

**The S.C. REPUBLICAN PARTY STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
THIRD QUARTER MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2016
THE HALL AT SENATE'S END
COLUMBIA, SC**

State Chairman Matt Moore called the Third Quarter State Executive Committee Meeting to order on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at 10:04 a.m.

Mrs. Janis Blocker, Chairman of Colleton County, gave the invocation. Mr. Larry Jordan, Executive Committeeman from Calhoun County, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Will Galloway, State Chairman of the Teenage Republicans, led the Republican Creed.

Recognition of Dignitaries and Guests

Chairman Moore recognized several elected officials and guests in attendance at the meeting. Those recognized were: South Carolina Secretary of State, the Honorable Mark Hammond of Spartanburg County, to certify the election of Presidential Electors; Ms. Gerri McDaniel of Horry County and Ms. Barbie Norton of Richland County from the Donald J. Trump for President campaign; Mr. Sam Vetter of York County from the Mick Mulvaney for Congress campaign; Republican National Committee Eastern Director of Faith Engagement, Mr. Drew McKissick of Lexington County; and South Carolina Federation of Republican Women 2nd District Chair, Ms. Mary Jean Baxley of Richland County.

Roll Call

Mrs. Cindy Risher, Reading Secretary and Executive Committeewoman from Clarendon County, reported that the body had achieved a quorum with 38 counties and 42 voting members present.

Approval of Agenda and Prior Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Buck Griffin, Chairman of Greenwood County, and seconded by Mr. Moye Graham, Chairman of Clarendon County, the meeting agenda was approved without objection. On a motion by Mrs. Sandy McGarry, Executive Committeewoman from Lancaster County, and seconded by Mr. Chad Groover, Chairman of Greenville County, the June 11, 2016 meeting minutes were approved as distributed, without objection.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Moore again welcomed everyone to the meeting. He spoke about the successful 2016 Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. He thanked Mr. Glenn McCall, National Committeeman from York County, for all of his hard work at the convention as Vice Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements. He also thanked Mr. McCall for his help in securing great accommodations for the South Carolina delegation. Chairman Moore said the South Carolina delegation was recognized for being the third most active delegation on social media at the National Convention.

Chairman Moore announced that Trump/Pence signs and campaign collateral had arrived at the State Republican Party Headquarters and would be available after the meeting. Chairman Moore also announced the opening of several Victory offices throughout the state. He said there would be a Victory office upstairs at the State Headquarters. He said the Seventh Congressional District Victory office is scheduled to open on September 1, 2016. Chairman Moore mentioned that there were several other

Victory offices in the works throughout the state that would be opening soon. Chairman Moore assured the Executive Committee that the State Republican Party would be working very hard and not taking anything for granted in this election cycle.

Chairman Moore also talked about the importance of down ballot races. Chairman Moore reminded the Executive Committee to keep their volunteers motivated, because “the work we do now will help us in the future.” Chairman Moore reminded the Executive Committee that no matter whom each person supported in the Presidential primary, the Trump/Pence ticket is our best and only choice in November. Chairman Moore took questions from the Executive Committee.

Chairman Moore then personally thanked Mrs. Laura Sterling for running against Congressman Jim Clyburn. Mrs. Sterling told the Executive Committee that she was born in Allendale County, where there are very few Republicans. She told the Executive Committee that even though the Sixth Congressional District seat is perceived as unwinnable for Republicans, this might be the year. Mrs. Sterling asked the Executive Committee for its support and thanked those who have been supporting her.

Chairman Moore took further election-related questions from the Executive Committee.

Executive Director’s Report

Miss Hope Walker, South Carolina Republican Party Executive Director, was recognized for her report. Miss Walker provided the Executive Committee with a recap of the Republican National Convention. She also recognized and thanked Mr. Glenn McCall, National Committeeman from York County, for all of his efforts. Miss Walker introduced the state party staff and interns present at the meeting. She said they would be working with the State Party through Election Day.

Miss Walker introduced the i360 Application to the Executive Committee and explained it would be the walking and data application used in this election cycle. She explained the benefits and features of the application, and said that it would be used in conjunction with Senator Tim Scott’s re-election campaign.

Miss Walker spoke about targeted down-ballot races in South Carolina including Representative Kirkman Finlay from Richland County, Representative Richie Yow from Chesterfield County, Mrs. Lin Bennett from Charleston County, Mrs. Susan Brill from Richland County, Mr. Rick Martin from Newberry County and said that an emphasis would be placed on local elections. Miss Walker spoke about all of the resources that would be available through election season, including Victory offices throughout the state, and help from the Teenage Republican, College Republican, and Young Republican chapters.

