



Republican Party of Texas State Republican Executive Committee
Second Quarterly Meeting Minutes, June 8, 2019
Wyndham Garden Woodward Conference Center
3401 South IH-35, Austin, Texas 78741

Chairman James Dickey called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

The invocation was led by Corey Tabor, RPT Chaplain. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag was led by Britton Brooks, SD-30. The National Anthem was led by Michael Raign, SD-26. “Texas our Texas” was led by Dr. Robin Armstrong, National Committeeman. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag was led by Wolf Chapa, SD-27.

Chairman Dickey appointed without objection a Proxy Committee chaired by Marian Stanko, SD-26, with Robert Kecseg, SD-1, and Dawn Elliot, SD-13, 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 - ABSENT
General Counsel	Chris	Gober <i>at 9:25am</i>
Asst. Gen. Counsel	Trey	Trainer - ABSENT
Asst. Gen. Counsel	Ross	Fischer - ABSENT
Asst. Gen. Counsel	Wade	Emmert
Asst. Gen. Counsel	Art	Martinez de Vara - ABSENT
Parliamentarian	Chris	Howe
Sergeant at Arms	Nelda	Eppes - ABSENT
Chaplain	Corey	Tabor
SD 1	Ross	Kecseg
SD 1	Sue	Evenwel
SD 2	Jason	Ross <i>by proxy, Donnie Wisenbaker</i>
SD 2	Jerry	Fisher
SD 3	Terry	Holcomb

SD 3	Judy	Parada
SD 4	Walter	West
SD 4	Allison	Winter
SD 5	Michael	McCloskey
SD 5	Nita	Davidson <i>by proxy, Michael McCloskey</i>
SD 6	Chris	McDonald
SD 6	Dawn	McDonald
SD 7	Mark	Ramsey <i>at 9:24am</i>
SD 7	Terri	Leo
SD 8	Chuck	Branch
SD 8	Susan	Fischer <i>by proxy, Deanna Kuydendall</i>
SD 9	Steve	Atwell <i>at 9:26am</i>
SD 9	Anne	Gebhart
SD 10	Warren	Norred
SD 10	Susan	Wright
SD 11	JT	Edwards <i>at 9:18am</i>
SD 11	Tanya	Robertson
SD 12	David	Halvorson <i>by proxy, David Wylie</i>
SD 12	Debbie	Terry <i>by proxy, Jill Glover</i>
SD 13	Roy	Morales
SD 13	Dawn	Elliott
SD 14	Fernando	Trevino, Jr. <i>At 9:20am</i>
SD 14	Jan	Duncan
SD 15	Vergel	Cruz
SD 15	Gail	Stanart
SD 16	Randall	Dunning
SD 16	Susan	Fountain
SD 17	Marvin	Clede
SD 17	Kathaleen	Wall
SD 18	Rick	Figuroa <i>by proxy, Jacey Jetton</i>
SD 18	Edee	Sinclair
SD 19	Robert	Casias
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
SD 23	Stephen	Broden
SD 23	Leslie	Thomas
SD 24	Jack	Barcroft
SD 24	Summer	Wise
SD 25	Mark	Dorazio
SD 25	Linda	Kinney
SD 26	Michael	Raign
SD 26	Marian	Stanko
SD 27	Morgan	Graham <i>by proxy, Rolando Wolf Chapa; self at 1:04pm</i>
SD 27	James	Zavaleta

SD 28	Drew	Bullard
SD 28	Neva	Haney
SD 29	Mark	Dunham
SD 29	Barbara	Carrasco <i>by default proxy</i>
SD 30	Britton	Brooks
SD 30	Deon	Starnes
SD 31	Tom	Roller <i>absent at 2:56pm</i>
SD 31	Rhonda	Lacy <i>absent at 2:56pm</i>

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 First Quarterly meeting minutes. Terry Holcomb, SD-3, moved with second for approval of the minutes. The minutes were approved without objection.

