



**Republican Party of Texas – State Republican Executive Committee**

Fourth Quarter 2022 Minutes – December 10, 2022

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

Chairman Matt Rinaldi called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. CST.

Chaplain Jeremy Story gave the invocation. Britton Brooks, SD 30, led the SREC in singing “The Star-Spangled Banner,” and Gail Stanart, SD 15, led the Pledge to the United States flag. Scott Bowen, SD 6, led the SREC in singing “Texas, Our Texas,” and Andrew Eller, SD 24, led the Pledge to the Texas flag.

Chairman Rinaldi appointed the following members to the Proxy Committee: Jerry Fisher, SD 2, Chair; Dan Tully, SD 9; and Mary Jane Avery, SD 24. At the time of the roll call, six 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
Assistant General Counsel	Emily Cook, absent
Parliamentarian	Steven Bolen, confirmed at 10:50 a.m.
Sergeant-at-Arms	Mike McCloskey
Chaplain	Jeremy Story
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
SD 4	Gwendolyn Withrow

SD 4	Dale Inman
SD 5	Susan Lucas
SD 5	Bill Fairbrother, by proxy Mike McCloskey
SD 6	Dawn McDonald
SD 6	Scott Bowen
SD 7	Deborah Kelting Fite
SD 7	Tom Nobis
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, by proxy Andy Hopper
SD 13	Dr. Milinda Morris
SD 13	Dale Gible, by proxy Dr. Milinda Morris (MM) until 9:33 a.m.; present himself until 10:22 a.m.; then by proxy MM
SD 14	Jan Duncan, by proxy Fernando Treviño, Jr. until 9:20 a.m.; then present herself
SD 14	Fernando Treviño, Jr. until 10:37 a.m.; then by proxy Dallas Emerson until 3:03 p.m.; then present himself
SD 15	Gail Stanart
SD 15	Rolando Garcia
SD 16	Susan Fountain
SD 16	Matt Patrick, from 9:38 a.m.
SD 17	Becky Green
SD 17	Roman Klein
SD 18	Cheryl Thompson-Draper
SD 18	Howard Barker
SD 19	Kelly Perry
SD 19	Fernando Garcia
SD 20	Grace Jones, by proxy Chuck Burnett
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, absent
SD 27	Carmen Calderone, by proxy Isreal Salinas
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

Steve Evans, SD 28, moved that the SREC forgo the reading of the Minutes from the Third Quarter SREC Meeting held September 23-24, 2022. The motion passed, and the Minutes stood approved with a clerical correction to the attendance records noted by Secretary Cruz.

Next, the SREC heard the report from Treasurer Fred Tate.

Without objection, the SREC entered into executive session at 9:33 a.m. The SREC proceeded in executive session until 10:21 a.m.

When the open meeting resumed, the SREC heard the reports of Vice Chairman Dr. Dana Myers, and Chairman Rinaldi.

Without objection, the SREC confirmed Chairman Rinaldi's appointment of Steven Bolen as Parliamentarian. Chairman Rinaldi expressed his gratitude to State Representative-elect Richard Hayes (HD 57) for his service to the Republican Party of Texas as Parliamentarian.

Next, by direction of the Officials Committee, Chairman Rinaldi moved adoption of a proposed 2023 Republican Party of Texas Budget, and the motion passed.

The SREC then heard reports from 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 considered the report of the Rules Committee out of sequence. Steve Evans, SD 28, gave the report. By direction of the Committee, Mr. Evans moved that Article VII, Section 8(D)(1) of the SREC Bylaws be amended as follows:

A. *THE PARTY ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE*

1. *The Party Organization Committee shall be comprised of: ~~no fewer than five (5) members of the SREC, nominated by the Chairman, and subject to confirmation by the SREC.~~*
  - a. *No fewer than five (5) members of the SREC, nominated by the Chairman, and subject to confirmation by the SREC.*
  - b. *All SREC members who are also county chairmen shall be voting ex-officio members of the Party Organization Committee.*
  - c. *All other county chairmen shall be non-voting ex-officio members of the Party Organization Committee.*

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

Chairman Rinaldi thanked former State Senator Don Huffines of the Huffines Liberty Foundation for sponsoring lunch, and Senator Huffines addressed the SREC.

Without objection, the SREC heard the report of the Election Integrity Committee out of sequence. Devvie Duke, SD 22, delivered the report.

Without objection, the meeting recessed for lunch at 11:47 a.m. and was called back to order at 12:58 p.m.

When the meeting resumed, without objection, the SREC heard remarks from State Representatives Tony Tinderholt (HD 94) and Bryan Slaton (HD 2).

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

By direction of the Committee, Mr. Bowen moved the adoption of “A Resolution Regarding Texas House Leadership.” Chris Byrd, SD 25, moved with a second to strike “Republican” and insert “Speaker candidate,” in the fourth *Resolved* clause, and the motion was approved. Becky Green, SD 17, moved with a second to strike the fifth and sixth *Whereas* clauses, and the motion failed. Steve Evans, SD 28, moved with a second to strike the entirety of the fourth *Resolved* clause, and the motion passed. With a second, Mike McCloskey, SD 5, moved the previous question, and the motion passed. The resolution, as amended, passed by electronic roll call vote of 57 Yes, 6 No.