Miss Walker also reminded the Executive Committee about using GOP Data Center, and that if they had any data questions or concerns with it to please contact Mr. John Owens at the State Party headquarters. Miss Walker also highlighted the weekly videos being made for social media by Mr. Owens. Miss Walker reminded the Executive Committee to please pick up their Trump/Pence signs and campaign collateral after the meeting. Miss Walker also reminded the Executive Committee about voter registration, and that the deadline to register to vote in November is on October 8, 2016. Miss Walker suggested ways to increase voter registration, by including newly registered voter lists in your area. Miss Walker reminded the Executive Committee of the Republican Leadership Institute training next Saturday, August 27, 2016, in Florence.

Treasurer/Finance Committee's Report

Chairman Moore recommended that the committee not go into executive session for the Treasurer's report.

Treasurer Sharon Thomson, of Richland County, reported that the current cash-on-hand for the SCGOP was \$64,461.61 and the only outstanding bills are for National Convention.

Mrs. Thompson announced that the annual audit was complete and that all information reported came back in good order. Mr. Craig Caldwell, Chairman of Lexington County, moved to accept the report. Mrs. Shery Smith, Chairman of Sumter County, seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was accepted with no objections or amendments.

National Committeewoman's Report

Mrs. Cindy Costa, National Committeewoman from Charleston County, was recognized to give her report. Mrs. Costa stated that she thought the National Convention in Cleveland was wonderful. Mrs. Costa also thanked Mr. Glenn McCall, National Committeeman from York County, for all of his hard work and dedication to his work with the Committee on Arrangements. Mrs. Costa repeated how thankful she was to be so close to the convention. Mrs. Costa thanked Chairman Moore and Miss Walker for all of their hard work and dedication to the delegates. Mrs. Costa reminded the committee that she and Chairman Moore served on the RNC Rules Committee. Mrs. Costa spoke about challenges from the "Free the Delegates" group, but things otherwise ran smoothly. Mrs. Costa mentioned that Mrs. LaDonna Ryggs, of Spartanburg County, and State Representative Alan Clemmons, of Horry County, served on the National Convention Platform Committee. Mrs. Costa told the Executive Committee that the national platform was again very conservative, and that Mr. Donald Trump stated that he would support the platform.

Mrs. Costa then challenged each of the State Executive Committee members to individually help the Republican ticket, and reminded the committee that the mission is to beat Hillary Clinton. She challenged the committee to write a speech about their support to get thoughts on paper, and gave three reasons why voters should support the Trump/Pence ticket. Her reasons were that Hillary Clinton is untrustworthy, Hillary Clinton would nominate Supreme Court justices who would take away our rights, and that Hillary Clinton would be a third term for Barack Obama. Mrs. Costa encouraged the Executive Committee to gather their thoughts on paper, and work to speak at groups in favor of the Republican ticket. Chairman Moore praised Representative Clemmons for getting stronger language in favor of Israel added to the RNC platform. Mr. Drew McKissick, RNC Eastern Director of Faith Engagement, reminded the Committee to thank Chairman Moore and Mrs. Costa for blocking efforts to remove South Carolina's First-in-the-South Presidential primary status. Chairman Moore said that the early primary status for South Carolina was safe, for now.

National Committeeman's Report

Mr. Glenn McCall, National Committeeman from York County, was recognized to give his report. Mr. McCall thanked Chairman Moore and Miss Walker for their leadership to the party. Mr. McCall thanked Chairman Moore and Mrs. Costa for their service on the Rules Committee, and for their push to retain our First-in-the-South Presidential primary status. Mr. McCall also thanked the Committee for the opportunity to serve South Carolina on the RNC. Mr. McCall stated that he hoped everyone who attended the National Convention enjoyed their time and said he thought Cleveland did a great job. Mr. McCall stated that he was fired up about the Trump/Pence ticket, and reminded the Committee to pray for them. Mr. McCall

stated that he believed the Trump/Pence ticket could see additional support from the African-American community.

Resolutions Committee's Report

Mr. Terry Hardesty, Executive Committeeman from Berkeley County and Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, was recognized to give the Resolutions Committee's report. He reported that there were no new resolutions to be brought before the Committee.

Old Business

There was no pending Old Business before the Committee.

New Business

Chairman Moore stated the Committee would move to the business of electing representatives to the Electoral College. Chairman Moore announced that the Honorable Mark Hammond, South Carolina Secretary of State, was present to oversee this process. Chairman Moore then introduced Secretary Hammond and asked him to address the Committee about his office and efforts before moving to the election. Secretary Hammond thanked Chairman Moore for the opportunity to speak, and for his leadership to the party.

