

**South Carolina Republican Party**  
Second Quarter State Executive Committee Meeting  
Prosperity Town Hall, Prosperity South Carolina

June 11, 2011

Chairman Connelly called the Second Quarter South Carolina Republican Party Meeting to order at 3:00 pm on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Chairman Connelly recognized Pastor Max Kaster, Executive Committeeman from Calhoun County, to give the invocation. Chairman Connelly asked that attendees say a prayer for Mr. Jerry Bingham, the committeeman from Clarendon County who is recovering from surgery, in addition to the family of Representative David Umphlett of Berkley County, who passed away on May 29. The invocation was given by Pastor Max Kaster.

Following the invocation, Chairman Connelly recognized Mr. Jerry Hallman, Beaufort County Chairman, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Connelly recognized Mrs. Pat Wilkerson, Executive Committeewoman from Chesterfield County, to lead the Republican Creed.

Following the Republican Creed, Chairman Connelly called on Eaddy Willard, Secretary of the South Carolina Republican Party, to give her report. Mrs. Willard stated that there were 42 counties represented, which constituted a quorum. Accordingly, no roll call of the counties was read.

Chairman Connelly asked for a motion to adopt the agenda as distributed as the official agenda for the meeting. There was a second, and the agenda was approved. Chairman Connelly asked for approval of the minutes from the previous meeting. There was a motion for the minutes to be approved as distributed. Following a second, the minutes were approved without objection.

Chairman Connelly then recognized dignitaries and guests attending. Chairman Connelly thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, and he recognized Superintendent of Education Mick Zais who was in the audience. Chairman Connelly also recognized Mr. Stephen Brown who was in attendance. Chairman Connelly said that Mr. Brown ran a great race for Chairman, and he appreciated his continued involvement and work for the Republican Party. Chairman Connelly asked the attendees to give all the guests a round of applause.

Chairman Connelly called on Dan Herren, the South Carolina Republican Party Treasurer, to give the Treasurer's Report. In his report, Mr. Herren stated that the YTD income of the SCGOP was \$703,534 and the YTD expenses were \$421, 453. Mr. Herren also gave a

budget overview of expenses and income. Following the report, Chairman Connelly asked the attendees to thank Herren for all that he is doing for the Republican Party, notably keeping the finances in the black.

Following the Treasurer's Report, Chairman Connelly called on Cindy Costa, National Committeewoman, to give her report. Mrs. Costa stated her desire to unify and gather under the party banner, and support any candidate that wins the Republican Nomination to beat President Obama.

Following the National Committeewoman's report, Chairman Connelly called on Glenn McCall, National Committeeman, to give his report. Mr. McCall concurred with Mrs. Costa on unifying behind one candidate, and gave a report from the RNC Chairman's meeting in Dallas. Next, Mr. McCall told the Committee that he has been elected Chairman of the Arrangements committee for the 2012 Convention in Tampa, Florida and gave a report on that convention.

Chairman Connelly then turned to his report and began with opening remarks on uniting the party. Second, he provided an update on the Presidential Preference Primary, and his meeting with RNC Chairman Priebus, Co-Chairman Day and the other early states on how South Carolina would maintain its "First in the South" status. Third, he provided an update on the Presidential Debate. Fourth, he discussed the Republican National Committee's Chairman meeting. Chairman Connelly ended his report with a unity message. The following highlights the main points of the unity message and the need for building relationships.

Chairman Connelly moved on to old business. He asked the attendees if there was any old business. Seeing no old business, Chairman Connelly moved on to new business. Chairman Connelly began with the election of officers, in accordance with state party rule 7-C-1.

Chairman Connelly recognized the current South Carolina Republican Party Secretary Eaddy Roe Willard. Chairman Connelly informed the attendees that Mrs. Willard is stepping down as Secretary of the Party and presented Mrs. Willard with a token of appreciation for her nine years of service as Secretary of the South Carolina Republican Party. Chairman Connelly then asked the audience to give Willard a round of applause.