Terry Holcomb, SD-3, moved with a second to amend the printed agenda by moving the Legislative Priorities Committee to the beginning of the committee reports. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Terry Holcomb, SD-3, moved with a second to adopt the special orders of the distributed agenda as amended. The motion passed by voice vote.

Larry Hicks, Treasurer, gave a financial report, re: cash balance is up from the prior meeting.

Dr. Robin Armstrong, National Committeeman, gave his report, re: gearing up for 2020 election, re-electing President Trump, taking back two Texas Congressional seats, the importance of redistricting in 2021, “Greater Opportunity Party” slogan, booming economy, Trump approval in the black community is 30%+ and its significance.

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

- Kenna Hatch – Hale County
- Micah Charping – Brooks County
- Maria Dempsey – Hudspeth County

The Chairman announced that he has made no rule clarifications pursuant to RPT Rule 1(F) since the last quarterly meeting.

A moment of silence in memory of Dallas County Chair Missy Shorey who recently passed away.

Chairman James Dickey gave his report, re: two-year anniversary as Chairman was this week, cash balance has increased over tenure; honored Parliamentarian Chris Howe, General Counsel Chris Gober, Asst. General Counsel Trey Trainer, Treasurer Larry Hicks, and Sergeant-at-Arms Nelda Epps for dedicated service to the Party.

General Counsel Chris Gober gave his last legal counsel report, re: no pending litigation, expressed appreciation for the SREC's trust over the past two years.

General Counsel Chris Gober announced his resignation as RPT General Counsel, effective June 8, 2019. The resignation was accepted without objection.

Without objection, Chairman Dickey appointed Wade Emmert as RPT General Counsel.

Chairman Dickey continued his report, re: growth of the cash balance and success of fundraising efforts, enhancing digital marketing, addition of field staff, strengthening of partnership with RNC, success of Spring Dinner, Texas' 38 Electoral College Votes are cornerstone of Republican path to the White House in 2020, 2020 is first election without straight party voting and will decide re-districting, five new field staff have been hired, launch of the "Republican Party of Texas Volunteer Engagement Project," results of the 86th Legislative Session, 92 bills passed the Legislature that advanced 45 of the RPT Platform Planks.

Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Kevin Yeary briefly addressed the body.

State Representative Dustin Burrows briefly addressed the body.

State Senator Bryan Hughes briefly addressed the body.

Without objection, Justice Jeff Boyd, lunch sponsor, was allowed to speak before lunch.

Taylor Maddox, RNC State Director, briefly addressed the body.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:07pm.

Karen Newton, Texas Federation of Republican Women President, gave a report.

Jack Barcroft, SD-24 and Texas Republican County Chair Association President, gave a report.

The meeting resumed at 12:54pm.

Mark Ramsey, SD-7, gave a report of the Legislative Priorities Committee, re: process, expectations versus accomplishments. At the direction of the Committee, Mr. Ramsey moved to authorize a letter to be sent to Governor Abbott and Republican legislators thanking them for legislation passed in the 86th Legislature supportive of 2018 Legislative Priorities and Platform planks, and to include other Legislative Priorities in any upcoming call for a special session, and that the letter by hand delivered to the Governor by our Chairman. The motion passed by voice vote.

At the direction of the Committee, Mr. Ramsey moved to authorize a letter to be sent to the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House thanking them for legislation passed in the 86th Legislature supportive of 2018 Legislative Priorities and Platform planks, and to include other Legislative Priorities, Platform Planks and grassroots issues in the upcoming interim charges to their members, and that the letters be had delivered to them by our Chairman. The motion passed by voice vote.

Chairman Dickey gave the report of the Officials Committee, re: Legislative Session, progress on goals.

Steve Atwell, SD-9, and Vergel Cruz, SD-15, gave a report of the Candidate Resource Committee, re: two-day planning meeting, process for next cycle, impact on 2018 election cycle.

Marian Knowlton, SD-19, gave a report of the Party Organization Committee, re: fundraising tips for county parties, RPT tools to help county chairmen, communication with county chairmen.

