



Republican Party of Texas State Republican Executive Committee

Second Quarterly Meeting Minutes, June 3, 2017

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

Vice Chair Amy Clark called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

The invocation was led by Pastor Rex Johnson. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag was led by Debbie Terry, SD-12 and the National Anthem was sung by Jack Barcroft, SD-24. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag was led by Edee Sinclair, SD-18, and Texas Our Texas was sung by Rhonda Lacy SD-31.

Vice Chair called the family of Merri Easterly (late Committeewoman, SD-10) forward and presented them with a flag flown over the capital on the day of her celebration of life.

Candy Noble, SD-8 on behalf of the Resolutions Committee moved the adoption of a resolution celebrating the life, accomplishments, and memory of Merri Richards Easterly. Motion adopted via voice vote.

Vice Chair Clark appointed David Wyle and Mary Catherine Braswell as Sergeant-at-Arms Assistants.

Vice Chair Clark appointed a Proxy Committee chaired by Lisa Sprinkle, SD-29 with Fernando Trevino, SD-14, Terry Holcomb, SD-3, and Tina Gibson, SD-17 as members.

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

Vice Chair	Amy	Clark
Secretary	Jim	Wiggins
Treasurer	Tom	Washington
Asst. Treasurer	Montie	Watkins- absent
Nat. Committeeman	Robin	Armstrong
Nat. Committeewoman	Toni Anne	Dashiell
General Counsel	Patrick	O'Daniel
Asst. Gen. Counsel	Eric	Opiela
Asst. Gen. Counsel	Charlie	Sartain
Asst. Gen. Counsel	Art	Martinez de Vera
Parliamentarian	Richard	Hayes
Sergeant at Arms	Nelda	Eppes
Historian	Wayne	Thorburn- absent
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	Fredricks
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	n/a	n/a
SD 11	JT	Edwards
SD 11	Tanya	Robertson
SD 12	David	Halvorson
SD 12	Debbie	Terry
SD 13	Dale	Gibble
SD 13	Melanie	Flowers
SD 14	Fernando	Trevino, Jr.
SD 14	Jan	Duncan
SD 15	Vergel	Cruz
SD 15	Gail	Stanart
SD 16	Randall	Dunning- <i>by proxy Virginia Prodan</i>
SD 16	Virginia	Prodan
SD 17	Marvin	Clede
SD 17	Tina	Gibson- <i>by proxy (in afternoon) Marvin Clede</i>
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	Wilson
SD 22	Denise	DeLara
SD 23	Stephen	Broden
SD 23	Marian	Phillips
SD 24	Jack	Barcroft
SD 24	Randan	Steinhauser- <i>by proxy (in afternoon) Angela Smith</i>
SD 25	Mark	Dorazio
SD 25	Linda	Kinney
SD 26	Fred	Rangel- <i>by proxy (in afternoon) Marian Stanko</i>
SD 26	Marian	Stanko
SD 27	Elijah	Casas
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 <i>-by proxy (in afternoon)Rhonda Lacy</i>
SD 31	Rhonda	Lacy

Proxy Committee Chair reported that the proxies submitted were in order. The report of the Proxy Committee was approved via voice vote.

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

The body approved 1st Quarterly, March 4, 2017 meeting minutes as submitted.

Vice Chair Clark called for a motion to confirm the appointment of county chairs as follows:

- Brett Bousman-Dimmit County
- Kim Vera-Hansford County
- Emilie Cunningham-Houston County

J T Edwards, SD-11 moved, with second by Will Robbins, SD-4, to approve the appointments. Motion passed via voice vote.

Vice Chair Clark called on Melinda Fredricks, Chair of the Rules Committee, re: adoption of supplemental rules dealing with the election of the chairman of the party and the committee woman for SD-10. At the direction of the Rules Committee she moved the adoption of the supplemental election rules as presented in the packet. Vice Chair Clark called for discussion and hearing none, declared the supplemental rules adopted as presented.

