



**Republican Party of Texas – State Republican Executive Committee**  
Third Quarter 2020 Meeting Minutes – September 19, 2020  
Glorious Way Church – 11611 Champion Forest Drive, Houston, Texas 77066

Chairman Allen West called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. CDT.

Chaplain Rich Stoglin gave the invocation. Carlos Cascos, SD 27, led the SREC in singing “The Star Spangled Banner,” and Morgan Graham, SD 27, led the Pledge to the United States flag. Dr. Alma Arredondo-Lynch, SD 19, led the singing of “Texas, Our Texas,” and Bradley Chandler, SD 19, led the Pledge to the Texas flag.

Without objection, Chairman West appointed the following members to the Proxy Committee: Mark Dorazio, SD 25, Chair; Jon Ker, SD 22; Olga Lasher, SD14.

Secretary Vergel Cruz called the roll. Members were present unless otherwise noted in the Minutes.

State Chairman	Allen West
State Vice Chairman	Cat Parks
Secretary	Vergel Cruz
Treasurer	Tim O’Hare
General Counsel	Wade Emmert, from 9:22 a.m.
Parliamentarian	Richard Hayes
Sergeant at Arms	Walter West
Chaplain	Cmdr. Rich Stoglin, US Navy, Ret.
National Committeeman	Dr. Robin Armstrong
National Committeewoman	Toni Anne Dashiell
SD 1	Rhonda Anderson
SD 1	Dr. Charles Blankenship
SD 2	Jerry Fisher
SD 2	Stephen Stanley
SD 3	Janis Holt
SD 3	David Covey
SD 4	Gwendolyn Withrow
SD 4	Chris Breaux
SD 5	Jo Miller

SD 5	Bill Fairbrother
SD 6	Dawn McDonald
SD 6	Chris McDonald
SD 7	Deborah Kelting Fite, from 9:07 a.m.
SD 7	Tom Nobis
SD 8	Margaret Whitt
SD 8	Abraham George
SD 9	Anne Gebhart
SD 9	Steve Atwell
SD 10	Susan Wright, by proxy Danna Trowbridge
SD 10	Warren Norred
SD 11	Tanya Robertson
SD 11	H Scott Apley
SD 12	Jill Glover
SD 12	David Wylie
SD 13	Dawn Elliott
SD 13	Roy Morales
SD 14	Olga Lasher
SD 14	Fernando Trevino, Jr.
SD 15	Gail Stanart
SD 15	Rolando Garcia
SD 16	Susan Fountain
SD 16	Matt Patrick
SD 17	Becky Green
SD 17	Sean Cheben
SD 18	Edee Sinclair
SD 18	Joe Walz
SD 19	Dr. Alma Arredondo-Lynch
SD 19	Bradley Chandler
SD 20	Grace Jones, by proxy Carmen Calderone, from 5:08 p.m.
SD 20	Carmen Calderone
SD 21	Naomi Narvaiz
SD 21	Terry Harper
SD 22	Devvie Duke
SD 22	Jon Ker
SD 23	Leslie Thomas
SD 23	Stephen Broden, by proxy Leslie Thomas, from 4:13 p.m.
SD 24	Ruth Cremin
SD 24	Jack Barcroft, absent; then present by proxy Andrew Eller, from 9:56 a.m.
SD 25	Kris Coons, by proxy Toni Anne Dashiell
SD 25	Mark Dorazio
SD 26	Marian Stanko, by proxy Fred Rangel

SD 26	Fred Rangel
SD 27	Morgan Graham
SD 27	Carlos Cascos
SD 28	Robin Hayes
SD 28	Steve Evans
SD 29	Robyn Cooper
SD 29	Mark Dunham
SD 30	Deon Starnes
SD 30	Britton Brooks
SD 31	Debi Hays, by proxy Carroll Precure, from 5:13 p.m.
SD 31	Carroll Precure

Vergel Cruz read the Minutes of the SREC Special Meeting held September 18, 2020, and the Minutes were approved without objection. Proxy Committee Chair Mark Dorazio, SD 25, gave the report of the Committee: at the time of the roll call, three proxies were found to be in order.

Treasurer Tim O'Hare gave a report by pre-recorded video. Other RPT Officers then delivered their reports: Wade Emmert, General Counsel; Toni Anne Dashiell, National Committeewoman; Dr. Robin Armstrong, National Committeeman; Cat Parks, State Vice Chairman; and Allen West, State Chairman.

