



Republican Party of Texas – State Republican Executive Committee

Third Quarter 2022 Minutes – September 23, 2022

Wyndham Garden Austin – 3401 South Interstate Highway 35, Austin, TX 78741

Chairman Matt Rinaldi called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. CDT.

Parliamentarian Richard Hayes gave the invocation. Britton Brooks, SD 30, led the SREC in singing “The Star-Spangled Banner,” and Dr. Milinda Morris, SD 13, led the Pledge to the United States flag. Janis Holt, SD 3, led the SREC in singing “Texas, Our Texas,” and Mike Monreal, SD 21, led the Pledge to the Texas flag.

Chairman Rinaldi appointed the following members to the Proxy Committee: Carmen Calderone, SD 27, Chair; Ken Moore, SD 11; and Toni Treviño, SD 21. At the time of the roll call, four proxies were found to be in order.

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

State Chairman	Matt Rinaldi
State Vice Chairman	Dr. Dana Myers
Secretary	Vergel Cruz
Treasurer	Fred Tate
General Counsel	Rachel Hooper, absent
Assistant General Counsel	Emily Cook, absent
Parliamentarian	Richard Hayes
Sergeant-at-Arms	Mike McCloskey
Chaplain	Jeremy Story, absent
Finance Chairman	Rep. Mayes Middleton, absent
National Committeeman	Dr. Robin Armstrong, absent
National Committeewoman	Toni Anne Dashiell, absent
SD 1	Christin Bentley
SD 1	Donnie Wisenbaker
SD 2	Jerry Fisher
SD 2	Bruce Bishop
SD 3	Janis Holt
SD 3	David Covey, by proxy Janis Holt
SD 4	Gwendolyn Withrow

SD 4	Dale Inman
SD 5	Susan Lucas
SD 5	Bill Fairbrother
SD 6	Dawn McDonald
SD 6	Scott Bowen
SD 7	Deborah Kelting Fite
SD 7	Tom Nobis, by proxy Mark Ramsey
SD 8	Margaret Whitt
SD 8	Jim Pikel
SD 9	Anne Gebhart
SD 9	Dan Tully
SD 10	Susan Wright
SD 10	Matt Ticzkus
SD 11	Gaylyn DeVine
SD 11	Ken Moore
SD 12	Jill Glover
SD 12	David Wylie
SD 13	Dr. Milinda Morris
SD 13	Dale Gibble
SD 14	Jan Duncan
SD 14	Fernando Treviño, Jr.
SD 15	Gail Stanart
SD 15	Rolando Garcia
SD 16	Susan Fountain
SD 16	Matt Patrick
SD 17	Becky Green
SD 17	Roman Klein
SD 18	Cheryl Thompson-Draper, by proxy Howard Barker
SD 18	Howard Barker
SD 19	Kelly Perry
SD 19	Fernando Garcia
SD 20	Grace Jones
SD 20	Chuck Burnett
SD 21	Toni Treviño
SD 21	Mike Monreal
SD 22	Devvie Duke
SD 22	Jon Ker
SD 23	Elaine Cook
SD 23	Ed Zenner
SD 24	Mary Jane Avery
SD 24	Andrew Eller
SD 25	Naomi Narvaiz
SD 25	Chris Byrd

SD 26	Karen Marshall
SD 26	Quico Canseco
SD 27	Morgan Graham
SD 27	Carmen Calderone
SD 28	Lynda Hogue
SD 28	Steve Evans
SD 29	Robyn Cooper
SD 29	Adolpho Telles
SD 30	Rachel Horton
SD 30	Britton Brooks
SD 31	Tisha Crow
SD 31	Thomas Warren, by proxy Tisha Crow

The SREC proceeded with elections to the Officials Committee. Nine candidates were nominated. Jill Glover, SD 12, nominated Susan Fountain, SD 16. Grace Jones, SD 20, nominated Steve Evans, SD 28. Naomi Narvaiz, SD 25, nominated Matt Patrick, SD 16. Robyn Cooper, SD 29, nominated Adolpho Telles, SD 29. Bruce Bishop, SD 2, nominated Jerry Fisher, SD 2. Gaylyn DeVine, SD 11, nominated Gwen Withrow, SD 4. Fernando Treviño, Jr., SD 14, nominated Jan Duncan, SD 14. Rolando Garcia, SD 15, nominated Tom Nobis, SD 7. Scott Bowen, SD 6, nominated Deborah Kelting Fite, SD 7.

Without objection, Chairman Rinaldi appointed three members to a Tellers Committee: Rachel Horton, SD 30, Chair; Howard Barker, SD 18; and Andrew Eller, SD 24.

