

**South Carolina Republican Party
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 17, 2012
Clarion Hotel, Columbia, S.C.**

On Tuesday, July 17, 2012, Chairman Chad Connelly called a special meeting of the State Executive Committee to order at 7:02 PM. The Committee opened with an invocation from Mr. Drew McKissick, Parliamentarian. Mr. E.J. Cousar, Second Vice Chairman, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Janice McCord, Executive Committeewoman from Abbeville County, made a motion to enter into Executive Session, with only members of the Committee, Party Staff and legal counsel for the party remaining in the room. Mrs. Susan Aiken, Executive Committeewoman from Anderson County, seconded the motion, and the Committee entered into Executive Session without objection.

At 9:07 PM, Mr. Glenn McCall, Chairman from York County and Republican National Committeeman, made a motion to exit Executive Session, with a second from Mrs. Betty Poe, Chairwoman from Greenville County. Without objection, Chairman Connelly announced the Committee had exited Executive Session, and instructed staff to inform those waiting outside.

A member of the Committee moved to adopt a resolution that would waive punishment under SCGOP Rule 7(d)5 for supporting State House and Senate petition candidates, and presented the printed resolution to the Committee. A motion to adopt the resolution was made, and then seconded. During discussion, Mrs. LaDonna Ryggs, Chairwoman from Spartanburg County, made a recommendation to add clarifying language in the “therefore” portion of the resolution. Mr. McCall moved for passage, with amendment. The resolution passed unanimously.

A member of the committee also introduced a resolution to support Chairman Connelly’s leadership on the ballot challenges and to leave the meeting united. Mrs. Cindy Costa, Republican National Committeewoman, seconded the motion. During discussion, a member of the Committee attempted to introduce another resolution. Adam Piper, Third Vice Chairman, made a point of inquiry, and Chairman Connelly ruled the motion to introduce another resolution out of order. With no further discussion, Chairman Connelly returned to the question. The resolution supporting the Chairman’s leadership on the ballot challenges passed unanimously.

Upon motion by Mr. Bill Pickle, Chairman from Florence County, with a second by Ms. Shelby Price, Executive Committeewoman from Kershaw County, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 PM.