passed. The amendment, as amended, passed. Jill Glover, SD 12, moved the previous question with a second, and the motion passed. The main motion, as amended, failed by electronic roll call vote of 39 Yes, 21 No, 2 Abstain (2/3 affirmative vote required for passage).

Dawn McDonald, SD 6, moved with a second that the SREC adjourn. Without objection, the Second Quarter 2021 SREC Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m. CDT.

Respectfully submitted,



Vergel B. Cruz, Secretary