Judge Kevin Yeary of the Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4, gave some brief remarks.

The SREC proceeded with elections to the Officials Committee. Thirteen candidates were nominated. Tanya Robertson, SD 11, nominated Mark Dorazio, SD 25. Steve Atwell, SD 9, nominated Susan Wright, SD 10. Naomi Narvaiz, SD 21, nominated Terry Harper, SD 21. Jerry Fisher, SD 2, nominated Fernando Treviño, Jr., SD 14. Bill Fairbrother, SD 5, nominated Gail Stanart, SD 15. Deon Starnes, SD 30, nominated Tanya Robertson, SD 11. Dawn Elliott, SD 13, nominated Roy Morales, SD 13. Gail Stanart, SD 15, nominated Chris McDonald, SD 6. Devvie Duke, SD 22, nominated Jon Ker, SD 22. Jon Ker, SD 22, nominated Mark Dunham, SD 29. Jill Glover, SD 12, nominated Steve Evans, SD 28. Leslie Thomas, SD 23, nominated Susan Fountain, SD 16. Chris McDonald, SD 6, nominated Warren Norred, SD 10.

Without objection, Chairman West appointed three members to a Tellers Committee: Naomi Narvaiz, SD 21, Chair; Carlos Cascos, SD 27; and Robin Hayes, SD 28.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:58 a.m. and was called back to order at 12:50 p.m.

During breaks for vote counting, the following guests addressed the SREC: Glenn Hegar, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; Wendell Champion, candidate for United States House of Representatives, CD 18; Mary Nan Huffman, candidate for Harris County District Attorney; State Senator Paul Bettencourt, SD 7; meeting sponsor Kevin Couch from Connect2Educate; former RPT Chairman Steve Munisteri and RPT Political Director Mitch Carney on the RPT

Volunteer Engagement Project; breakfast sponsor Jack Cagle, Harris County Commissioner, Precinct 4; Rhonda Lacy on the Mighty Texas Strike Force; and Jason Vaughn, Texas Young Republicans liaison to the SREC.

By majority vote, Tanya Robertson and Mark Dorazio were elected in the first round of voting, Fernando Treviño, Jr., was elected in the second round, Chris McDonald was elected in the third round, and Mark Dunham was elected in the fourth round. Following the elections, Chairman West appointed Susan Fountain and Terry Harper to the Officials Committee.

The SREC proceeded to consider a number of proposed amendments to its Bylaws, with a majority of the entire membership required to adopt (RPT Rule No. 8(c)).

Matt Patrick, SD 16, moved with a second an amendment to the SREC Bylaws, Article V, Section 6. He then moved with a second a substitute amendment to add the two words as follows to the first sentence of Article V, Section 1:

*The SREC shall meet in person upon the call of the Chairman, at such times as required by the Texas Election Code and as provided by these Bylaws and by the Rules of the Party.*

The motion to substitute passed, and the motion to amend, as amended by substitution, passed by electronic roll call vote of 41 Yes, 21 No, 0 Abstain.

Matt Patrick, SD 16, moved with a second an amendment to add the following text to the end of the SREC Bylaws, Article V, Section 4:

*For digital meetings pursuant to Section 6 below, a person will be deemed “present” if they are connected to the meeting electronically.*

Warren Norred, SD 10, moved with a second an amendment to the amendment to strike “a person” and replace the phrase with “members.” The motion passed, and the amendment, as amended, passed by electronic roll call vote of 57 Yes, 4 No, 1 Abstain.

Matt Patrick, SD 16, moved with a second an amendment to the SREC Bylaws, Article VII, Section 8(F), (G), and (H), providing for the election of members of the SREC Resolutions, Rules, and Legislative Priorities Committees. Steve Evans, SD 28, moved with a second to refer the question to the SREC Rules Committee. The motion to refer failed. Mr. Evans then moved the previous question with a second, and the motion passed. The main motion failed by electronic roll call vote of 13 Yes, 49 No, 0 Abstain.

David Wylie, SD 12, moved with a second an amendment to add the following text to the end of the SREC Bylaws, Article V, Section 6:

The results of any Record Vote in a digital conference meeting shall be displayed on the shared screen space for all members and the public streaming feeds to see the results immediately as the result of the vote is announced.

The motion to amend passed by electronic roll call vote of 61 Yes, 1 No, 0 Abstain.