In a single round, by majority vote, five candidates were elected: Jerry Fisher, Gwen Withrow, Deborah Kelting Fite, Susan Fountain, and Matt Patrick. Following the election, Chairman Rinaldi appointed Jon Ker, SD 22, and Steve Evans, SD 28, to the Officials Committee.

Without objection, the SREC adjourned at 7:20 p.m. to reconvene the next day at 9:00 a.m. CDT.

Respectfully submitted,



Vergel B. Cruz, Secretary



Republican Party of Texas – State Republican Executive Committee

Third Quarter 2022 Minutes – September 24, 2022

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Chairman Matt Rinaldi called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. CDT.

Chaplain Jeremy Story gave the invocation. Jerry Fisher, SD 2, in memory of our departed colleague Chris McDonald, led the SREC in singing “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

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

State Chairman	Matt Rinaldi
State Vice Chairman	Dr. Dana Myers
Secretary	Vergel Cruz
Treasurer	Fred Tate
General Counsel	Rachel Hooper
Assistant General Counsel	Emily Cook, absent
Parliamentarian	Richard Hayes
Sergeant-at-Arms	Mike McCloskey
Chaplain	Jeremy Story
Finance Chairman	Rep. Mayes Middleton, absent
National Committeeman	Dr. Robin Armstrong
National Committeewoman	Toni Anne Dashiell, absent
SD 1	Christin Bentley
SD 1	Donnie Wisenbaker
SD 2	Jerry Fisher
SD 2	Bruce Bishop
SD 3	Janis Holt
SD 3	David Covey
SD 4	Gwendolyn Withrow
SD 4	Dale Inman
SD 5	Susan Lucas
SD 5	Bill Fairbrother
SD 6	Dawn McDonald
SD 6	Scott Bowen
SD 7	Deborah Kelting Fite

SD 7	Tom Nobis, by proxy Mark Ramsey
SD 8	Margaret Whitt
SD 8	Jim Piki
SD 9	Anne Gebhart
SD 9	Dan Tully
SD 10	Susan Wright
SD 10	Matt Ticzkus
SD 11	Gaylyn DeVine
SD 11	Ken Moore
SD 12	Jill Glover
SD 12	David Wylie
SD 13	Dr. Milinda Morris
SD 13	Dale Gibble
SD 14	Jan Duncan
SD 14	Fernando Treviño, Jr.
SD 15	Gail Stanart
SD 15	Rolando Garcia
SD 16	Susan Fountain
SD 16	Matt Patrick
SD 17	Becky Green
SD 17	Roman Klein
SD 18	Cheryl Thompson-Draper, absent until 9:19 a.m.; then present by proxy Howard Barker
SD 18	Howard Barker, from 9:19 a.m.
SD 19	Kelly Perry
SD 19	Fernando Garcia
SD 20	Grace Jones
SD 20	Chuck Burnett
SD 21	Toni Treviño
SD 21	Mike Monreal
SD 22	Devvie Duke
SD 22	Jon Ker
SD 23	Elaine Cook
SD 23	Ed Zenner
SD 24	Mary Jane Avery
SD 24	Andrew Eller
SD 25	Naomi Narvaiz
SD 25	Chris Byrd
SD 26	Karen Marshall, present by proxy Quico Canseco; then present herself from 9:34 a.m.
SD 26	Quico Canseco
SD 27	Morgan Graham
SD 27	Carmen Calderone

SD 28	Lynda Hogue
SD 28	Steve Evans
SD 29	Robyn Cooper
SD 29	Adolpho Telles
SD 30	Rachel Horton
SD 30	Britton Brooks
SD 31	Tisha Crow
SD 31	Thomas Warren, by proxy Tisha Crow

Steve Evans, SD 28, moved that the SREC forgo the reading of the Minutes from the following SREC meetings: Pre-Convention Meeting, June 15, 2022; Organizational Meeting, June 18, 2022; Special Meeting, August 16, 2022 (open session portion); and Special Meeting, September 14, 2022. The motion passed, and the Minutes stood approved as submitted.

Next, the SREC heard Officer Reports from National Committeeman Dr. Robin Armstrong, Vice Chairman Dr. Dana Myers, and Chairman Rinaldi.