Vice Chair Clark announced that the next order of business was the election of the committee woman for SD-10 and opened the floor for nominations. Tanya Robertson, SD-11 nominated Jennifer Hall and Steve Atwell, SD-9 nominated Susan Wright. The nominations were seconded. Votes were cast by secret ballot with Jennifer Hall receiving 23 votes and Susan Wright receiving 39 votes. Susan Wright was invited to take her seat as the SD-10 committee woman.

Vice Chair Clark announced the next order of business was the election of the State Chairman for the Republican Party of Texas and opened the floor for nominations. Will Robbins, SD-4 nominated Rick Figueroa with a second by Jane Cansino, SD-28. Mike Goldman, SD-21 nominated James Dickey with a second by Naomi Narvaiz, SD-21. Votes were cast by secret ballot with Rick Figueroa receiving 31 votes and James Dickey receiving 32 votes. Vice Chair Clark then passed the gavel to James Dickey, Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas.

Chairman Dickey, pursuant to the bylaws, made the following appointments as appointive officials of the party:

- Thomas Gleason III-Finance Chairman
- Larry Hicks-Treasurer
- Holly Alt-Parliamentarian

- Chris Gober-General Counsel
- Trey Trainer-Assistant General Counsel
- Nelda Eppes-Sergeant at Arms

Motion was made and seconded to defer consideration of the appointments until the list could be provided in writing to the body. The Chair called for discussion and hearing none, called for the vote. Motion passed via voice vote.

Chair Dickey then called for the officer reports.

Vice Chair Clark gave her report re: the state of the party including educational efforts for the special session, staff minority outreach activities, emerging leaders' committee activities, party fund raising, party switchers, and publicity.

Patrick O'Daniel, Eric Opiela, and Charlie Sartain gave reports re: legal matters and past legislative accomplishments.

Tom Washington gave a report re: the current cash position of the party.

National Committeeman Robin Armstrong reported re: meeting with President Trump, recent special election results, the 2018 elections, the democrat party redistricting committee activities, black engagement efforts of Governor Abbott, and other RNC activities re: the Trump agenda.

National Committeewoman Toni Anne Dashiell reported re: the RNC spring meeting, the new RNC leadership, RNC commitment re: data and technology, training, engagement, and fund raising.

Chair Dickey called on Reginald Clyde to give MLK Association auxiliary report.

Chair Dickey called on Jack Barcroft, SD-24 to give a presentation on electronic voting at SREC meetings.

Jeremy Story gave lunch blessing.

Meeting stood at ease for lunch.

The meeting called back to order at 12:25pm.

Chair Dickey called on Rules Committee chair, Melinda Fredricks, to give the committee report. At the direction of the committee she moved the adoption of an amendment to Bylaws Article VII, Section 8, C.1.a. (Candidate Resource Committee) to add "The Chairman may appoint up to four (4) additional members also subject to confirmation by the SREC." The amendment was adopted by roll call vote of 51 yeas and -0- nay.

The proxy committee provided a supplemental report of proxies presented for the afternoon session as shown in the above roll call list. Committee report was approved via voice vote.

Rules Committee Chair Fredricks, at the direction of the committee, recommends that the SREC move forward with exploration of electronic voting technology for SREC meetings and at the state convention.

Chair Dickey announced that since this is a recommendation of the committee, no action is required by the body.

Resolutions Committee Chair Candy Noble presented the report of the committee and at the direction of the committee moved the adoption of a Resolution to Support Local Candidates.

Chris McDonald, SD-6 with second by JT Edwards, SD-11 moved to strike words from the second and third paragraphs and move them to the third paragraph. Amendment failed via standing vote.

Steven Broden, SD-23 with a second by Marian Phillips, SD-23 moved to amend the second paragraph to add "and similar projects" after project LIFT. Amendment passed via voice vote.

Mike Cloud, SD-18 with a second by Terry Holcomb, SD-3 moved to add "encourages county parties to do the same" in the next to the last paragraph. Amendment passed via voice vote.

Jason Ross, SD-2 moved to add the word Republican to the previous amendment. Amendment adopted without objection.

Motion, as amended, was passed via roll call vote of 58 yeas and 2 nays.