Steve Atwell, SD 9, proposed with a second an amendment to the SREC Bylaws under Article VII, Sections 7 and 8, to add an Election Integrity Committee as a Standing Committee of the SREC. He then moved with a second to refer the matter to the SREC Rules Committee. The motion to refer passed.

Dawn Elliott, SD 13, moved with a second an amendment to add the following text to the third sentence of the SREC Bylaws, Article VI, Section 2(B):

The Treasurer shall be custodian of all funds belonging to the Party and shall submit a monthly report of net income by category and expenses by category to the SREC, a quarterly report of disbursements and receipts to the SREC.

The motion to amend passed by electronic roll call vote of 58 Yes, 4 No, 1 Abstain.

Dawn Elliott, SD 13, moved with a second an amendment to the second half of Article VII, Section 8(A)(3)(c) of the SREC Bylaws as follows:

~~Except when declared open by majority vote of the Committee or by the presiding officer, either in the call of the meeting or after the meeting has come to order, a~~All meetings of the Officials Committee shall be in open session. Officials Committee may meet in executive session, subject to the provisions outlined in Rule 27 of the RPT Rules, and all SREC shall be allowed to attend in person or via telephone conference call. A method of identity verification shall be established for each SREC member on a telephone conference call. No proxies are allowed for Officials Committee members. Proxies of SREC members shall not be allowed to attend. The Secretary shall keep written minutes of all Officials Committee meetings and shall distribute the written minutes to the SREC within ten (10) days of the end of each meeting.

Chris McDonald, SD 6, moved with a second an amendment to the amendment such that the same excerpt would read as follows:

~~Except when declared open by majority vote of the Committee or by the presiding officer, either in the call of the meeting or after the meeting has come to order, all meetings of the Officials Committee shall be in executive session, subject to the provisions outlined in Rule 27 of the RPT Rules, and all SREC shall be allowed to attend in person or via telephone conference call. A method of identity verification shall be established for each SREC member on a telephone conference call. No proxies are allowed for Officials Committee members. Proxies of SREC members shall not be allowed to attend. The Secretary shall keep written minutes of all Officials~~

*Committee meetings and shall distribute the written minutes to the SREC within ten (10) days of the end of each meeting.*

The motion to amend the amendment passed, and the amendment, as amended, passed by electronic roll call vote of 60 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstain.

Dawn Elliott, SD 13, moved with a second an amendment to add a new (e) under Article VII, Section 8(A)(5) of the SREC Bylaws as follows:

*e. To approve quarterly salary and performance reviews.*

The motion failed by electronic roll call vote of 12 Yes, 48 No, 2 Abstain.

Without objection, the SREC took a recess from 3:08 until 3:20 p.m. Following a call back to order, Judge Michelle Slaughter of the Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 8, gave some brief remarks.

The SREC proceeded to hear reports from the Standing Committees. Steve Atwell, SD 9, gave the report of the Candidate Resource Committee (CRC) joined by Deborah Kelting Fite, SD 7, Anne Gebhart, SD 9, and former CRC Vice Chair Vergel Cruz. Susan Fountain, SD 16, gave the report of the Party Organization Committee. David Wylie, SD 12, gave the report of the Auxiliaries and Coalitions Committee.

Jerry Fisher, SD 2, gave the report of the Resolutions Committee.

By the direction of the Committee, Ms. Fisher moved adoption of the “No Exceptions, No Delays...Open Texas NOW” resolution. Rolando Garcia, SD 15, moved without objection several typographical corrections to the resolution. Tanya Robertson, SD 11, moved without objection to add the following sentence to the end of the resolution: “This resolution shall be sent by the State Party to the Governor, Lt. Governor, State Senators, and State Representatives.” The motion as amended passed by electronic roll call vote of 53 Yes, 4 No, 3 Abstain.

By the direction of the Committee, Ms. Fisher moved adoption of the “Resolution Thanking President Trump's Big Tent Efforts.” Without objection, Chris McDonald, SD 6, moved a typographical correction to the resolution. The motion as amended passed by electronic roll call vote of 51 Yes, 8 No, 1 Abstain.

By the direction of the Committee, Ms. Fisher moved adoption of the “Resolution Regarding the Selection of the Texas Speaker of House.” The motion passed by electronic roll call vote of 49 Yes, 10 No, 1 Abstain.

