

South Carolina Republican Party
Third Quarter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Clarion Hotel, Columbia, S.C., August 18, 2012

On Saturday, August 18, 2012 the SCGOP State Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM by SCGOP Chairman Chad Connelly at the Clarion Hotel in Columbia.

The invocation was given by Mrs. Cindy Costa, the Republican National Committeewoman from Charleston County, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Sandra Stroman, Executive Committeeman from Chester County.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Connelly recognized dignitaries in attendance, including State Treasurer Curtis Loftis and Attorney General Alan Wilson.

The Republican Creed was led by Mr. Doug Cobb, the Executive Committeeman from Spartanburg County. Following the creed, DeLinda Ridings, SCGOP Secretary, reported that 44 counties were represented and that a quorum was present.

On a motion by Mrs. Susan Aiken, the Executive Committeeman from Anderson County, seconded by Mrs. Joyce Jerow, the Executive Committeeman from Georgetown County, the agenda as distributed was approved without objection. On a motion by Mr. Wiley Johnson, the Executive Committeeman from Dorchester County, and a seconded by Mrs. Lou Nolan, the Executive Committeeman from Richland County, the minutes from the May 5, 2012 meeting were approved without objection.

State Treasurer's Report

Chairman Connelly recognized Mr. Dan Herren, the Executive Committeeman from Greenville County, to give the State Treasurer's Report. Mr. Herren reported on the State Party's year to date finances and legal fee obligations.

National Committeewoman's Report

Chairman Connelly recognized Mrs. Costa. Mrs. Costa shared her thoughts on the Romney-Ryan Ticket and was applauded by Chairman Connelly for being nominated as a permanent co-chair of the 2012 Republican National Convention. She stressed the importance of everyone supporting Romney-Ryan.

National Committeeman's Report

Chairman Connelly recognized Mr. Glenn McCall, the Republican National Committeeman from South Carolina and York County Chairman. In his report, Mr. McCall thanked Palmetto Patriots for coming out of the gate strong, and congratulated them about their efforts in North Carolina. He was applauded by Chairman Connelly for serving as the Chairman of the Delegate Experience at the 2012 convention.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Connelly began his report by pinning the new Executive Committeemen: Mr. Wiley Johnson, from Dorchester County and Mr. Glenn Baum, from Florence County. He also pinned Mr.

Louis Claytor, the new Chairman from Barnwell County and Mrs. Nancy Anderson, the new Chairman from Chester County.

Chairman Connelly discussed the recent June 12 primary elections and the need for electoral reforms. He reaffirmed the need to defeat President Obama in November.

Chairman Connelly discussed his Victory 2012 goals of winning the new 7th Congressional District, winning our targeted House and Senate races, and recruiting 1,000 South Carolinians (dubbed the Palmetto Patriots) who would be willing to volunteer in swing states. He also introduced the Victory 2012 team: Taft Matney, DeLinda Ridings and Cam Crawford.

Executive Director's Report

Chairman Connelly recognized Mr. Matt Moore, SCGOP Executive Director. Mr. Moore reported that the State Party had been looking at dates for the 2013 State GOP Convention and then yielded his remaining time to David Raad, RNC Southeast Regional Political Director, who reported on the State of the Presidential Race.

Committee Reports

Chairman Connelly recognized Mr. E.J. Cousar, co-Chairman of the Coalitions Committee, who reported on helping our minority candidates, and Miss Katie Thompson, the College Republican Chairman who discussed the state of College Republicans in South Carolina.

Old Business

Chairman Connelly stated that the committee was now in line for old business. Hearing no old business, the party moved into new business.

New Business

The first item of new business was for each county to caucus by Congressional District to select individuals to serve as 2012 Presidential Electors. A detailed memo explaining the process was distributed and Mr. Alex Stroman, the SCGOP Political Director. The following individuals were selected as nominees for Elector by their respective district caucus: Cindy Costa, Lanneau Siegling, Tom Davis, 1st CD; Randy Page, Lou Nolan, Dennis Saylor, 2nd CD; Janice McCord, Margaret Hendricks, 3rd CD; Betty Poe, Dan Herren, 4th CD; Sandra Stroman, Ashby Rhame, John Major, 5th CD; Roy Lindsey, Ida Martin 6th CD; Joe Moffat, Jim Jerow, Bill Pickle, 7th CD.