Chairman Connelly then moved to the election of a new state party Secretary. Opening the floor for nominations, Chairman Connelly recognized First Vice Chairman Lin Bennett. Mrs. Bennett motioned to appoint DeLinda Ridings Secretary of the South Carolina Republican Party by acclamation. Chairman Connelly acknowledged the motion and called for a second. Following the second, Ms. Ridings was elected Secretary by a voice vote.

The next order of business was the Treasurer's election. Opening the floor for nominations, Chairman Connelly recognized Second Vice Chairman Edward Cousar. Mr. Cousar motioned to re-elect Dan Herren as Treasurer by acclamation. Chairman Connelly

recognized the motion and asked for a second. Following the second, Herren was elected Treasurer by a voice vote.

Chairman Connelly introduced the issue of committees and committee appointments, in accordance with state party rule 7-C-6. Chairman Connelly recognized Third Vice Chairman Adam Piper for the purpose of a motion. Mr. Piper motioned to approve the Budget and Finance, Building, Platform and Resolutions, Rules, Candidate Recruitment, Grassroots Development, Presidential Primary, Coalitions, Events, Awards and Honors, Historical, Fundraising Development and Lobbying committees as standing committees of the South Carolina Republican Party. Chairman Connelly acknowledged the motion and asked for a second. Following the second, the motion passed. Chairman Connelly said the members of the Presidential Primary Committee would be announced at a later date. Chairman Connelly motioned that the membership of the standing committees be approved as proposed. Following a second, the motion was passed without objection.

Chairman Connelly commented on the Presidential Preference Primary, stressing the importance of being flexible in selecting a date. Chairman Connelly recognized Glenn McCall and Cindy Costa, National Committee members, for the purpose of a motion. McCall stated that the SCGOP needs to make sure we have every option available to make sure the South Carolina primary remains first in the South. Mrs. Costa then motioned to give Chad Connelly, Chairman of the South Carolina Republican Party, the authority to set the date for the 2012 South Carolina Republican Presidential Preference Primary. Mr. McCall seconded the motion. Chairman Connelly recognized the motion and second and asked for discussion. The motion passed with no discussion.

Chairman Connelly recognized the South Carolina Republican Party Treasurer Dan Herren, Executive Committeeman from Greenville. Herren motioned that the South Carolina Republican Party commission a Review of the Finances of the state party. Chairman Connelly recognized the motion and asked for a second. Following the second, the motion passed.

Chairman Connelly then announced the SCGOP staff. Chairman Connelly informed the Committee that he asked Matt Moore to serve as the South Carolina Republican Party Executive Director. Chairman Connelly motioned that the Committee confirm Moore as the new Executive Director. Following a second, Moore was appointed Executive Director by a voice vote.

Chairman Connelly then recognized his other staff hires: 1) Danielle McAdaragh as Finance Director 2) Hope Walker as Finance Assistant 3) Sharon Thompson is continuing as Comptroller 4) David Smith as Deputy Political Director for Operations 5) Alex Stroman as Deputy Political Director for Outreach. Chairman Connelly recognized the Executive Director for a brief report.

Chairman Connelly then recognized some of the new chairs and executive committeemen who had not received their pins. The Chairman then recognized some of the longest serving members of the Executive Committee. After a round of applause, Chairman Connelly asked Janice McCord and Craig Gagnon to step forward to receive a token of appreciation for their

continued service on the committee. Mrs. McCord is the Executive Committeewoman from Abbeville County and Mr. Gagnon is the Chairman from Abbeville, and both have served for over 20 years. Mrs. McCord received a plaque thanking her, and Mr. Gagnon, who was not in attendance, will receive his at the next meeting.

Chairman Connelly recognized 40 new chairman and executive committee members and announced that internships are available at the Headquarters. Chairman Connelly announced the State Convention next year will be called for the purpose of electing National Delegates as well as National Committeeman and Woman. Chairman Connelly announced that his staff concluded that May 19, 2012 is the best day to hold the State Convention. Chairman Connelly announced the next executive committee meeting will be held August 27, 2011 and the following executive committee meeting November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 but is subject to change.

Chairman Connelly made attendees aware that staff and volunteers would be directing to his home for the barbecue and a golf cart was available if necessary. With a motion and a second, Chairman Connelly adjourned the meeting at 4:28pm.