David Wylie, SD 12, with a second moved to reconsider the adoption of the “Resolution Thanking President Trump's Big Tent Efforts.” The motion to reconsider passed.

Several amendments to the clause “Whereas, President Trump has promoted conservative values to all Americans and rejected the identity politics of the Left that demand a person vote a certain way based on race, sexuality, or gender;” were considered. Mr. Wylie moved with a second to amend by striking “sexuality,” from the clause, and the motion passed. Chris Breaux, SD 4, moved with a second to amend by striking “that demand that a person vote a certain way based on race or gender;” from the same sentence. Chris McDonald, SD 6, moved without objection a secondary amendment to remove “that demand a person vote a certain way” from the motion to strike. The amendment as amended passed.

Mr. Breaux moved with a second to amend the clause “Whereas President Trump is supported by Blexit, the LGBT leaders of Walkaway, and Latinos for Trump, and many other minority groups;” by striking “the LGBT leaders of”. The amendment passed. The reconsidered resolution, as amended, passed by electronic record vote of 42 Yes, 17 No, 0 Abstain.

Reports of the Standing Committees continued. Steve Evans, SD 28, gave the report of the Rules Committee and announced the formation of several Subcommittees to consider amendments to the Bylaws. Jill Glover, SD 12, gave the report of the Legislative Priorities Committee.

Reports of the Special Committees followed. Roy Morales, SD 13, gave the report of the Engagement Committee. Deon Starnes, SD 30, gave the report of the Election Integrity Committee.

The SREC proceeded to Unfinished Business and General Orders.

Per the eighty percent vote of the 2020 Republican Party of Texas Convention delegates to adopt the recommendation of the Committee of Ten, the SREC was to consider without amendment the reports of the Permanent Rules Committee and the Permanent Platform and Resolutions Committee. Upon approval by the SREC, both reports, as well as one Minority Report from each of the two Committees, would be subject to votes by delegates, with a majority required to adopt the Rules report, as amended or not amended by the Minority Report, and sixty percent required to adopt each Platform plank, line-by-line, as amended or not amended by the minority report.

Vergel Cruz, Chair of the 2020 Republican Party of Texas Convention Permanent Committee on Rules, gave the report of the Committee, and the report was approved.

Mark Dorazio, Chair of the 2020 Republican Party of Texas Convention Permanent Committee on Platform and Resolutions, gave the report of the Committee, and the report was approved.

Mark Dorazio, SD 25, moved that the SREC accept the recommendation of the RPT staff and Platform Committee editor Karen Marshall to use Survey Monkey software to vote on the

Platform and Resolutions Committee Report, a Minority Report thereto, the Rules Committee Report, and a Minority Report thereto. The motion passed.

New Business followed. Chairman West appointed Tim Westley Historian of the RPT. He then appointed Susanna Dokupil Assistant General Counsel, and the SREC confirmed the appointment.

Edee Sinclair, SD 18, moved with a second and the SREC approved the Chairman's appointment of the following members to the Candidate Resource Committee (CRC):

SREC Members to the CRC

Vice Chair Edee Sinclair, SD 18  
Janis Holt, SD 3  
Gwendolyn Withrow, SD 4  
Bill Fairbrother, SD 5  
Deborah Kelting Fite, SD 7  
Abraham George, SD 8  
Joe Walz, SD 18  
Kris Coons, SD 25

Non-SREC Member to the CRC

Ron Hinds

Additional Members to the CRC

Nate Crain  
Ralph Fite  
Amy Powell

Chris and Dawn McDonald, SD 6, thanked the SREC for expressions of support after the recent passing of their daughter Alayna. A moving video memorial to Alayna McDonald was played.

Deon Starnes moved to approve the Chairman's appointment of Morgan Graham, SD 27, and Carroll Precure, SD 31, to the Special Committee on Election Integrity and to accept the withdrawal of Naomi Narvaiz, SD 21, from the same Committee. The motion passed.

The SREC ratified the following County Chair appointments made by Chairman West without objection:

Coke	Deborah Bailey
Deaf Smith	Jared Blankenship
Hardeman	Wesley Smith
Kenedy	Jill Brown
San Augustine	Arthur Bedford



Throckmorton  
Winkler

Brad Bellah  
Shawna Doran

Without objection, the Third Quarter 2020 SREC Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m. CDT.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vergel B. Cruz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "V".

Vergel B. Cruz, Secretary