When the district caucuses were completed, the Executive Committee caucused for two at-large nominations. Mr. Connelly was nominated by Mrs. Costa and seconded by Mr. Herren. Mr. Drew McKissick was nominated by Mr. McCall and seconded by Mrs. Brenda Bedenbaugh, the Executive Committeeman from Saluda County. Mrs. Betty Poe, the Chairman from Greenville County, nominated Mrs. LaDonna Ryggs, the Chairman from Spartanburg County, and was seconded by Dan Herren. Mr. E.J. Cousar was nominated by Mr. Kevin Thomas, the Chairman from Fairfield County, and seconded by Mrs. Stroman.

After voting, the following individuals were elected Presidential Electors: At large: Mr. Connelly and Mr. McKissick; 1st CD, Mrs. Costa; 2nd CD, Mr. Page; 3rd CD, Mrs. McCord; 4th CD, Mrs. Poe; 5th CD, Mrs. Stroman; 6th CD, Mr. Lindsey; 7th CD, Mr. Jerow.

The next item of new business was a short legal update. There were no questions.

Chairman Connelly then made a motion to establish an Election Reform Task Force to address the issues surrounding candidate filing that led to over 200 candidates being removed by the South Carolina Supreme Court. Upon a second, by Mrs. Bedenbaugh, the motion passed without objection.

The following individuals were appointed to the Task Force:

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| Honorary Chair Henry McMaster | Butch Bowers |
| Honorary Chair Nikki Haley | Robert Bolchoz |
| Chairman Greg Delleney | Todd Carroll |
| Chairman Larry Martin | Rob Tyson |
| Bobby Harrell | Lin Bennett |
| John Courson | Randy Page |
| Alan Clemmons | Drew McKissick |
| Nathan Ballentine | Glenn McCall |
| Heather Ammons Crawford | Matt Moore |
| Dan Hamilton | Bill Pickle |
| Peter McCoy | Eddie Adams |
| Eddie Tallon | Phillip Bowers |
| Tom Young, Jr. | Steve Isom |
| Lee Bright | Terry Fletcher |
| Tom Davis | Johnnie Bellamy |
| Paul Thurmond | Jim Jerow |
| Samuel Rivers | Tony Denny |
| Raye Felder | Carroll Duncan |
| Sean Bennett | LaDonna Ryggs |
| Robert Shannon Riley | Betty Poe |
| Katrina Shealy | Sandy McGarry |
| Karen Martin | Bill Connor |
| Talbert Black | Dianne Belsom |
| Kerry Wood | E.J. Cousar |
| Gaye Holt | Joyce Jerow |
| Ed Harris | Lou Nolan |
| Jason Goings | Dan Harvell |
| John Pettigrew, Jr. | Ashby Rhame |
| Bill Wiegand | Terry Hardesty |
| Blake Hewitt | Tony Piscatella |
| Jennings McAbee, Sr. | Dan Herren |
| Jane Kizer | Sheri Few |
| Tony Barwick | |
| Richie Yow | |
| Joseph Coy | |

Mr. Lanneau Siegling, Executive Committeeman from Charleston County, then moved to suspend the rules to offer a resolution regarding state employee health benefits. Mrs. Jerow seconded the motion. The motion to suspend passed unanimously. Mr. Siegling read his resolution. Mr. Ashby Rhame, the Executive Committeeman from Sumter County, seconded the resolution. During discussion Mrs. Ryggs, Mr. Thomas, and Mrs. Costa spoke in favor. Mrs. Lin Bennett, Mr. Adam Piper, Mrs. Nolan, Mr. Terry Hardesty, Mr. Cousar and Mrs. Stroman spoke against.

The resolution passed by a 28-16 vote.

Announcements

Seeing no further new business Mr. Connelly moved to announcements. Mr. Rhame made a motion for the State Executive Committee to endorse Republican petition candidate Katrina Shealy against State Senator Jake Knotts in the November 6, 2012 General Election. Seconded by Mr. Thomas, there was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.¹

Upon motion by Mrs. Aiken, and without objection, the meeting adjourned at 2:05pm.

Minutes prepared by:
DeLinda Ridings
Secretary, SCGOP

Approved by the Executive Committee: Oct. 27, 2012

¹ The rules, suspended by the committee in New Business were never re-instated, therefore allowing Mr. Rhame to make a motion in the Announcements period.