Vice Chair Amy Clark presented the Legislative Committee report regarding the activity of the committee during the just concluded legislative session. She directed the SREC to the party web site for information regarding the bills passed that relate to the priorities established by the platform and SREC.

At the direction of the committee the committee chair moved to authorize a letter to be sent to Governor Abbott thanking him signing legislation that was part of the 2017 priorities and to consider other priorities listed in the 2016 platform for inclusion in the call for a special session. Motion passed via voice vote.

Chair Dickey requested the approval of his appointment of appointive party officials as previously presented with the addition of Chris Howe as Assistant Parliamentarian, Jeremy Storey as Chaplin, and Wayne Thorburn as Historian. Point of order was made that only the offices of Treasurer, General Counsel, and Assistant General Counsel require approval of the SREC. A request was made to divide the question. The Chair agreed to divide the question and called for a vote on the offices of Treasurer and the General Councils separately. Both were approved via separate voice votes.

Chair Dickey then announced the appointment Jason Ross, SD-2 to the Officials Committee in place of Will Robbins, SD-4.

Party Organization Committee chair Will Robbins presented the report of the committee. The committee chair presented the party logo and proposals for making it available for use by the party. At the direction of the committee the committee chair moved the adoption of the RPT style guide as presented with any revision by party staff that may need to be made to make it more useful. Motion passed via voice vote.

Committee chair Robbins next reported that the candidate and precinct chair handbooks were being revised and updated, but changes cannot be presented at this time due to the fact that the governor has not taken final action on legislation that will affect the content. At the direction of the committee

the chair moved that the Officials Committee be authorized to approve any changes to the manuals before the September, 2017 SREC meeting. Motion passed via voice vote.

Grassroots Club chair David Halvorson presented the report of the club. The club chair reported that the club is implementing a three tier membership program. The details of the program will be available on the party web site.

Candidate Resource Committee chair Steve Atwell presented the report of the committee. The committee chair reported re: the funding goals, application process, information available to the SREC, committee organization, donor recognition letters, donation rules, and talking points.

Strike Force Committee chair Rhonda Lacy presented the committee report re: various special congressional races around the nation and the need for volunteers to help.

Terry Holcomb of the Auxiliaries & Coalitions reported that the committee did not have a quorum for its meeting. Mr. Holcomb then reported that the committee voted at the March 3, 2017 meeting to go into a coalition with the Texas Republican Liberty Caucus and moved that the SREC approve the acceptance of the organization as a coalition. Paul Braswell, SD-30 with second by Melinda Fredricks, SD-4 moved to postpone consideration of the motion. Motion to postpone failed via voice vote. Motion to accept organization as a coalition passed via voice vote.

Volunteerism Committee chair Jane Cansino reported that the volunteer recognition banquet will take place at the Crown Oaks Plaza in Austin, TX on September 22, 2017 and the speaker will be Star Parker. There will be a full day of events for the volunteer honorees.

Mike McCloskey, SD-5 with second by Jeremy Blosser, SD-10 made a motion that SREC members receive monthly reports from RPT staff re: activities. Motion passed via voice vote.

Jeromy Blosser, SD-10 with a second by Sue Evenwel, SD-1 made a motion to form a special committee to explore options for electronic voting at SREC meetings and at the state convention. The committee will be chaired by Paul Braswell, SD-30 with Will Robbins, SD-4, Randan Steinhauer, SD-24, Elijah Casas, SD-27, Melinda Fredricks, SD-4, and Sara Singleton, SD-7 as members. The committee is authorized to meet via phone as described in Article VII, Section 10. The committee is authorized to report directly to the Rules and Party Organization Committees of the SREC and to make recommendations to the SREC necessary to complete their task. Mike Cloud, SD-18 with second by JT Edwards, SD-11 moved to strike the committee member's names and allow the Chairman Dickey to appoint the members. Motion failed via voice vote. Mr. Blosser, with a second from the body, then moved to amend the motion to allow Chair Dickey to appoint up to two (2) additional members of the committee. The amendment passed via voice vote. The original motion, as amended, passed via voice vote.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion passed via voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 3:47pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Wiggins
SREC Secretary