



**Republican Party of Texas State Republican Executive Committee
Third Quarterly Meeting Minutes, September 22, 2018
Wyndham Garden Woodward Conference Center
3401 South IH-35, Austin, Texas 78741**

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

The invocation was led by Cory Tabor, Chaplain. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag was led by Sam Dalton, SD-20. The National Anthem was led by Rhonda Lacy, SD-31. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag was led by Warren Norred, SD-10. Texas our Texas was led by Chris McDonald, SD-6.

Without objection, Chairman Dickey allowed state Senator-elect Peter Flores to address the body.

Without objection, Chairman Dickey allowed Matt Mackowiak, Travis County Chair, to address the body.

Chairman Dickey appointed a Proxy Committee chaired by Nita Davidson, SD-5, with Fernando Treviño, SD-14, and Sam “Tripp” Bryant, SD-22, 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
General Counsel	Chris	Gober - ABSENT
Asst. Gen. Counsel	Trey	Trainer - ABSENT
Asst. Gen. Counsel	Ross	Fischer - ABSENT
Asst. Gen. Counsel	Wade	Emmert – ABSENT
Asst. Gen. Counsel	Art	Martinez de Vara
Parliamentarian	Chris	Howe
Sergeant at Arms	Nelda	Eppes
Chaplain	Corey	Tabor

SD 1	Ross	Kecseg
SD 1	Sue	Evenwel
SD 2	Jason	Ross
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
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 proxy Kerry Gaines
SD 9	Steve	Atwell
SD 9	Anne	Gebhart
SD 10	Warren	Norred
SD 10	Susan	Wright
SD 11	JT	Edwards
SD 11	Tanya	Robertson
SD 12	David	Halvorson – by proxy at 4:46pm Debbie Terry
SD 12	Debbie	Terry
SD 13	Roy	Morales
SD 13	Dawn	Elliott – by proxy Milinda Morris
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 – by proxy Marvin Clede
SD 18	Rick	Rigueroa – by proxy Edee Sinclair
SD 18	Edee	Sinclair
SD 19	Robert	Casias – by proxy at 1:22pm Marian Knowlton
SD 19	Marian	Knowlton
SD 20	Sam	Dalton
SD 20	Hannah	Chipman – by proxy Mike Bergsma, ABSENT at 4:34pm
SD 21	Terry	Harper
SD 21	Carla	Sisk
SD 22	Sam	Bryant
SD 22	Ashley	Sellers
SD 23	Stephen	Broden – by proxy Charles Hemme
SD 23	Leslie	Thomas
SD 24	Jack	Barcroft – ABSENT at 1:00pm
SD 24	Summer	Wise
SD 25	Mark	Dorazio

SD 25	Linda	Kinney
SD 26	Michael	Raign – at 9:59am
SD 26	Marian	Stanko
SD 27	Morgan	Graham – by proxy Tad Hasse
SD 27	James	Zavaleta
SD 28	Drew	Bullard
SD 28	Neva	Haney
SD 29	Mark	Dunham
SD 29	Barbara	Carrasco – by proxy Mark Dunham
SD 30	Britton	Brooks
SD 30	Deon	Starnes
SD 31	Tom	Roller – by proxy at 1:53pm Rhonda Lacy
SD 31	Rhonda	Lacy – ABSENT at 3:08pm

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

Brandon Moore, RPT Organization Director, reviewed the SREC Meeting Packets.

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

Chairman Dickey asked for any additions or corrections to the August 11, 2018, special meeting minutes. Without objection, the minutes were approved as presented.

Marvin Clede, SD-17, moved with a second to adopt the agenda as distributed. It passed via voice vote.

Without objection, the rules for electronic voting from the August 11, 2018, special meeting were adopted.

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

Without objection, the officer reports will be given before the Audit Committee report.

Toni Anne Dashiell, National Committeewoman, gave her report re: RNC fundraising outpacing DNC fundraising, November election preparations, nationwide volunteer recruitment.

Dr. Robin Armstrong, National Committeeman, gave his report re: economic progress, record unemployment rates, President Trump's record, conservative judicial appointments, importance of minority outreach.

Vice Chair Alma Perez Jackson gave her report re: traveling across Texas, new volunteers entering the party, keep fighting for November.

Chairman Dickey called on Tom Roller, Audit Committee Chair, to give the report of the committee. Jeremy Myers of the audit firm was present and discussed the audits.

Chairman Dickey gave his report re: senator-elect Peter Flores victory, RPT involvement in Flores campaign, increased fundraising, Victory campaign efforts.

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

Ward County – Valarie Sanders

JT Edwards, SD-11, with a second made the motion to ratify the appointment. Motion passed via voice vote.

The Chairman called on Kyle Whatley, RPT Executive Director, to give a report on the 2022 Convention site selection.

Without objection, Rick Figueroa and Tom Roller has been removed from their Auxiliaries and Coalitions Committee duties, and Dawn McDonald has been removed from her Party Organization Committee duties.

