

South Carolina Republican Party
Third Quarter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
West Columbia, SC Saturday, August 18, 2013

On Saturday, August 18, 2013 the Third Quarter SCGOP Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 10:04am by SCGOP Chairman Matt Moore.

The invocation was given by Ms. Margaret Hendricks, the Executive Committeewoman from Pickens, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Mike Vasovski, Executive Committeeman from Aiken County. The Republican Creed was led by Mary Ann Cannady, the Executive Committeewoman from Colleton County.

Roll Call

Secretary DeLinda Ridings reported that the body had achieved quorum, with 43 voting members present.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

On a motion by Mrs. Sandy McGarry of Lancaster and seconded by by Mr. Phillip Bowers of Pickens the agenda was approved without objection. On a motion by Mrs. Sandy McGarry of Lexington and a second by Mr. Lanneau Siegling of Charleston, the minutes from the previous meeting were approved without objection.

Recognition of Guests

Chairman Moore recognized State Treasurer Curtis Loftis for his presence at the meeting, and Treasurer Loftis gave brief remarks.

Chairman's Report

Following remarks from State Treasurer Curtis Loftis, Chairman Moore gave his report. He first welcomed former Chairman Chad Connelly to the meeting, and recognized Chairman Connelly on a point of personal privilege. Mr. Connelly reported to the committee on his new role at the RNC. Following Mr. Connelly's remarks, Chairman Moore announced that immediately prior to the State Executive Committee meeting, Barnwell County Chairman Ben Kinlaw had been elected 2nd Congressional District Chairman, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Randy Page.

Chairman Moore then announced his committee appointments, as distributed. Mr. Glenn McCall, Republican National Committeeman, made a motion that the committee ratify the appointments. Upon a second by Mrs. Cindy Costa, Republican National Committeewoman, the committee appointments were approved without objection.

Chairman Moore then laid out his vision for the party. He discussed the planned hiring of technology, outreach, and other party staffers, and recognized Marcus Finney, the SCGOP new Finance Assistant, and recognized Hope Walker, former Political Director who had been hired by the RNC as SCGOP State Director.

Chairman Moore announced that South Carolina was the new face of the Republican Party, with leadership from the youngest governor in the nation, the youngest attorney general, the only African American U.S. Senator.

Chairman Moore talked about the party and primaries and how the primaries are good for our party. He reiterated that the party does not endorse in primaries, and encouraged party leaders to stay out of primaries as well. He warned against attacking Republican leadership, and encouraged members to respect debate and dissent but to not scream attacks.

Chairman Moore recognized Glenn McCall who stated he agreed with the Chairman's remarks. Mr. McCall warned against taking bad tones, and encouraged folks to focus on facts and have a good approach.

Treasurer's Report

Chairman Moore then announced the party was in order to consider the Treasurer's Report. Mr. McCall moved the committee do enter Executive Session, with staff, former State Party Chairmen, and the State Treasurer allowed to remain in the room. Mr. Moya Graham seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote. The committee entered Executive Session at 10:35 A.M.

The committee exited Executive Session at 10:50 A.M. Mr. Max Kaster moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Mr. Larry Jordan seconded, and it passed without objection.

National Committeewoman's Report

Chairman Moore then recognize Mrs. Cindy Costa, Republican National Committeewoman, to give her report. Mrs. Costa reported on the events that took place at the recent RNC Summer Meeting in Boston.

National Committeeman's Report

Chairman Moore then recognized Mr. Glenn McCall, Republican National Committeeman who spoke of upcoming opportunities with the RNC.

Chairman's Report

At Chairman Connelly reported on the SCGOP winning the 2013 First Congressional District Race, including spending over \$190,000 on Governor Sanford's behalf. He talked of unity on the committee that "positive builds, negative kills" and reminded the committee that those that criticize never help.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Chairman Moore then presented that first item of business before the committee was the consideration of a Resolution of Censure of [former] Chairman Chad Connelly, Rep. Alan Clemmons and the South Carolina Republican Party. Chairman Moore recognized Mr. Jim Lee to read the entire resolution.

Mr. Jim Lee then began to make remarks on the resolution. Chairman Moore reminded Mr. Lee that this was an introduction of the resolution, and he was simply to read the resolution for the committee. Mr. Lee then began to read the resolution.

After a period of time, Mrs. Sandy McGarry moved to dispense with the further reading of the resolution. Mrs. Shery Smith seconded the motion. Chairman Moore called the ayes and nays and the ayes prevailed.

Chairman Moore then referred the resolution to the Resolutions committee. Mr. Lee asked to be recognized on the resolution. Chairman Moore ruled Mr. Lee out of order, as the Resolution had been referred to committee.

Chairman Moore then recognized Mr. Terry Hardesty, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, for a motion. Mr. Hardesty moved that the Resolutions Committee be discharged from further consideration of the resolution. Mrs. Sandra Stroman, Co-Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, seconded the motion. Chairman Moore called the ayes and nays and the ayes prevailed.