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

Briscoe	Timothy Kent
Brooks	Jessica Lopez
Coleman	Bridget Wakefield
Concho	Cathy Ator
Crosby	Melanie Snodgrass
Dallam	Selene Schumacher
Deaf Smith	Jared Blankenship
Glasscock	Mandie McIlroy
Gonzales	Liz Hernandez
Hartley	Mike Thompson
Kenedy	Jill Brown
King	Kelsey Winslow
Lynn	John Baker
Milam	Warren Matous
Motley	Gary Stone
Runnels	Liz O'Connor
San Augustine	Arthur Bedford
Somervell	Julia Douglas
Sterling	Andrew Helms
Throckmorton	Kena Whitfield
Val Verde	Sharon Petitt
Winkler	Shawna Doran

Without objection, the SREC confirmed Chairman Rinaldi's appointments of Adolpho Telles, SD 29, to the Platform Advocacy special committee and the following members to the Legislative Priorities standing committee:

Dr. Jon Spiers	Secure the Border
Brent Smith	Secure the Border
Dave Carter	Secure the Border
George Rodriguez	Secure the Border
Forest Davis	Ban Democrat Chairs
Patrick Wamhoff	Ban Democrat Chairs
Cindy Castilla	Ban Gender Modification of Children
Jonathan Covey	Ban Gender Modification of Children
Diana Richards	Ban Gender Modification of Children
Forest Davis	Ban Gender Modification of Children
Debbie Simmons	Stop Sexualizing Texas Kids
Mary Elizabeth Castle	Stop Sexualizing Texas Kids
Melissa Beckett	Stop Sexualizing Texas Kids
Monica Kline	Stop Sexualizing Texas Kids
Wesley Virdell	Defend Our Gun Rights
Patrick Wamhoff	Defend Our Gun Rights
Teresa Beckmeyer	Parental Rights and Educational Freedom

Without objection, the SREC entered into executive session at 10:01 a.m. The SREC proceeded in executive session until 10:21 a.m.

When the open meeting resumed, the SREC heard the report of the Officials Committee. Chairman Rinaldi reported that, pursuant to the decision of the Officials Committee on August 25, 2022, a mediation among members of the Montgomery County Executive Committee was scheduled for September 30.

The SREC then heard reports from other standing committees.

Susan Wright, SD 10, joined by Vergel Cruz, gave the report of the Candidate Resource Committee. Susan Fountain, SD 16, gave the report of the Party Organization Committee. Jerry Fisher, SD 2, gave the report of the Partnerships and Coalitions Committee.

Without objection, the SREC heard the report from Treasurer Fred Tate.

The SREC continued reports from standing committees. Scott Bowen, SD 6, gave the report of the Resolutions Committee.

By unanimous direction of the Committee, Mr. Bowen moved the adoption of the resolution "Honoring the Life of Chris McDonald." Gaylyn DeVine, SD 11; Vergel Cruz, SREC Secretary;

Ken Moore, SD 11; Rolando Garcia, SD 15; Jerry Fisher, SD 2; and Scott Bowen, SD 6, each read a portion of the resolution. The resolution passed unanimously by electronic roll call vote, and the SREC paused for a moment in prayerful contemplation to remember our late colleague Chris.

By direction of the Committee, Mr. Bowen moved the adoption of the SREC Rules Committee Standing Rules as follows:

1. *No resolution will be considered by the committee that has not been distributed to the committee chair in a standard electronic format by 11:59 p.m. Tuesday before a Friday committee meeting and copied or subsequently forwarded by the chair ASAP to the members. This committee rule may be suspended by majority vote of committee members present and voting.*
2. *The Committee Chair and SREC Secretary shall be authorized to make non-substantive formatting adjustments and grammatical corrections, not limited to punctuation, spelling, spacing, and fonts, within their discretion, to the committee report.*

The Standing Rules were adopted by electronic roll call vote of 63 Yes, 0 No.

By direction of the Committee, Mr. Bowen moved the adoption of the “Resolution Regarding the FBI Raid on Donald J. Trump’s Home.” Rolando Garcia, SD 15, moved with a second to strike the final *Resolved* clause, and the amendment was approved. The resolution, as amended, passed by electronic roll call vote of 64 Yes, 0 No.

By direction of the Committee, Mr. Bowen moved the adoption of the “Republican Majority Means Republican Control” resolution. The resolution passed by electronic roll call vote of 64 Yes, 0 No.

By direction of the Committee, Mr. Bowen moved the adoption of the “Resolution to Enforce Republican Party of Texas Platform Plank 234.” David Covey, SD 3, moved with a second to strike “carefully consider” from the first *Resolved* clause and replace the phrase with “include.” The amendment passed, and the resolution, as amended, passed by electronic roll call vote of 58 Yes, 4 No.

By direction of the Committee, Mr. Bowen moved the adoption of the “Republican Party of Texas Endorses Candidates for Princeton ISD and Wylie ISD” resolution. The resolution passed by electronic roll call vote of 62 Yes, 0 No.

Without objection, the meeting recessed for lunch at 11:42 a.m. and was called back to order at 12:48 p.m.

After the meeting resumed, Mr. Bowen, by direction of the Resolutions Committee, moved the adoption of the “Republican Party of Texas Endorses Candidates for Round Rock ISD” resolution. The resolution passed by electronic roll call vote of 63 Yes, 0 No 1 Abstain.