JT Edwards, SD-11, moved to ratify Chairman Dickey’s clarification of RPT Rule 8e: “So, with respect to a County Executive Committee, an Organizational Meeting is the first CEC meeting each biennium, called in accordance with Rule 8e, at which bylaws are adopted, and at which members (precinct chairs and county chair) are sworn in (placed on the membership roll).” It passed via a roll call vote with a vote of 63 Yea and 0 Nay.

Chairman Dickey opened nominations for the Officials Committee. Rhonda Lacy, SD-31, nominated Mark Dunham, SD-29. Sam “Tripp” Bryant, SD-22, nominated Terry Holcomb, SD-3. Randall Dunning, SD-16, nominated Mark Ramsey, SD-7. Marian Stanko, SD-26, nominated Linda Kinney, SD-25. Marvin Clede, SD-17, nominated David Halvorson, SD-12. Jerry Fisher, SD-2, nominated Jason Ross, SD-2. Marian Knowlton, SD-19, nominated Tanya Robertson, SD-11. Debbie Terry, SD-12, nominated Sue Evenwel, SD-1. Chris McDonald, SD-6, nominated Mark Dorazio, SD-25. Without objection, Carla Sisk and Anne Gebhart were appointed tellers. Tanya Robertson, Sue Evenwel, Jason Ross, Mark Ramsey, and Mark Dorazio were elected to the Officials Committee.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:28pm.

The meeting was called back to order at 12:58pm.

Without objection, the Rules Committee report was moved to the beginning of the Standing Committee reports.

Jan Duncan, SD-14, gave the report of the Rules Committee. At the direction of the committee, Mrs. Duncan moved the adoption of an amendment to SREC Bylaws Article IX Section 1 “Remove/Amend Headquarters Location Requirement.” The motion passed via electronic roll call vote of 48 Yea and 10 Nay.

State Rep. Dennis Paul addressed the body.

Sue Evenwel, SD-1, moved to limit debate on any topic to three (3) in favor and three (3) against for two (2) minutes each. Motion passed via electronic roll call vote of 41 Yea and 18 Nay.

At the direction of the committee, Mrs. Duncan moved the adoption of an amendment to SREC Bylaws Article V Section 1.B “Ensure statutory meetings can happen in a regular meeting, not a regular meeting inside a statutory.” The motion passed via electronic roll call vote of 58 Yea and 0 Nay.

At the direction of the committee, Mrs. Duncan moved the adoption of an amendment to SREC Bylaws Article II Section D “Clarify purpose.” The motion passed via electronic roll call vote of 55 Yea and 5 Nay.

At the direction of the committee, Mrs. Duncan moved the adoption of an amendment to SREC Bylaws Article V Section 3 “Proxy Change.” The motion passed via electronic roll call vote of 42 Yea and 19 Nay.

At the direction of the committee, Mrs. Duncan moved the adoption of an amendment to SREC Bylaws Article VII Section 8 A.4.c “Update contract oversight for Officials.” Chris McDonald, SD-6, moved with a second to offer an amend “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”. The amendment passed via a voice vote. Randall Dunning, SD-16, moved with a second to amend the motion by adding “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.” The Chairman yielded presiding over this amendment to Vice Chair Alma Jackson. Sam “Tripp” Bryant, SD-22, moved to temporarily suspend the rule limiting debate for the debate on Mr. Dunning’s amendment. The motion to temporarily suspend passed via voice vote. Sam Dalton, SD-20, called the question. The motion failed by division. Susan Wright, SD-10, moved with a second to postpone the main motion to a later date. Jason Ross, SD-2, called the question. The calling of the question passed via voice vote. The motion to postpone passed via electronic roll call vote of 34 Yea and 27 Nay.

Chairman Dickey resumed presiding over the meeting.

At the direction of the committee, Mrs. Duncan moved the adoption of an amendment to SREC Bylaws Article VII Section H “Legislative Affairs Committee meeting notice/quorum during legislative session.” Ashley Sellers, SD-22, moved with a second to amend “~~two hours~~ 48 hours.” Mike Bergsma, proxy for SD-20, moved with a second to amend the amendment “~~two hours~~ 48 hours four hours.” The amendment to the amendment failed via voice vote. The amendment was withdrawn. Terry Holcomb, SD-3, moved with a second to amend the motion by striking the word “only.” Michael Raign, SD-26, moved to amend the amendment by “Committee Meetings: During legislative sessions, the party Chairman, Vice-Chairman, or Committee Chairman may call for meetings, including those via telecommunications, ~~with only two hours notice. Notice will be given as far in advance as is practical.~~ Notice shall be given as soon

as practical, but no less than two hours in advance. A quorum is one-third.” The amendment to the amendment failed via voice vote. The amendment passed via voice vote. Mark Dunham, SD-X, moved with a second to amend by striking “~~A quorum is one-third.~~” The amendment failed via voice vote. The motion as amended passed via electronic roll call vote of 54 Yea and 5 Nay.

At the direction of the committee, Mrs. Duncan moved the adoption of an amendment to SREC Bylaws Article VII Section 9 “Allow for creation of additional standing committees.” The motion passed via electronic roll call vote of 59 Yea and 1 Nay.

At the direction of the committee, Mrs. Duncan moved the adoption of an amendment to SREC Bylaws Article VII Section 8.D.2.c “Remove Ballot Integrity from Party Organization Committee.” The motion passed via electronic roll call vote of 52 Yea and 7 Nay.

At the direction of the committee, Mrs. Duncan moved the adoption of an amendment to SREC Bylaws Article VII Section 7H, 8H, 8H.1.a, 8H.2.c, 8H.3.a “Change Legislative Affairs Committee name to Legislative Priorities.” The motion passed via electronic roll call vote of 58 Yea and 2 Nay.

At the direction of the committee, Mrs. Duncan moved the adoption of an amendment to SREC Bylaws Article XI “Amendment Scope.” The motion passed via electronic roll call vote of 57 Yea and 2 Nay.

Notice was given of the non-substantive bylaws amendments for the 2018 4th quarterly meeting.

Steve Atwell, SD-9, and Vergel Cruz, SD-15, gave the report of the Candidate Resource Committee. Keypins will be distributed in December.

Marian Knowlton, SD-19, gave the report of the Party Organization Committee. At the direction of the committee, Mrs. Knowlton moved to create a working group on voter registration. The motion passed via voice vote.

JT Edwards, SD-11, gave the report of the Auxiliaries & Coalitions Committee. At the direction of the committee, Mr. Edwards moved to approve the Texas Republican County Chairman’s Association (TRCCA) as an auxiliary. The motion passed via voice vote.

At the direction of the committee, Mr. Edwards moved to appoint Terry Holcomb, SD-3, as the SREC representative to the TRCCA. 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 the Resolution Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. Roy Morales, SD-13, moved with a second to amend the resolution by “original spirit and letter of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and in no way supersedes the Republican Party of Texas position on citizenship.” It passed via voice vote. Chris McDonald, SD-6, moved with a second to postpone the motion indefinitely. The motion to postpone indefinitely failed via an electronic vote of 12 Yea and 46 Nay. David Halvorson, SD-12, moved with a second to reconsider the vote on the amendment as an electronic roll call vote. The motion

to reconsider passed via a division. Leslie Thomas, SD-23, moved with a second to amend the amendment by “~~and in no way supersedes the Republican Party of Texas position on citizenship. which is recognized and celebrated by the Republican Party of Texas.~~” The amendment to the amendment passed via a voice vote. The amended amendment passed via voice vote. The motion as amended passed via electronic roll call vote of 54 Yea and 1 Nay.

At the direction of the committee, Mr. Cruz moved the adoption of the Resolution on Protecting the Right of Citizens to Vote. Allison Winter, SD-4, moved with a second to amend the motion by “WHEREAS, Dallas ABC television station WFAA on August 22, 2018 reported that the voter registrations of 444 voters from ~~only~~ just two of Texas’ 254 counties were cancelled by the Texas Secretary of State (SOS) in 2017 because those voters self-identified as non-citizens in order to be excused from jury duty; and” The amendment passed via a voice vote. The motion as amended passed via electronic roll call vote of 55 Yea and 0 Nay.

Mark Ramsey, SD-7, gave the report of the Legislative Priorities Committee.

Chairman Dickey appointed Jack Barcroft, SD-24, and Terry Holcomb, SD-3, to the Officials Committee.

Vergel Cruz, SD-15, gave the report of the Convention Ballot Integrity Committee. At the direction of the committee, Mr. Cruz moved the adoption of “1. The ballots should be stored at RPT headquarters for a period of one calendar year. 2. Any request to inspect the ballots should be approved by the RPT Chair. 3. Only convention delegates or alternates, county chairs, SREC members, or RPT staff should be considered eligible to make a request to inspect ballots. 4. If a request to inspect ballots is approved, the zip tie seals are to be broken only by RPT staff, with either two RPT staff members, one RPT staff member and one SREC member, or one RPT staff member and one member of the Ballot Integrity Committee present. All inspection activity is to be logged by staff. 5. The ballots should not be removed from RPT headquarters, photographed, or copied. 6. After inspection, the opened bins are to be sealed with zip ties. The box should be dated with permanent marker indicating the list of those individuals present at the inspection. 7. After the storage period has elapsed, all bins should be opened and all ballots shredded.” The motion passed via an electronic roll call vote of 52 Yea and 0 Nay.

Deon Starnes, SD-30, gave the report of the Convention Arrangements Committee.

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

Tad Hasse, SD-27 proxy for Morgan Graham, moved with a second to ratify the 2018 platform plank-by-plank voting results. The motion passed via voice vote.

Vice Chair Jackson gave the report of the Engagement Committee.

Stephen Wong, RPT Political Director, gave a field team update re: field work, the Advantage app, recognized Marian Stanko, SD-26, for knocking on over 1,000 doors, Trump voter outreach, and bilingual push cards.

Mike McCloskey, SD-5, requested SREC members turn in information on local races for the party to engage in no later than Monday, September 24, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 5:16pm.

Will Robbins
Secretary