At this time Chairman Moore announced that the Resolution of Censure from Greenville County was back before the committee. Mrs. Smith moved to postpone the resolution indefinitely. Mrs. Stroman seconded. Mr. Lanneau Siegling raised a point of order about the motion to postpone indefinitely. Mr. Siegling expressed interest in killing the censure by actually calling a vote on the merits. After further discussion, Mrs. Smith withdrew her original motion. Mrs. Smith then called the question on the resolution of censure. Mr. Tony Piscatella seconded the motion. The committee then entered a period of debate, divided five minutes to each side.

Mr. Lee spoke in favor of the Resolution of Censure. He stated that it came with a majority of the Greenville delegation.

Mr. Piscatella spoke against the resolution, saying that a Resolution of Censure was not the proper venue to express frustration with a convention.

Seeing no other debate, Chairman Moore called a vote on the motion to call the question. It passed without objection.

Chairman Moore directed the Secretary to call the roll on the Resolution of Censure. The Resolution failed by a vote of 2-41, with Greenville and Orangeburg being the two counties voting in favor of the Resolution.

Chairman Moore then recognized Mrs. Sandy McGarry for a Resolution. Mrs. McGarry read the resolution from Lancaster County entitled "A Binding Resolution Concerning Censures." Chairman Moore referred the Resolution to the Resolutions Committee.

Chairman Moore then recognized Mrs. Stroman, Co-Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, for a motion. Mrs. Stroman moved that the Resolutions Committee be discharged from further consideration of the resolution. Mr. McCall seconded the motion. Chairman Moore called the ayes and nays and the ayes prevailed.

At this time Chairman Moore announced that the Resolution from Lancaster County was back before the committee for consideration. Mrs. Sandy McGarry moved that debate be limited to five minutes per side. Dr. Mike Vasovski seconded.

Mr. Wes Climer spoke for the Resolution, saying that the party should be against name-calling and distraction.

Mr. Duane Naquin spoke against the Resolution, saying that the resolution tried to quiet voices. He stated that when resolutions of Censure come to the committee they should be debated, just like the committee had just done appropriately to the resolution from Greenville.

Mr. Climer raised a point of information, and asked if this would still allow the committee to consider resolutions of Censure. Chairman Moore stated that it did.

Mr. Jordan Bryngelson then spoke against the Resolution, saying he had concerns about limiting the voice of the county.

Mr. Glenn McCall then spoke in favor of the Resolution, saying that Resolutions of Censure do nothing to advance the party, and cause division.

Mr. Lanneau Siegling spoke against the Resolution, stating that he believes it does not allow a county to send a resolution of censure to the Committee.

Mr. Naquin asked for a point of order. Mr. Bill Rentiers spoke against the resolution.

Chairman Moore announced that all time had expired. Mrs. Susan Aiken moved for 5 more minutes of discussion to be divided equally. Ms. Deb Marks seconded. 5 more minutes of debate were ordered without objection.

Mr. John Steinberger spoke against the Resolution saying to limit censures were not good.

Mr. Russell Frye spoke in favor of the Resolution, asking that these types not come before the committee again.

Mr. Siegling then made the motion to refer this Resolution back to the Committee. Mr. Tony Piscatella seconded. Chairman Moore called the ayes and nays and the ayes prevailed.

Chairman Moore then recognized Mr. Terry Hardesty for a resolution commending former Chairman Chad Connelly. Mr. Hardesty read the resolution to the committee.

After the reading of the Resolution had ended, Chairman Moore referred the Resolution to the Resolutions Committee.

Mr. Hardesty then moved that the Resolution be discharged from the Resolutions Committee. Mr. McCall seconded the motion. Chairman Moore called the ayes and nays and the ayes prevailed.

Mr. Hardesty then stated he believed the committee supported the Resolution and called the question. Mr. Bryngelson seconded. Without objection, Chairman Moore instructed the Secretary to call the roll.

The resolution from Berkeley passed by a vote of 43-0. *Note: Mr. Jim Lee of Greenville County was the only county to abstain. However, votes of abstention are counted as voting with the prevailing side.*

Chairman Moore then recognized Mr. Kevin Thomas for a Resolution. Mr. Thomas read his Resolution concerning CNN and NBC. After the reading of the Resolution had ended, Chairman Moore referred the Resolution to the Resolutions Committee.

Mr. Terry Hardesty then moved that the Resolution be discharged from the Resolutions Committee. Mr. McCall seconded the motion. Chairman Moore called the ayes and nays and the ayes prevailed. Mr. Thomas moved for acclimation. Mr. Hardesty seconded. The motion was passed by acclimation.

Executive Director's Report

Chairman Moore then recognized Alex Stroman, Executive Director of the South Carolina Republican Party. Mr. Stroman gave a presentation on the party's plans for 2014 as well as a program entitled "Red to the Roots." He also gave an update on GOP Data Center.

Announcements

Upon the motion by Mrs. Sandy McGarry, Chairman from Lancaster County, and without objection, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 P.M.

Minutes prepared by:
DeLinda Ridings, Secretary

Approved by the State Executive Committee: December 16, 2013