By direction of the Committee, Mr. Bowen moved the adoption of the “Resolution Restoring the Sovereignty of Texas and the Integrity of the Mexican Border.” The resolution passed by electronic roll call vote of 62 Yes, 0 No 1 Abstain.

By direction of the Committee, Mr. Bowen moved the adoption of the “Resolution in Support of the Due Process Rights of the January 6, 2021 Protestors.” The resolution passed by electronic roll call vote of 61 Yes, 0 No.

By direction of the Committee, Mr. Bowen moved the adoption of the “Resolution Supporting All Republican Candidates on the November Ballot.” Steve Evans, SD 28, moved with a second to strike instances of “Supporting”/“support”/“supports” with “Endorsing”/“endorse”/“endorses.” Karen Marshall, SD 26, with a second, moved a secondary amendment to replace the same words with “Backing”/“back”/“backs.” The secondary amendment failed. Adolpho Telles, SD 29, moved with a second to recommit the resolution, and the motion passed.

Next, Rep. Bryan Slaton (HD 2) addressed the SREC.

Steve Evans, SD 28, gave the report of the Rules Committee. By direction of the Committee, Mr. Evans moved that Republican Party of Texas Rule 44(b) be amended by striking language as follows:

Any County Chairman who applies the provisions of Section (a)(1) ~~or rejects an application for a place on the ballot under Section (a)(2)~~ and thereby becomes the subject of a lawsuit for doing so shall be indemnified by the Republican Party of Texas, who shall provide counsel to the County Chairman or pay for any expenses incurred related to any suit. The State Party Chairman shall defend in court any suit against the Party arising from the application of Rule No. 44.

The motion passed by electronic roll call vote of 62 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain.

By direction of the Committee, Mr. Evans moved that the proviso language at the end of the Republican Party of Texas Rules be amended as follows:

*~~All Amendments to these rules take effect upon adjournment, sine die, of each biennial Republican Party of Texas State Convention.~~
Except for rules on electoral affairs, which take effect on January 1 of the odd-numbered year following the biennial Republican Party of Texas State Convention, amendments to these rules take effect: (1) upon adjournment sine die of each biennial Republican Party of Texas State Convention, or (2) immediately, when amended by the State Republican Executive Committee.*

The motion passed by electronic roll call vote of 63 Yes, 0 No.

Next, Jill Glover, SD 12, gave the report of the Legislative Priorities Committee. Vice Chairman Myers gave the report of the Finance Committee.

Reports from the special committees followed. Gaylyn DeVine, SD 11, gave the report of the Convention Planning Committee. Alma Jackson gave the report of the Engagement Committee.

Rolando Garcia, SD 15, gave the report of the Local Government Committee. Jon Ker, SD 22, moved with a second to suspend SREC Bylaws Article VII, Section 8(F)(3), in order to consider a resolution from the Committee as follows:

- 1 *Chairman Rinaldi may make RPT support and resources available to the Leander ISD candidates endorsed by the Travis County Republican Party as well as to any other Leander ISD candidate that an SREC member who represents any part of LISD will personally vouch for.*
- 2 *In any other “non-partisan” race in which the SREC has not formally endorsed, Chairman Rinaldi may make RPT support and resources available to any “non-partisan” candidate endorsed by their county party unless an SREC who represents any portion of the jurisdiction objects.*

Without objection, Toni Treviño, SD 21, moved to add a third point as follows:

- 3 *This grant of authority does not include direct monetary contributions.*

Without objection, Bill Fairbrother, SD 5, moved to amend the resolution by adding a header “For the 2022 General Election:” The resolution, as amended, passed by electronic roll call vote of 57 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain.

The SREC continued with reports from standing and special committees. Devvie Duke, SD 22, gave the report of the Election Integrity Committee. Morgan Graham, SD 27, gave the report of the Candidate Development Committee. Matt Patrick, SD 16, gave the report of the Platform Advocacy Committee.

The SREC then proceeded to New Business.

Christin Bentley, SD 1, moved with a second to suspend SREC Bylaws Article VII, Section 8(F)(3), in order to consider the “Resolution to Support Parents, Schools, and Districts in Rejecting Harmful, Coercive, and Burdensome Gender Identity Policies and Protect School Lunch Programs and Federal Funding Subject to Title IX.” The motion to suspend passed, and the resolution passed by electronic roll call vote of 63 Yes, 0 No.

Without objection, the SREC confirmed Chairman Rinaldi's appointments of Dan Pickens and Mark Ramsey to the Platform Advocacy special committee.

Without objection, the Third Quarter 2022 SREC Meeting adjourned at 2:53 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 'V' and 'C'.

Vergel B. Cruz, Secretary