

South Carolina Republican Party
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 20, 2012
Conference Call

At 9:04pm on Thursday, September 20, 2012 SCGOP Chairman Chad Connelly called a special meeting of the State Executive Committee to order.

Chairman Connelly opened the meeting and thanked the committee for agreeing to get on the call so late at night. He informed the committee that the SCGOP Finance Committee met on Monday, September 17, 2012, and stated the purpose of this meeting was to discuss a recommendation from the committee. He asked SCGOP Secretary, Delinda Ridings, to call the roll.

After the roll call, Ms. Ridings reported that 32 counties were present, and quorum had been reached.¹

Mrs. Lin Bennett, Chairman of Charleston County, made a motion to enter into Executive Session, with only members of the Committee, Party Staff and legal counsel for the party allowed to remain on the line. Mr. Terry Hardesty, Executive Committeeman from Berkeley County, seconded the motion.

Chairman Connelly reminded those on the call that Executive Sessions of the State Executive Committee are open only to those members of the committee, and those given the expressed permission to remain in the meeting by Mrs. Bennett's motion. He stated that violations by the press and the general public were strictly prohibited, and that recording of this meeting is prohibited under law.

Chairman Connelly asked for a voice vote of the motion by Mrs. Bennett, and without objection the Committee entered into Executive Session.

At 9:47 PM, on a motion by Mrs. Sandra Stroman, Executive Committeewoman from Chester County, with a second by Mr. Kevin Thomas, Chairman from Fairfield County, the entered session, without objection.

Once in open session, Mrs. Stroman moved that the party accept the recommendation of the SCGOP Finance Committee to secure a line of credit backed by the SCGOP Headquarters Building from BB&T Bank in Columbia, South Carolina for \$340,000 to pay legal costs incurred from the party filing issues. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. Mr. Hardesty made a motion to amend the original motion to add a resolution of support of the actions of Chairman Connelly. Without objection, Mr. Hardesty's amended motion was accepted.

Seeing no discussion on the amended motion, Chairman Connelly asked Ms. Ridings to

¹ Others voting members joined the call after the roll call was held bringing the total voting members on the call to 35.

call the roll.

After the roll of the committee was called, Ms. Ridings reported that the amended motion passed 32-3.

Chairman Connelly thanked the committee for their vote and their support. He also informed the committee that SC Victory had made over 13,000 voter contact calls during the week.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Stroman, with a second by Mrs. Bennett, the meeting adjourned at 10:02pm, without objection.