Ken Moore, SD 11, moved the adoption of the “modified Jean McIver” rule to govern debate on any debatable question for the remainder of the Fourth Quarter 2022 SREC meeting: three speakers in favor, three speakers opposed, and two minutes each. Rolando Garcia, SD 15, moved with a second to amend the motion to permit four speakers on each side of a question. The amendment failed. The main motion passed.

Continuing the report of the Resolutions Committee, by direction of the same, Mr. Bowen moved the adoption of the “Resolution Encouraging Unity in the Montgomery County Republican Party.” Steve Evans, SD 28, moved with a second to strike the entirety of the penultimate *Resolved* clause, and the motion passed. Quico Canseco, SD 26, moved with a second to insert the following as the final *Whereas* clause: “WHEREAS, the State Republican Executive Committee and the Republican Party of Texas have offered guidance to the parties in Montgomery County; now.” Without objection, Scott Bowen, SD 6, moved a secondary amendment to substitute the following for Mr. Canseco’s amendment: “WHEREAS, the Republican Party of Texas has offered guidance to the parties in Montgomery County; now.” The amendment, as amended, passed.

Susan Lucas, SD 5, moved with a second to recommit the resolution. The motion failed. Andy Hopper, SD 12, moved with a second to amend the title by striking “Unity” and inserting “Amity,” and the motion passed. Chris Byrd, SD 25, moved with a second to insert the following as a new final *Whereas* clause:

*“WHEREAS, evidence has been presented to the State Republican Executive Committee that the precinct chairs nominated and approved to previously existing vacancies at the September 6, 2022 Montgomery County Executive Committee meeting were validly appointed and recommends that they be seated and reported to the Secretary of State, but that the State Republican Executive Committee does not at this time have the evidence necessary to take a position on whether appointments made to those seats at meetings prior to September 6, 2022 were valid according to the Montgomery County Executive Committee bylaws; now”*

With a second, Tom Nobis, SD 7, moved a secondary amendment to strike “and recommends that they be seated and reported to the Secretary of State,” from Mr. Byrd’s amendment. The secondary amendment passed. The amendment, as amended, failed. The resolution, as amended, passed by electronic roll call vote of 57 Yes, 4 No.

By direction of the Committee, Mr. Bowen moved the adoption of the “Resolution Reaffirming Life in the Womb Even in Sexual Assault Cases.” The resolution passed by electronic roll call vote of 60 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain.

By direction of the Committee, Mr. Bowen moved the adoption of “Resolution Urging Support for the ‘Keep Nine Amendment’ to the U.S. Constitution.” The resolution passed by electronic roll call vote of 60 Yes, 0 No.

By direction of the Committee, Mr. Bowen moved the adoption of the “Resolution to Defend Medical Freedom and Codify Informed Consent.” 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 “Time for New Leadership at the Republican National Committee” resolution. The resolution passed by electronic roll call vote of 62 Yes, 0 No.

By direction of the Committee, Mr. Bowen moved the adoption of the “Resolution Opposing Voter Suppression in Harris County.” The resolution passed by electronic roll call vote of 63 Yes, 0 No.

By direction of the Committee, Mr. Bowen moved the adoption of the “Adhering to Republican Party of Texas Rules” resolution. Bruce Bishop, SD 2, moved without objection to add the counties of SD 2 – Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Kaufman, Navarro, Rockwall, and Van Zandt – after “Hidalgo” in the *Resolved* clause. Without objection, Dale Inman, SD 4, moved to add Montgomery County. Without objection, Naomi Narvaiz, SD 25, moved to add Hays County. With a second, Steve Evans, SD 28, moved to postpone the resolution indefinitely, and the motion passed.

Next, Jill Glover, SD 12, gave the report of the Legislative Priorities Committee. As part of Ms. Glover’s report, State Senator Bob Hall (SD 2), addressed the SREC.

Karen Marshall, SD 26, rose to a question of privilege to ask that Edgar Pacheco of the Texas Young Republicans be permitted to address the SREC on the organization’s legislative priorities. Without objection, Mr. Pacheco addressed the SREC.

Fernando Treviño, Jr., SD 14, then gave the report of the Audit Committee. As part of Mr. Treviño’s report, Jeremy Myers of Atchley & Associates, LLP, addressed the SREC.

Reports from the special committees followed. Alma Jackson gave the report of the Engagement Committee.

Without objection, the SREC returned to the Audit Committee report. Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2(C) of the SREC Bylaws, and by direction of the Committee, Mr. Treviño moved the approval of the report. The motion was approved without objection.

Reports from the special committees continued. Rolando Garcia, SD 15, gave the report of the Local Government Committee. Gaylyn DeVine, SD 11, gave the report of the Convention Planning Committee. Matt Patrick, SD 16, gave the report of the Platform Advocacy Committee.

The SREC then proceeded to New Business.

Andy Hopper, SD 12, moved with a second to suspend SREC Bylaws Article VII, Section 8(F)(3), in order to consider the “Fresh and Courageous Leadership for the U.S. House of Representatives” resolution. The motion failed.

Without objection, the Fourth Quarter 2022 SREC Meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m. CST.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vergel B. Cruz". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Vergel B. Cruz, Secretary