JT Edwards, SD-11, gave a report of the Auxiliaries and Coalitions Committee, re: African Conservative Assembly, Republican National Hispanic Assembly. At the direction of the Committee, Mr. Edwards moved the approval of a coalition with the African Conservative Assembly to work on voter registration. The motion passed by voice vote.

Vergel Cruz, SD-15, gave a report of the Resolutions Committee. At the direction of the Committee, Mr. Cruz moved adoption of a resolution “Honoring Ileene Rosenfield Robinson.” Without objection, the body forewent a roll call vote. The motion passed by a voice vote.

At the direction of the Committee, Mr. Cruz moved adoption of a resolution “Supporting Georgia’s Heartbeat Law.” The motion passed by a roll call vote of 59 ayes to 1 nays.

At the direction of the Committee, Mr. Cruz moved adoption of a resolution “Honoring Missy Shorey.” Without objection, the body forewent a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

At the direction of the Committee, Mr. Cruz moved adoption of a “Resolution Regarding Candidates’ Filing for Office of President of the United States.” Without objection, the motion proceeded without a record vote. The motion passed by a voice vote.

At the direction of the Committee, Mr. Cruz moved adoption of a “Resolution Calling for a Special Session to Address the Failure of the Eighty-Sixth Legislature to Implement the Five Legislative Priorities of the Republican Party of Texas.” Terry Holcomb, SD-3, raised a point of order that the Resolution was outside of scope of the Resolutions Committee. The Chairman sustained the point of order. Allison Winter, SD-4, appealed the decision of the Chair. Gail Stanart, SD-15, called the question. The motion to end debate passed by a roll call vote of 48 ayes to 11 nays. The point of order was sustained by a roll call vote of 48 ayes to 12 nays.

Jan Duncan, SD-14, gave a report of the Rules Committee. At the direction of the Committee, Mrs. Duncan gave notice that Rule 3 and Rule 8(K) may be amended or stricken entirely at the next quarterly meeting.

Deon Starnes, SD-30, gave a report of the Convention Arrangements Committee. At the direction of the Committee, Mrs. Starnes moved adoption of the “Procedure/Policy for the 2020 RPT Convention Exhibitors.” Summer Wise, SD-24, moved with a second to amend the motion by “All submissions will be reviewed and recommended by the RPT staff to the RPT Officials Committee. Denials of applications prior to the last SREC meeting before the week of convention may be appealed to the SREC for review and possible action upon request of the vendor. The Officials Committee will have the final authority to deny or accept requests submitted after the last SREC meeting before the week of convention for exhibit space, advertisement space, and distribution of literature until the Convention adopts its rules. Acceptance or denial will be based on availability, completion of packet, adherence to policy, RPT By-laws, RPT Rules and principles. Any applications received in the week prior to the convention will be reviewed by the Executive Director.” The amendment failed by a voice vote.

Randall Dunning, SD-16, moved with a second to amend the motion by “All submissions will be reviewed and recommended by the RPT staff to the RPT Officials Committee. Denials of applications prior to the last SREC meeting before the week of convention may be appealed to the SREC for review and possible action upon request of the vendor. The Officials Committee will have the final authority to deny or accept requests submitted after the last SREC meeting before the week of convention for exhibit space, advertisement space, and distribution of literature until the Convention adopts its rules. Acceptance or denial will be based on availability, completion of packet, adherence to policy, RPT By-laws, RPT Rules and ~~principles~~. RPT Platform Principles.” The amendment passed by a voice vote. The motion as amended passed by a roll call vote of 57 ayes or 3 nays.

Tanya Robertson, SD-11, gave a report of the Advancement Committee.

Vice Chair Alma Jackson gave a report of the Engagement Committee.

Without objection, Marian Stanko, SD-26, has been appointed the head of the Volunteer of the Year Banquet.

Mike McCloskey, SD-5, moved with a second to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 3:48pm.

Will Robbins
Secretary