

# Republican Party of Texas State Republican Executive Committee Fourth Quarterly Meeting Minutes, November 30 to December 1, 2018 Wyndham Garden Woodward Conference Center 3401 South IH-35, Austin, Texas 78741

Chairman James Dickey called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

The invocation was led by Robert Kecseg, SD-1. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the National Anthem was led by Dr. Robin Armstrong, National Committeeman. Texas our Texas was led by Jack Barcroft, SD-24. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag was led by Susan Fountain, SD-16.

Chairman Dickey appointed without objection a Proxy Committee chaired by Gail Stanart, SD-15, with Anne Gebhart, SD-9, and Tom Roller, SD-31, 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 - ABSENT            |
| Asst. Gen. Counsel  | Trey      | Trainer                   |
| 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                   |
| SD 3                | Judy      | Parada                    |

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| SD 4         | Walter        | West by provy Allicon Winter self at 10:25nm    |
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| SD 4         | Allison       | West – by proxy Allison Winter, self at 10:25pm |
|              |               | Winter  |
| SD 5         | Michael       | McCloskey<br>Davidson                           |
| SD 5<br>SD 6 | Nita<br>Chris | McDonald  |
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| SD 6         | Dawn          | McDonald  |
| SD 7         | Mark          | Ramsey  |
| SD 7         | Terri         | Leo   |
| SD 8         | Chuck         | Branch  |
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| SD 10        | Susan         | Wright  |
| SD 11        | JT            | Edwards   |
| SD 11        | Tanya         | Robertson                                       |
| SD 12        | David         | Halvorson                                       |
| SD 12        | Debbie        | Terry   |
| 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   |
| SD 16        | Susan         | Fountain  |
| SD 17        | Marvin        | Clede   |
| SD 17        | Kathaleen     | Wall  |
| SD 18        | Rick          | Rigueroa  |
| SD 18        | Edee          | Sinclair  |
| SD 19        | Robert        | Casias  |
| SD 19        | Marian        | Knowlton  |
| SD 20        | Sam           | Dalton  |
| SD 20        | Hannah        | Chipman   |
| SD 21        | Terry         | Harper  |
| SD 21        | Carla         | Sisk  |
| SD 22        | Sam           | Bryant  |
| SD 22        | Ashley        | Sellers – by proxy Paul Perry                   |
| SD 23        | Stephen       | Broden  |
| SD 23        | Leslie        | Thomas - ABSENT                                 |
| SD 24        | Jack          | Barcroft  |
| SD 24        | Summer        | Wise  |
| SD 25        | Mark          | Dorazio   |
| SD 25        | Linda         | Kinney  |
| SD 26        | Michael       | Raign – at 7:19pm                               |
| SD 26        | Marian        | Stanko  |
| SD 27        | Morgan        | Graham  |
| SD 27        | James         | Zavaleta  |
| SD 28        | Drew          | Bullard   |
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| SD 28 | Neva    | Haney                           |
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| SD 29 | Mark    | Dunham                          |
| SD 29 | Barbara | Carrasco – by proxy Mark Dunham |
| SD 30 | Britton | Brooks                          |
| SD 30 | Deon    | Starnes                         |
| SD 31 | Tom     | Roller                          |
| SD 31 | Rhonda  | Lacy                            |

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 via voice vote.

Chairman Dickey asked for any additions or corrections to the Third Quarterly meeting minutes. Without objection, the minutes were approved as presented.

Fernando Trevino, SD-14, moved with a second to add an item about a special committee on Chairman's compensation prior to discussion of the 2019 RPT Budget to the printed agenda. The motion passed by division.

Jan Duncan, SD-14, moved with a second to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion passed via voice vote.

Marvin Clede, SD-17, moved with a second that when this meeting adjourns, it stands adjourned to meet at 9:00am on December 1, 2018. The motion passed via voice vote.

Larry Hicks, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report.

John Seago of Texas Right to Life, the Meeting Sponsor, spoke re: upcoming pro-life legislation, the shift of the Democratic Party to extreme anti-life.

Trey Trainor, Assistant General Counsel, gave the General Counsel's report re: helping Jefferson County GOP, issues with mail-in ballots being counted, five polling locations being kept open an additional hour in Harris County on election day, worked with Secretary of State's office on correcting erroneous material, worked with SOS to stop vote.org from registering individuals online.

Dr. Robin Armstrong, National Committeeman, gave his report re: loss of US House seats, gain of US Senate seats, GOP Congressional retirements, need to focus on fighting for our values and listen to those with whom we disagree, take our message to big cities.

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

Timothy Kent – Briscoe County

Tommy Rodgers – Crosby County

Ann Franklin – Gray County

Suzanne Bellsnyder – Hansford County

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Alan Haley – Loving County Bill Young – Webb County Corrina Luevano – Zavala County

Chairman Dickey gave his report re: fundraising up 35% than average of previous five years, election results, significant losses on Courts of Appeals, Victory Committee's work and large fundraising.

Stephen Wong, RPT Political Director, gave an overview of the metrics and tactics of the RPT political staff during the 2018 election. Victory mailers were sent to 800,000 eligible Republicans to vote by mail. Another 260,000 mailers were sent to Republicans who did not vote early. Media campaigns targeted Harris and Dallas Counties. Six full-time field staff worked out of three RNC field offices to knock on over 400,000 doors and make over 300,000 calls with party volunteers. They trained 1,500 volunteers.

Chairman Dickey presented the report of the Officials Committee. The Chairman announced that the Officials Committee has approved two Coalitions: Gun Owners of America to work on gun rights issues and the Republican Liberty Caucus of Texas to work on property tax elimination.

Deon Starnes, SD-30, moved with a second to establish a special committee as follows:

# **Special Committee on Chair's Compensation:**

- A. Shall be composed of five (5) members, to include two (2) members appointed by each Republican National Committee (RNC) member and a chairman, elected by the full SREC, who shall be either a current or previously elected Texas legislator. Members of this committee shall not be limited solely to current members of the SREC.
- B. It shall be the duty of this committee to recommend to the full SREC a plan and procedure by which a compensation for the chair would be considered. This committee shall include in its recommendation an outline including, but not limited to, the goals, performance metrics, expectations, a review process for such changes, and timeline for implementation.
- C. The committee shall provide electronically monthly status reports to the Executive Director and the full SREC. The committee shall consider input from the SREC and activists through e-mail, webinar, or other technology, and shall gather any relevant data from other states or sources. The committee shall submit a final report of findings along with their recommendations.
- D. The report and recommendations of this committee shall be submitted to the Officials Committee and then presented as submitted to the full SREC for consideration at a regularly called quarterly meeting, no sooner than March and no later than June 2019.
- E. This committee shall provide to the SREC quarterly reviews of the chairman's performance based upon stated goals.

The Chairman has ruled the motion out of order.

Fernando Trevino, SD-14, moved with a second to establish a special committee as follows: **Special Committee on Chair's Compensation:** 

A. Shall be composed of five (5) members, to include two (2) members appointed by each Republican National Committee (RNC) member and a chairman, elected by the full

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- SREC, who shall be either a current or previously elected Texas legislator. Members of this committee shall not be limited solely to current members of the SREC.
- B. It shall be the duty of this committee to recommend to the full SREC a plan and procedure by which a compensation for the chair would be considered. This committee shall include in its recommendation an outline including, but not limited to, the goals, performance metrics, expectations, a review process for such changes, and timeline for implementation.
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- D. The report and recommendations of this committee shall be submitted to the Officials Committee and then presented as submitted to the full SREC for consideration at a regularly called quarterly meeting, no sooner than March and no later than June 2019.

