

**THE S.C. REPUBLICAN PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
FOURTH QUARTER MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2013
CLARION HOTEL
COLUMBIA, S.C.**

Chairman Matt Moore called the Fourth Quarter Executive Committee meeting to order on Monday, December 16, 2013 at 5:06 P.M.

The invocation was given by Pastor Max Kaster, the Executive Committeeman from Calhoun County, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Moore. The Republican Creed was led by Nse Ekpo, the State Party's Second Vice-Chairman.

Roll Call

Reading Secretary Nikki Trawick reported the body had achieved quorum, with 39 voting members present.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

On a motion by Mrs. Ida Martin, Chairman of Williamsburg County, and seconded by Mr. Phillip Bowers, Chairman of Pickens County, the meeting agenda was approved without objection. Amendments to the prior minutes were suggested by John Major, Chairman of Cherokee County and recorded. On a motion by Mr. Major and seconded by Mr. Lanneau Siegling, Executive Committeeman from Charleston County, the minutes from the August 24, 2013 meeting were approved without objection.

Chairman's Report

Under State Party rules, the Chairman appointed Sandra Bryan of Richland County as the SCGOP Recording Secretary. Ms. Bryan's appointment followed the election of Mrs. Kim Wellman, the former Recording Secretary, as President of the South Carolina Federation of Republican Women.

The Chairman then introduced staff members: Hope Walker, RNC State Director; Martha Gravlee, Regional Field Director; Kristen Beckham, Regional Field Director; Maxine Gross, Office Manager; Marcus Finney, Finance Assistant; and Grace Kerley, Intern.

Chairman Moore then gave his report. He presented the State Party's 2014 vision and reminded state committee members of his focus in three areas 1) Remaining a premier state party 2) Setting a 100 year plan in motion and 3) Focusing on the party platform of freedom and opportunity. The SCGOP's 2014 plans include winning every statewide race, the Congressional races, and holding a large S.C. House majority.

The Chairman then gave an operations update. The current staff setup flows from joint RNC and SCGOP priorities: 1) Organizing precincts 2) Being a presence in the community and 3)

Organizing and developing key constituencies. States like South Carolina, with U.S. Senate races in 2014, are a high priority.

Chairman Moore reviewed 2013 successes, particularly the 1st Congressional District Special Election, where the State Party spent \$200,000 to help Governor Mark Sanford return to Congress. It was a hard fought race. He outlined 2014 races, calling the year “historic” with two U.S. Senate seats on the ballot and Republicans currently holding 17 of 18 state and federal offices. Chairman Moore concluded by saying, “We will leave nothing to chance.” The State Party is already putting considerable resources behind Governor Haley’s re-election efforts.

Chairman Moore also outlined other 2014 priorities including “Red to the Roots” – a focus on making more local offices Republican. He also stressed the need to focus on young people and college students through campus visits and outreach.

Treasurer’s Report

Chairman Moore then announced the party was in order to consider the Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Siegling moved for the committee to enter Executive Session, with staff, former State Party Chairmen, and the State Treasurer allowed to remain in the room. Mr. Major seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote. The committee entered Executive Session at 5:33 P.M.

During Executive Session, Treasurer Sharon Thomson updated committee members on the State Party’s current financial positions.

The committee exited Executive Session at 5:50 P.M. following a motion by Mrs. JoAnn Burroughs, Executive Committeeman from Greenwood County, and seconded by Mrs. Susan Aiken, the Third District Chairman. The motion passed on a voice vote. Mr. Richard Skipper, Chairman of Florence County, moved to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented. Mrs. Aiken seconded and the motion passed on a voice vote.

National Committeewoman’s Report

Chairman Moore then recognized Hope Walker, RNC State Director, who received time from Cindy Costa, National Committeewoman, to update members on the state organizing plan.

National Committeeman’s Report

Chairman Moore then recognized Mr. Glenn McCall, National Committeeman, who spoke on the RNC’s 2014 plans and the proposed changes to the nominating process. He stressed the need for Republicans to be unified and positive.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Chairman Moore then stated the only item of new business before the committee was, without objection to the resolution not coming from the Resolutions Committee, the immediate consideration of a “Resolution to Reject Common Core in South Carolina” that passed a number of counties.

Mrs. Deb Marks, Executive Committeeman from Richland County, was recognized to read the resolution. Mrs. Burroughs made a motion to dispense with the reading. Mr. Jerry Strawbridge, Chairman of Saluda County, seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote. Mrs. Marks then moved for immediate passage of the resolution. The resolution passed with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Bowers made a point of inquiry with the Chairman. He asked if the Chairman’s staff could send a positive press release regarding the resolution. The Chairman agreed.

Announcements

The Chairman reminded members to attend Governor Nikki Haley’s Christmas Party immediately following adjournment of the meeting.

Upon a motion by Mr. Earl Capps, Executive Committeeman from Lancaster County, and seconded by Mrs. Aiken, without objection, the meeting adjourned at 6:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Bryan, Recording Secretary
South Carolina Republican Party

Approved by the S.C. Republican Party State Executive Committee - February 8, 2014