Secretary Hammond gave some history of Electoral College process and stated it was typically recorded by SCETV. Secretary Hammond said that activity in his office is a good indicator as to how the state's economy is performing due to new business filings. Secretary Hammond was pleased to inform the committee that business filings in South Carolina had increased from 50,000 to over 300,000 since 2008. Secretary Hammond thanked Governor Nikki Haley for her business recruitment efforts in South Carolina and mentioned that his office will be travelling throughout the state to recognize businesses in South Carolina that have been incorporated for 100 years or more. Chairman Moore thanked Secretary Hammond for his service and his words.

Chairman Moore began by reading the Electoral College Selection Rules to the Committee. Chairman Moore announced that there would be one elector for each Congressional District and two At-Large electors statewide. Chairman Moore asked for nominations for the two At-Large elector positions to the Electoral College.

Mr. Jerry Rovner, Seventh Congressional District Chairman and Executive Committeeman from Georgetown County, nominated Chairman Moore. Mr. Moyer Graham, Chairman of Clarendon County, seconded the nomination for Chairman Moore, and Chairman Moore accepted the nomination.

Mr. Tyson Grinstead, Executive Committeeman from Richland County, nominated Mr. Glenn McCall, National Committeeman from York County. Mrs. Sandy McGarry, Executive Committeewoman from Lancaster County, seconded the nomination for Mr. McCall, and Mr. McCall accepted the nomination.

Mrs. Beverly Owensby, Chairman of the Fourth Congressional District, nominated Mrs. Cindy Costa, National Committeewoman from Charleston County. Mrs. Costa thanked Mrs. Owensby but declined the nomination.

Mr. Norm Fay, Executive Committeeman from Horry County, nominated Mr. Randy Hollister, Chairman of Georgetown County. Mr. Hollister thanked Mr. Fay and asked voters to elect Mr. Moore and Mr. McCall.

Mr. Cole Lawrimore, Chairman of Newberry County, nominated Mr. Roy Lindsey, Executive Committeeman from Orangeburg County. Mr. Lindsey thanked Mr. Lawrimore and asked voters to elect Mr. Moore and Mr. McCall.

The State Executive Committee stood at ease while each Congressional District caucused to nominate individual presidential electors from each district.

The State Executive Committee came back to order and elector candidates were announced:

Statewide – Matt Moore, Lexington County*

Glenn McCall, York County*

Roy Lindsey, Orangeburg County

Randy Hollister, Georgetown County

1st Congressional District - Terry Hardesty, Berkeley County*

Chip Campsen, Charleston County

2nd Congressional District - Jim Ulmer, Orangeburg County*

Thomas Baker, Aiken County

Jane Page Thompson, Aiken County

3rd Congressional District - Brenda Bedenbaugh, Saluda County*

Phillip Bowers, Pickens County

4th Congressional District - Bill Conley, Spartanburg County*

Nate Leupp, Greenville County

5th Congressional District - Shery Smith, Sumter County*

Sandy McGarry, Lancaster County

Glenda Cerezo, Kershaw County

6th Congressional District - Moye Graham, Clarendon County*

Barbara Mishoe, Williamsburg County

7th Congressional District - Jerry Rovner, Georgetown County*

Glenn Baum, Florence County

(*denotes winner/elector as chosen by the full State Executive Committee)

Chairman Moore congratulated all who were elected, and asked them to stay after the meeting to complete their certification paperwork.

Announcements

Mr. Chad Groover, Chairman of Greenville County, announced the Greenville County Republican Party would be holding their Bronze Elephant Banquet with special guest Congressman Jason Chaffetz of Utah on October 20, and ticket information would be coming soon.

Mrs. Katrina Jørgensen, South Carolina Young Republicans Chairman, announced their Leadership Board would be meeting today at 3:30pm at Tick and Tack in Greenville County.

Mr. Will Galloway, South Carolina Teenage Republicans Chairman, announced they were working on new chapters at additional high schools in the state. He introduced Miss Georgia Loadholt, South Carolina Teenage Republicans First Vice-Chairman, to the Committee.

Mr. Norm Fay, Executive Committeeman from Horry County, announced the Horry County Victory Office would be open on September 1, 2016.

Mr. Mal Weatherly, Chairman of Florence County, announced the Florence County Victory Office would be open on October 1, 2016.

Mr. Buck Griffin, