

Republican Party of Texas State Republican Executive Committee

First Quarterly Meeting Minutes, January 27, 2018

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

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

James

Chairman

The invocation was led by Chaplain-Cory Tabor. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag was led by Morgan Graham, SD-27 and the National Anthem was sung by Elizabeth Reagan Graham. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag was led by Matt Walbeck, SD-27 and Texas Our Texas was sung by David Halvorson, SD-12.

Chairman Dickey appointed a Proxy Committee chaired by Mark Dunham, SD-29 with Sue Evenwel, SD-2 and Deon Starnes, SD-30 as members.

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

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Chamman	Janics	Biekey
Vice Chair	Amy	Clark
Secretary	Jim	Wiggins
Treasurer	Larry	Hicks
Nat. Committeeman	Robin	Armstrong- <i>absent</i>
Nat. Committeewoman	Toni Anne	Dashiell- <i>absent</i>
General Counsel	Chris	Gober
Asst. Gen. Counsel	Trey	Trainer- <i>absent</i>
Asst. Gen. Counsel	Ross	Fischer <i>-absent</i>
Asst. Gen. Counsel	Wade	Emmert- <i>absent</i>
Parliamentarian	Chris	Howe
Sergeant at Arms	Nelda	Eppes
Chaplain	Corey	Tabor
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-by proxy, Chuck Meyer
SD 4	Melinda	Fredricks- <i>absent</i>
SD 5	Michael	McCloskey
SD 5	Nita	Davidson-by proxy, Michael McCloskey
SD 6	Chris	McDonald

SD 6	Tammie	Nielsen-by proxy, Chris McDonald
SD 7	Mark	Ramsey
SD 7	Sarah	Singleton
SD 8	Karl	Voigtsberger
SD 8	Candy	Noble
SD 9	Steve	Atwell-by proxy, Darl Easton
SD 9	Shelly	Pritchard
SD 10	Jeremy	Blosser
SD 10	Susan	Wright
SD 10	JT	Edwards
SD 11		
SD 12	Tanya David	Robertson-by proxy, Bergundi Cain 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
SD 16	Virginia	Prodan-by proxy, Randal Dunning
SD 17	Marvin	Clede
SD 17	Tina	Gibson-by proxy, Marvin Clede
SD 18	Michael	Cloud
SD 18	Edee	Sinclair
SD 19	Scott	Stratton-by proxy at noon, Marian Knowlton
SD 19	Terri	DuBose-by proxy, Stuart Knowlton
SD 20	Sam	Dalton
SD 20	Janie	Melendez
SD 21	Mike	Goldman
SD 21	Naomi	Narvaiz
SD 22	Chuck	Wilson-by proxy, Tony Abad
SD 22	Denise	DeLara-by proxy, Ashley Sellers
SD 23	Stephen	Broden-by proxy, Larry Phillips
SD 23	Marian	Phillips-by proxy, Chuck Henne
SD 24	Jack	Barcroft
SD 24	Randan	Steinhauser-by proxy, Summer Wise
SD 25	Mark	Dorazio
SD 25	Linda	Kinney
SD 26	Fred	Rangel
SD 26	Marian	Stanko
SD 27	Morgan	Graham
SD 27	Mathew	Walbeck
SD 28	Drew	Bullard
SD 28	Jane	Cansino-by proxy, Drew Bullard
SD 29	Mark	Dunham
SD 29	Lisa	Sprinkle-by proxy at noon, Mark Dunham
SD 30	Paul	Braswell
SD 30	Deon	Starnes
SD 31	Tom	Roller
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Brandon Moore, RPT Organization Director reviewed the SREC meeting Packets to ensure all members had the necessary documents.

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

The Chairman asked for any additions or corrections to the December 2, 2017 meeting minutes. Gail Stanart, SD-15 request that the roll call votes taken on the inclusion of Proposition 10-To Slow the Growth of Property Taxes, add Proposition 11-Tax dollars for Stadiums, motion to approve the 2018 Budget, and the Cook Censure be revised to show that the votes recorded for her were by proxy since she was not present for those votes. The minutes, as corrected, were approved.

Jeremy Blosser, SD-10, with a second, made a motion to adopt the special orders as presented in the agenda for adopting of rules for electronic voting, ratification of county chair appointments, and ratification of election integrity committee membership. Terry Holcomb, SD-3, with a second, moved to add consideration of the threshold for censure to the special orders. The motion to add the item at the end of the special orders passed via voice vote. Deon Starnes, SD-30, with a second, moved, to move the consideration of the convention booth policy from Special Committee Reports position in the agenda to after the items listed in the special orders. Motion passed via voice vote. Debbie Terry, SD-12, with a second, made a motion to move the item in New Business titled "Denton County-reapportionment of new precincts for convention delegates" to before the convention booth policy agenda item. Motion passed via voice vote. Original motion, as amended, passed via voice vote.

Pursuant to the special orders, the Chairman called upon Jeremy Blosser, SD-10, to present the Rules Committee recommendation on electronic voting. At the direction of the committee Mr. Blosser moved the adoption of the amendment to Article V. Section 5.Voting of the by-laws. Mark Ramsey, SD-7, with a second, moved that the vote on this motion be by electronic roll call vote using the supplemental rules on electronic voting adopted at the December meeting (without any date reference). Motion passed via voice vote. Paul Braswell, SD-30, with a second, moved that the entire set of standing rules on electronic voting proposed by the Rules Committee be added to the current bylaws amendment motion. Motion failed via voice vote. Motion to amend the by-laws passed via electronic roll call vote of 59 Yea, 1 Nay, and -0- abstain.

Mr. Blosser then, at the direction of the Rules Committee moved the adoption of supplemental rules regarding electronic voting. Motion passed via voice roll call vote due to the malfunction of the electronic equipment of 61 Yea, -0- Nay, and -0- abstain.

Amy Clark, Vice Chair, reported that the Officials Committee approved the continued use of the electronic devices used in the December, 2017 meeting. Since this item was not included in the Officials Committee meeting call, the action is subject to ratification by the SREC. J.T. Edwards, SD-11, with a second moved to ratify the action of the Officials Committee. The motion passed via voice vote.

The Chairman then called for a motion to ratify the appointment of county chairs as follows:

Hudspeth County-Cody Mateo Marquez

Loving County-Alan Haley

Deon Starnes, SD-30, with a second moved ratify the appointments. Motion passed via voice vote.

The Chairman then called for the ratification of the Election Integrity Committee membership as follows:

Marian Stanko, SD-26-appointed chair

Edee Sinclair, SD-18

Susan Wright, SD-10

Morgan Graham, SD-27

Steve Atwell, SD-9

Will Robbins, SD-3

Amy Clark, Vice Chair

NON SREC-Jennifer Hall, Tarrant County

Randall Dunning, SD-16, with a second moved to ratify the committee membership. Motion passed via voice vote.

Terry Holcomb, SD-4, with a second made a motion to adopt a standing rule that all censure resolutions other than those presented under RPT Rule 44 must meet a threshold of two thirds (2/3rds) of those present & voting. Motion passed via electronic roll call vote of 58 Yea and 3 Nay.

Debbie Terry, SD-12, with a second moved to approve the reapportionment of state convention delegates to new precincts in Denton County. Motion passed via voice vote.

Deon Starnes, SD-30, at the direction of the Convention Arrangements Committee moved the adoption of Procedures/Policies for the 2018 RPT Convention Exhibitors. Jeremy Blosser, with a second moved to postpone consideration of this motion until after lunch. Motion to postpone consideration passed via voice vote.

Treasurer, Larry Hicks gave the Treasurer's report.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:13am.

The meeting was called back to order at 11:38am.

The Chairman announces that Scott Stratton, SD-19 had named Marian Knowlton as his proxy and Lisa Sprinkle, SD-29 had named Mark Dunham as her proxy for the remainder of the meeting.

Linda Kinney, SD-25 with a second made a motion to adopt a rule limiting discussion on any matter brought before the committee to three speakers for and three against each, alternating, to speak for no more than three minutes each. Terry Holcomb, SD-3 moved, with a second to amend the motion to allow for four speakers for the motion, one of which must be the maker of the motion. The amendment passed via voice vote. The original motion as amended failed via electronic, roll call vote to achieve the required two thirds (2/3rds) vote with 32 Yea and 21 Nay.

The body next took up the postponed item from the morning meeting dealing with Procedures/Policies for the 2018 RPT Convention Exhibitors. Jeremy Blosser, SD10, with a second made a motion to amend the original motion by striking and adding language in the paragraphs dealing with the review and approval of submissions. The amendment passed via voice vote. Jason Ross, Sd-2 with a second moved to change the word "suggestive" to "lewd" in the second paragraph. The amendment passed via voice vote. The original motion, as amended, passed via electronic roll call vote of 58 Yea and -0- Nay.

The Chairman gave the report of the Officials Committee. The Chairman requested ratification of the Officials Committee's approval of the Convention Housing contract with Michele Burnett since it was not included in the Officials Committee meeting call. Terry Holcomb, SD-3 with a second, moved to ratify the Officials Committee's action. The motion passed via voice vote.

Vergel Cruz, SD-15, gave the report of the Candidate Resource Committee.

Edee Sinclair, SD-18, gave the report of the Party Organization Committee.

JT Edwards, SD-11, gave the report of the Auxiliaries and Coalitions Committee.

Terry Holcomb, SD-3 gave the report of the Legislative Affairs Committee.

Jeremy Blosser, SD-10, gave the report of the Rules Committee. At the direction of the committee, Mr. Blosser moved the adoption of an amendment to by-law <u>Article XI. Section 3. Funds</u>. The motion passed via electronic roll call vote of 59 Yea and 2 Nay.

Mr. Blosser at the direction of the committee moved the adoption of an amendment to by-law <u>Article VII. Section 8. F-The Resolutions Committee</u>. The motion passed via electronic roll call vote of 58 Yea and 3 Nay.

Mr. Blosser at the direction of the committee moved the adoption of an amendment to by-law <u>Article VII. Section 10-Committee Meetings Via Telephone Conference</u>. The motion passed via electronic roll call vote of 59 Yea and 2 Nay.

Mr. Blosser at the direction of the committee moved the adoption of an amendment to by-law <u>Article VII. Section 8.E.-The Auxiliaries and Coalitions Committee</u>. Linda Kinney, SD-25, with a second moved to amend the motion to add back the deleted language in Section 3.b.5. Jeremy Blosser, SD-10, with a second moved to amend the amendment by adding the language "...shall not oppose the principles and values of the Republican Party of Texas." The amendment to the amendment passed via voice vote. The amended amendment passed via voice vote. The main motion, as amended, passed via electronic roll call vote of 57 Yea, 2 Nay, and 1 abstain.

Candy Noble, SD-8 gave the report of the Resolution Committee. At the direction of the committee Mrs. Noble moved the adoption of a Resolution Regarding the 85th Legislative RPT Priorities Legislative Status and Actions. The resolution passed via electronic roll call vote of 60 Yea and -0- Nay.

Mrs. Noble at the direction of the committee moved the adoption of a Resolution Concurring with Censure of Joseph R. Straus, III. Terry Holcomb, SD-3 made a parliamentary inquiry regarding the application of RPT Rule 44. The Chairman replied that it was the ruling if the Chair that RPT Rule 44 did not apply since no penalties were imposed. Mr. Holcomb appealed the ruling of the Chair. The Chair's ruling was not sustained via voice vote. (See the below reasons submitted by the Chairman). Terry Holcomb, SD-3, with a second moved to amend the motion by adding "…and applies any appropriate penalties" to the first resolved section of the resolution. The amendment passed via voice vote. The original motion, as amended, passed via electronic roll call vote of 44 Yea and 19 Nay with the Chairman and Vice Chair voting.

The following reasons were given by the Chairman for his ruling and the effect of that ruling being overturned by the body:

During discussion, an inquiry was raised by Terry Holcomb on the threshold needed to approve the recommendation from the Resolutions Committee. The Chair asserted that because the action taken by the resolution only contained a formal reprimand and not a penalty, it was to be treated as the class of censure resolutions under RONR and not as one under Rule 44. The result of this would have been to recognize the threshold needed for adoption at two-thirds of those present and voting, as required under the standing rule adopted previously in the meeting. To treat it as a censure resolution under Rule 44 would set the threshold at two-thirds of the entire membership.

Terry Holcomb appealed the Chair's assertion. While it was technically out of order to recognize the appeal of a response to an inquiry before the result of the vote had been announced, which would give rise to an actual point of order, the Chair recognized it because the outcome of that decision could influence how members voted, as well as what amendments would be forthcoming.

Debate ensued, and those wishing to not sustain the Chair's decision asserted that it should be treated as a Rule 44 action because the local executive committee had begun the process under Rule 44. The Resolution Committee Chair asserted it was her committee's intent to complete that process with their resolution as recommended. A voice vote was taken, and the Chair's decision was not sustained.

Because the Chair's decision was not sustained, the SREC established that a resolution submitted to the SREC via Rule 44 continues to be a resolution considered under Rule 44 whether it explicitly references those penalties or not and that a two-thirds affirmative vote of the entire SREC membership would be required to pass the measure.

Following the appeal vote, the question was raised if the resolution's continuing status as a Rule 44 resolution meant that it carried penalties it did not explicitly reference. The body amended the resolution to explicitly reference penalties, so this question was rendered moot for this resolution, and no additional precedent was established.

Mrs. Noble at the direction of the committee moved the adoption of a Resolution Concurring with Censure of Byron Cook. Terry Holcomb, SD-3, with a second moved to postpone indefinitely the consideration of the resolution. Motion to postpone indefinitely failed via electronic vote of 27 Yea and 34 Nay. Mr. Holcomb then moved with a second to include penalty language in the resolved section of the resolution. The motion to amend passed via voice vote.

Deon Starnes, SD-30, with a second moved to limit debate to three speakers for each side and limit time for each speaker to one minute each. Motion passed via voice vote.

The original resolution, as amended, failed to reach the required threshold for adoption of 2/3rds of the membership of the SREC by an electronic roll call vote of 37 Yea, 20 Nay, and 3 abstain.

Mrs. Noble at the direction of the committee moved the adoption of a Resolution Affirming the Rights of Parental Freedom of Choice in Education and Homeschool Liberty in Texas. The resolution passed via electronic roll call vote of 60 Yea and -0- Nay. Vice Chair, Amy Clark gave her report.

General Counsel, Chris Gober gave his report.

David Halvorson, SD-12 gave the report of the Grassroots Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 2:57pm.

Jim Wiggins SREC Secretary

Vote 002 = Rules committee recommendation to change the bylaws for electronic voting

*PROXY VOTE

ADDITIONS: SUE EVANWEL=YES, VICKI SLATON=YES, JUDY PARADA=YES, TERRI DUBOSE=YES. FINAL VOTE; 59 YES, 1 NO

Vote 002

A. Yes

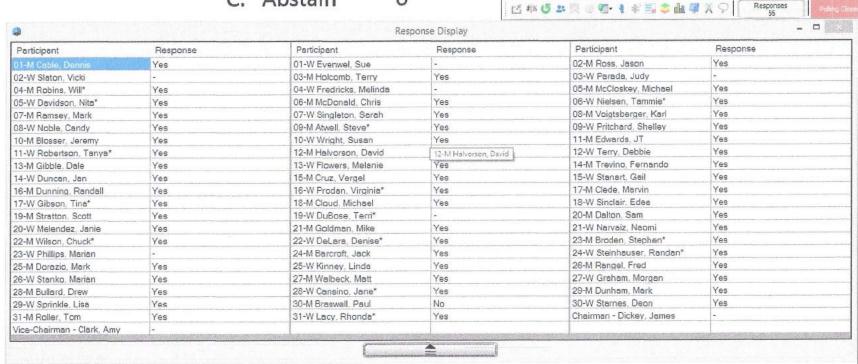
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C. Abstain

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Candy

Karl

Steve

Shelly

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Standing Rule Re; Electronic voting, as directed by the Rules committee 61-yea -0-- Nay

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SREC ROLL CALL - VOTE

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22	Chuck	Wilson	1			Prox
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28	Drew	Bullard			-	
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29	Lisa	Sprinkle	-			
30	Paul	Braswell				
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Vote 009 = approve Convention Arrangements report as amended (convention booth policy)

*PROXY VOTE



Vote 010 = adoption from Rules Committee of Bylaws change, Article IX section 3

*PROXY VOTE (ADDITIONAL PROXY VOTES FOR SCOTT STRATTON AND LISA SPRINKLE)

Vote 010

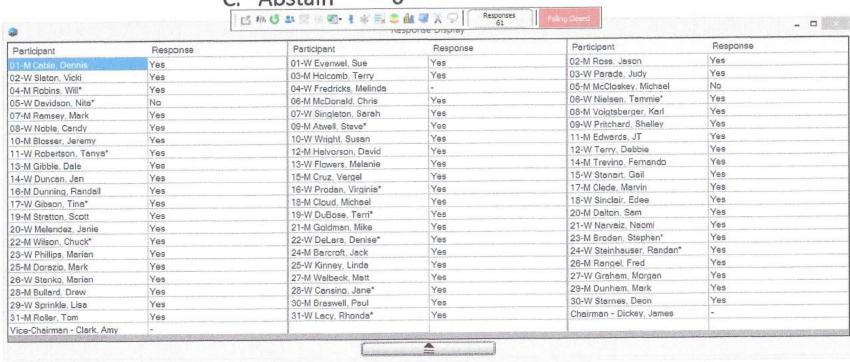
A. Yes

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B. No

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C. Abstain



Vote 011 = adoption from Rules Committee of Bylaws Change, Article VII Section 8

*PROXY VOTE (ADDITIONAL PROXY VOTES FOR SCOTT STRATTON AND LISA SPRINKLE)

Vote 011

A. Yes 58

B. No 3

C. Abstain (

Participant	Response	Participant	Response	Participant	Response
01-M Cable, Dennis	Yes	01-W Evenwel, Sue	Yes	02-M Ross, Jason	Yes
02-W Slaton, Vicki	Yes	03-M Holcomb, Terry	Yes	03-W Parada, Judy	Yes
04-M Robins, Will*	Yes	04-W Fredricks, Melinda	-	05-M McCloskey, Michael	No
05-W Davidson, Nita*	No	06-M McDonald, Chris	Yes	06-W Nielsen, Tammie*	Yes
07-M Ramsey, Mark	Yes	07-W Singleton, Sarah	Yes	08-M Voigtsberger, Karl	Yes
08-W Noble, Candy	Yes	09-M Atwell, Steve*	Yes	09-W Pritchard, Shelley	Yes
10-M Blosser, Jeremy	Yes	10-W Wright, Susan	Yes	11-M Edwards, JT	Yes
11-W Robertson, Tanya*	Yes	12-M Halvorson, David	Yes	12-W Terry, Debbie	Yes
13-M Gibble, Dale	Yes	13-W Flowers, Melanie	Yes	14-M Trevino, Fernando	Yes
14-W Duncan, Jan	Yes	15-M Cruz, Vergel	Yes	15-W Stanart, Gail	Yes
16-M Dunning, Randall	Yes	16-W Proden, Virginia*	Yes	17-M Clede, Marvin	Yes
17-W Gibson, Tina*	Yes	18-M Cloud, Michael	Yes	18-W Sinclair, Edee	Yes
19-M Stratton, Scott	Yes	19-W DuBose, Terri*	Yes	20-M Dalton, Sam	Yes
20-W Melendez, Janie	Yes	21-M Goldman, Mike	No	21-W Narvaiz, Naomi	Yes
22-M Wilson, Chuck*	Yes	22-W DeLara, Denise*	Yes	23-M Broden, Stephen*	Yes
23-W Phillips, Marian	Yes	24-M Barcroft, Jack	Yes	24-W Steinhauser, Randan*	Yes
25-M Dorazio, Mark	Yes	25-W Kinney, Linda	Yes	26-M Rangel, Fred	Yes
26-W Stanko, Marian	Yes	27-M Walbeck, Matt	Yes	27-W Graham, Morgan	Yes
28-M Bullard, Drew	Yes	28-W Cansino, Jane*	Yes	29-M Dunham, Mark	Yes
29-W Sprinkle, Lisa	Yes	30-M Braswell, Paul	Yes	30-W Starnes, Deon	Yes
31-M Roller, Tom	Yes	31-W Lacy, Rhonda*	Yes	Chairman - Dickey, James	-
Vice-Chairman - Clark, Amy	-				

Vote 012 = adoption from Rules Committee of bylaws change, Article VII Section 10

*PROXY VOTE (ADDITIONAL PROXY VOTES FOR SCOTT STRATTON AND LISA SPRINKLE)



Vote 013 = adoption from Rules Committee & Auxiliaries & Coalitions Committee for Bylaws change for Auxiliaries & Coalitions

*PROXY VOTE (ADDITIONAL PROXY VOTES FOR SCOTT STRATTON AND LISA SPRINKLE)

Additions: Naomi Narvaiz (SD 21) = yes. Marvin Clede (SD17) = no. Final vote tally: Yes=57, No=2, Abstain=1.

Vote 013 (final vote count)

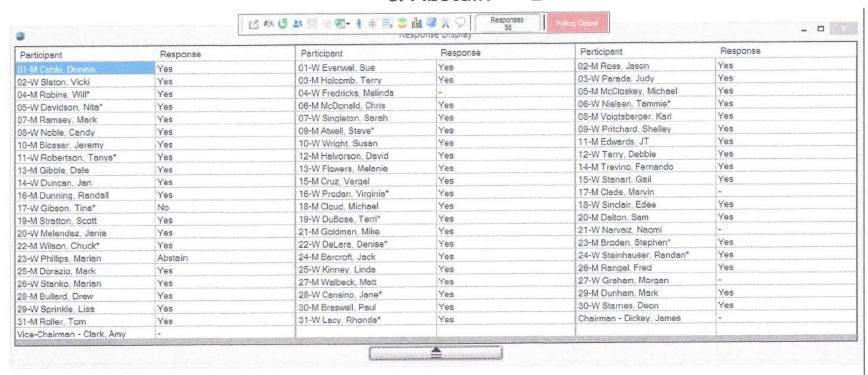
a. Yes

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b. No

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c. Abstain



Vote 014 = adoption of Legislative Priorities resolution with diagram attachment

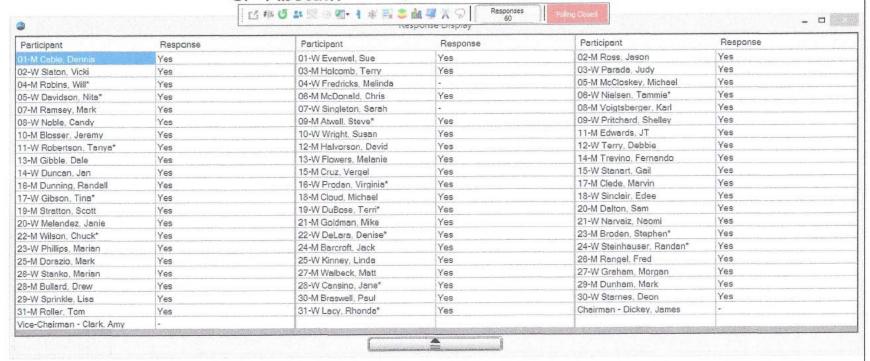
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Vote 014

A. Yes 60

B. No

C. Abstain C



Vote 015 = adoption of Straus censure resolution as amended

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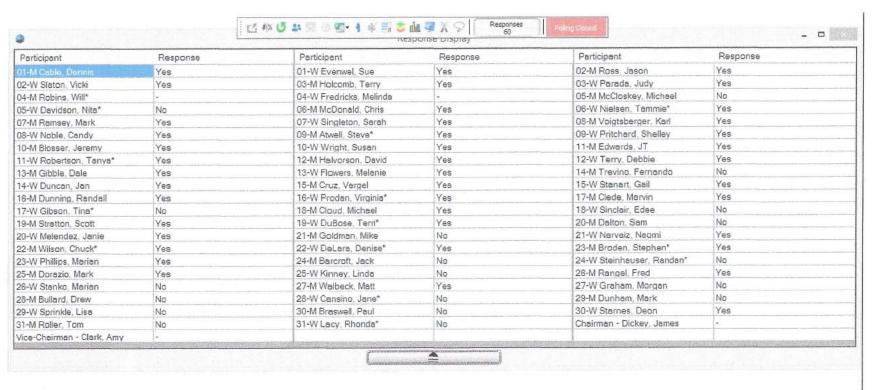
Additions; Will Robbins* = yes. Chairman James Dickey = yes. Vice Chairman Amy Clark = yes. Final Vote count: Yes = 44. No=19. Abstain=0.

Vote 015 (final vote count)

a. Yes

b. No

c. Abstain



Vote 017 = concur with Cook censure resolution

*PROXY VOTE (ADDITIONAL PROXY VOTES FOR SCOTT STRATTON AND LISA SPRINKLE)

MOTION FAILS (REQUIRES 2/3 OF TOTAL MEMBERSHIP=43 VOTES)

Vote 017

A. Yes

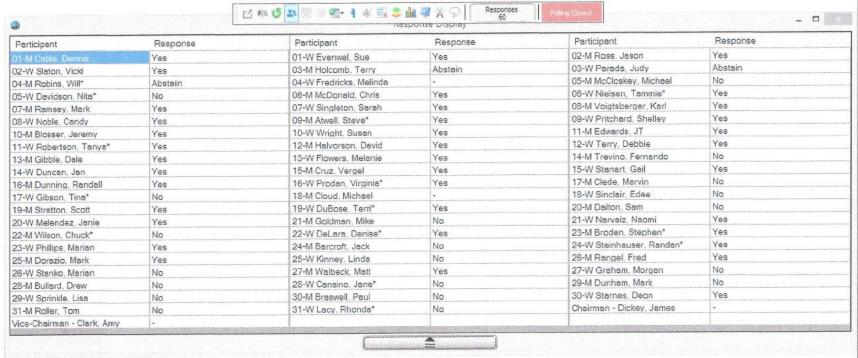
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B. No

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C. Abstain

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Vote 018 = resolution affirming the rights of parental freedom of choice in education and homeschool liberty in Texas

*PROXY VOTE (ADDITIONAL PROXY VOTES FOR SCOTT STRATTON AND LISA SPRINKLE)

Vice-Chairman - Clark, Amy