Terry Holcomb, SD-3, moved with a second to amend the motion by substitution as follows:

### Creation of an Officials Committee State Chair Performance Review Committee

This committee would be composed of nine (9) members, to include:

- 1) Five (5) members from the Officials Committee to be determined by the Officials Committee, not including the State Chairman;
  - A. Both Republican National Committee (RNC) members from Texas;
  - B. The Republican Party of Texas Vice Chair; and,
  - C. The current Vice-President of the Texas Republican County Chairmen's Association.
- 2) It shall be the duty of this committee to conduct quarterly performance reviews based on stated goals and metrics and submit a report to the full Officials committee for review.

Jan Duncan, SD-14, moved with a second to amend the substitute amendment by "1) Five (5) members from the Officials Committee to be determined by the Officials Committee, not including the State Chairman; 1) Three (3) members from the Officials Committee to be determined by the Officials Committee, not including the State Chairman; and two (2) SREC members appointed by the Chairman." Fernando Trevino, SD-14, moved with a second to amend the amendment by "and two (2) SREC members appointed by the Chairman. elected by the SREC." JT Edwards, SD-11, called the question on the amendment to the amendment. The motion passed by voice vote. A demand for a roll call vote has been made. It was sufficient. The amendment to the amendment passed by a roll call vote of 34 ayes to 28 nays. The amendment as amended failed by voice vote. Fernando Trevino, SD-14, moved with a second to reconsider the vote on the amendment as amended. The motion to reconsider failed by voice vote. The question was called. The substitute amendment passed by a roll call vote of 31 ayes to 30 nays.

The meeting recessed at 9:30pm.

The meeting resumed business at 9:36pm.

Discussion on the following amended motion resumed:

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- 1) Five (5) members from the Officials Committee to be determined by the Officials Committee, not including the State Chairman;
  - A. Both Republican National Committee (RNC) members from Texas;
  - B. The Republican Party of Texas Vice Chair; and,
  - C. The current Vice-President of the Texas Republican County Chairmen's Association.
- 2) It shall be the duty of this committee to conduct quarterly performance reviews based on stated goals and metrics and submit a report to the full Officials committee for review.

The motion as amended passed by division.

At the direction of the Officials Committee, the Chairman presented the proposed 2019 RPT Budget. The Officials Committee reviewed the budget three times prior to this meeting.

Terry Holcomb, SD-3, moved with a second to adopt the budget as presented. JT Edwards, SD-11, with a second called the question. The motion passed via voice vote.

Jan Duncan, SD-14, moved with a second to adjourn until 9:00am on December 1, 2018. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:29pm until 9:00am on December 1, 2018.

Chairman James Dickey called the meeting back to order at 9:06am.

The invocation was led by Corey Tabor, Chaplain. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag was led by Hannah Scott, SD-20. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag was led by Robert Casias, SD-19.

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

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| Parliamentarian     | Chris     | Howe                      |
| Sergeant at Arms    | Nelda     | Eppes                     |
| Chaplain            | Corey     | Tabor                     |
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| SD 1                | Ross      | Kecseg – ABSENT at 1:34pm |
| SD 1                | Sue       | Evenwel                   |
| SD 2                | Jason     | Ross                      |
| SD 2                | Jerry     | Fisher                    |
| SD 3                | Terry     | Holcomb                   |
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| SD 3  | Judy      | Parada                                      |
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| SD 4  | Walter    | West  |
| 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                                      |
| SD 8  | Susan     | Fischer – by default proxy at 12:11pm       |
| SD 9  | Steve     | Atwell – at 9:24am                          |
| SD 9  | Anne      | Gebhart                                     |
| SD 10 | Warren    | Norred                                      |
| SD 10 | Susan     | Wright                                      |
| SD 11 | JT        | Edwards – at 9:23am                         |
| 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. – at 9:16am                    |
| SD 14 | Jan       | Duncan                                      |
| SD 15 | Vergel    | Cruz  |
| SD 15 | Gail      | Stanart                                     |
| SD 16 | Randall   | Dunning                                     |
| SD 16 | Susan     | Fountain – by default proxy at 12:11pm      |
| SD 17 | Marvin    | Clede                                       |
| SD 17 | Kathaleen | Wall – ABSENT at 2:20pm                     |
| SD 18 | Rick      | Rigueroa – by proxy Kenneth Buelter         |
| SD 18 | Edee      | Sinclair – by proxy Vanessa Hicks-Callaway  |
| SD 19 | Robert    | Casias                                      |
| SD 19 | Marian    | Knowlton                                    |
| SD 20 | Sam       | Dalton                                      |
| SD 20 | Hannah    | Chipman                                     |
| SD 21 | Terry     | Harper                                      |
| SD 21 | Carla     | Sisk  |
| SD 22 | Sam       | Bryant – at 9:24am                          |
| SD 22 | Ashley    | Sellers – by proxy Paul Perry               |
| SD 23 | Stephen   | Broden                                      |
| SD 23 | Leslie    | Thomas – by proxy at 9:49am Michael Flusche |
| SD 24 | Jack      | Barcroft                                    |
| SD 24 | Summer    | Wise – at 9:27am                            |
| SD 25 | Mark      | Dorazio                                     |
| SD 25 | Linda     | Kinney                                      |
| SD 26 | Michael   | Raign                                       |
| SD 26 | Marian    | Stanko                                      |
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| SD 28 | Drew    | Bullard                         |
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| SD 30 | Britton | Brooks                          |
| SD 30 | Deon    | Starnes                         |
| SD 31 | Tom     | Roller                          |
| SD 31 | Rhonda  | Lacy                            |

Marian Knowlton, SD-19, gave the report of the Party Organization Committee. At the direction of the committee, Mrs. Knowlton moved to adopt the following recommendation, "We believe that the RPT handbook, as written, covers the employee/employer relationship except for the matter of clarifying participation as a delegate at a political convention, be it Precinct, County, Senatorial, or State level. We therefore recommend that the RPT handbook be amended to include a clause, prepared by legal counsel, that RPT employees may choose to participate in Republican political conventions as delegates or advocates provided they utilize personal vacation time to do so. Vacation time will be allowed following availability outlined on pages 17 and 18 of the RPT Employee Handbook. Working the convention as an RPT employee, they are subject to the RPT employment agreement and are not allowed to participate as a delegate." The motion passed via voice vote.

At the direction of the committee, Mrs. Knowlton moved the creation of an Election Code Review working group, the purpose of which is to review the election code and make recommendations for eliminating state laws that interfere with the party organization. Bill Fairbrother, Williamson County Chairman and former Legislative Liaison for the TRCCA, will chair the working group. JT Edwards, SD-11, Brandon Moore, RPT Organization Director, and Trey Trainor, Assistant General Counsel, will serve on the working group. The motion passed via voice vote.

Vergel Cruz, SD-15, gave the report of the Resolutions Committee. At the direction of the committee, Mr. Cruz moved the adoption of "Resolution on Financial Support for Candidates Who Support the Right-To-Life Planks". Without objection, the resolution was recommitted back to the Committee for review and potential resubmission at the next meeting.

At the direction of the Committee, Mr. Cruz moved adoption of "Resolution In Support of Non-Discrimination". Without objection, the resolution was tabled.

At the direction of the Committee, Mr. Cruz moved adoption of "Resolution on Funding to Combat Election Fraud in Texas". Terri Leo, SD-X, moved with a second to amend by "WHEREAS, the Texas Attorney General currently has funding for just one staffer to fight election fraud; and" and "THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Republican Executive Committee, in order to prevent election fraud and ensure election integrity, calls upon the Texas Legislature to increase funding for election law enforcement to enact legislation to at the Office of the Texas Attorney General in order to prevent election fraud and ensure the integrity of elections in Texas." The amendment passed by voice vote. Without objection, the vote on the resolution will be taken by voice vote. The motion as amended reads:

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WHEREAS, from 2005 to 2017, the Texas Attorney General's office prosecuted 97 defendants for numerous voter fraud violations; and

WHEREAS, Attorney General Ken Paxton announced on November 8, 2018 that the Election Fraud Unit of his office arrested nine individuals accused of participating in an organized illegal voting scheme in Edinburg, Texas; and

WHEREAS in 2018, Attorney General Ken Paxton's Election Fraud Unit – with assistance from a criminal justice grant from the governor's office – has already prosecuted 33 defendants for election fraud violations; and

WHEREAS, in February 2018, Attorney General Paxton announced a significant voter fraud initiative and addressed key problems and policy areas related to election law; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Attorney General currently lacks resources to assign staff to an election fraud task force; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Republican Executive Committee, in order to prevent election fraud and ensure election integrity, calls upon the Texas Legislature to increase funding for election law enforcement at the Office of the Texas Attorney General. The motion passed by voice vote.

At the direction of the Committee, Mr. Cruz moved the adoption of "Resolution on Redistricting Texas House District 90". The motion passed by a roll call vote of 52 ayes to 0 nay.

Without objection, a resolution regarding the passing of President George HW Bush will be allowed to be submitted on the floor. Vergel Cruz, SD-15, moved with a second to adopt "Resolution in Honor of George Herbert Walker Bush, 41st President of the United States." Without objection, the resolution was passed by acclamation. A moment of silence was observed.

Without objection, the previously tabled "Resolution In Support of Non-Discrimination" was brought back up. Summer Wise, SD-24, moved with a second to amend the resolution by "THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Republican Executive Committee encourages all Republican county executive committees to follow the Rules of the Republican Party of Texas related to participation and conventions and reaffirm our core values of religious liberty and the freedom to practice all faiths." The question was called by voice vote. The amendment passed by voice vote. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of 63 ayes to 0 nay.

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

JT Edwards, SD-11, moved with a second to allow Dr. Shahid Shafi, Tarrant County Republican Party Vice Chairman, to address the body.

JT Edwards, SD-11, gave the report of the Auxiliaries & Coalitions Committee re: affirming current auxiliaries, finding new coalitions and auxiliaries, Gun Owners of America coalition, Republican Liberty Caucus of Texas coalition. At the direction of the Committee, Mr. Edwards moved the approval of the following organization for Auxiliary Status with Honorary membership:

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High School Republicans of Texas
Texas Asian Republican Assembly
National Federation of Pachyderms – Texas
Texas Federation of College Republicans
Texas Young Republican Federation

The motion passed by voice vote.

Steve Atwell, SD-9, and Vergel Cruz, SD-15, gave the report of the Candidate Resource Committee re: emergency distribution for SD-6 special election, results of 2018 distributions, record fundraising.

Jan Duncan, SD-14, gave the report of the Rules Committee. At the direction of the Committee, Mrs. Duncan moved approval of the 66 amendments in the "Non Substantive Changes" document. Jack Barcroft, SD-24, moved with a second to separate the vote on SREC Bylaw Article V Section 5. The motion to divide passed by division.

The passage of 65 bylaws changes passed by a roll call vote of 57 ayes to 0 nays.

The passage of the amendment to SREC Bylaw Article V Section 5. The amendment failed by a roll call vote of 36 ayes to 23 nays.

Mark Ramsey, SD-7, gave the report of the Legislative Priorities Committee. At the direction of the committee, Mr. Ramsey moved the adoption of the following recommendation to acquire the Bill Tracking Service "Subject to the approval of the Officials Committee by December 31, 2018, we recommend that the Chairman and Staff working with the Legislative Priorities Committee, investigate and fund this service if deemed appropriate and worthwhile." The recommendation passed by voice vote.

Tanya Robertson, SD-11, gave the report of the Advancement Committee. At the direction of the Committee, Mrs. Robertson recommended to the Chairman the following:

- 1. David Wylie to lead Strategic Texas Action Team (STAT) Working Group
- 2. Volunteer of the Year Award Banquet Working Group (Membership recommendations: Vicki Slaton, Naomi Narvaiz, Jane Cansino, Tom Roller, Terri DuBose)

State Senator Dawn Buckingham, Victory Chair, addressed the body by video.

The meeting recessed at 11:47am.

The meeting resumed at 12:15pm.

Kyle Whatley, RPT Executive Director, introduced and invited to speak individuals from Houston, Fort Worth, and Dallas to give proposals for the 2022 State Convention in their respective cities. Fort Worth presented first, followed by Houston, and last by Dallas.

Terry Holcomb, SD-3, moved with a second to request that the Chairman recommend to the committee to not book us into a convention hotel that posts 30.06 or 30.07 signs. The motion passed via voice vote.

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An auxiliary report of the Texas Young Republican Federation was given re: outreach to millennials and younger generations, updating our messaging, working hard on 2020.

Deon Starnes, SD-30, gave the report of the Convention Arrangements Committee re: preparations for 2020 State Convention, work on exhibitor booth policy proposal, three working groups have been established to help organize the convention and committees.

Without objection, a poll was ordered of the body to determine preference of the locations for the 2022 State Convention from among Fort Worth, Houston, and Dallas. Houston was the preferred location.

Vice Chair Alma Jackson gave the report of the Engagement Committee re: identifying groups to work with, reaching out to the youth.

Under Unfished Business, consideration of SREC Bylaw Amendment Article VII Section 8.A.5 resumed. Chris McDonald, SD-6, moved with a second to amend the motion by "Article VII Section 8 A.5.c to read as follows." Without objection, it passed. Chris McDonald, SD-6, moved with a second to amend the motion by "Concerning employment, the RPT State Convention, or real estate purchases or leases, and services between the RPT and third parties involving proceeds or obligations costs greater than \$25,000.; and." Without objection, the amendment passed. Chris McDonald, SD-6 moved with a second to amend the highlighted by:

- c. To ratify all written contracts:
  - 1) Concerning employment, the RPT State Convention or real estate purchases or leases or services between the RPT and third parties involving proceeds or obligations costs greater than \$25,000; and
  - 2) Providing there is no contract provision limiting the personal liability of SREC members, any contract between the RPT and third parties involving proceeds or costs greater than \$25,000 and up to \$100,000; and
  - 2) All contracts of any kind involving proceeds or <u>obligations</u> eosts greater than \$100,000 during the contract term.

## 3) Concerning compensation of State Chairman

4)Ensure all contracts contain provisions so that SREC members are not individually or collectively liable for contract(s), fulfillment, or disputes arising from contract(s) with the Republican Party of Texas.

# d. Negotiate and ratify contract concerning compensation of State Chairman

The amendment passed by a roll call vote of 52 ayes to 6 nays.

The motion as amended passed by a roll call vote of 55 ayes to 4 nays.

Terry Holcomb, SD-3, moved with a second under New Business to adopt "Resolution on House Republican Caucus Speaker Recommendation." The motion passed unanimous by a roll call vote of 59 ayes to 0 nays.

Terry Holcomb, SD-3, moved with a second to adopt "Resolution on Floor Votes." Chris McDonald, SD-6, moved to amend the resolution to replace "current rules" with "previous rules" in all instances.

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Without objection, the change was made. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of 57 ayes to 0 nays.

The Chairman gave an overview of the proposals for locations of the 2019 SREC meetings. The current hotel was the best option. Brandon Moore, RPT Organization Director, will email the schedule to the SREC.

Mike McCloskey, SD-5, moved with a second to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 2:53pm.

Will Robbins Secretary

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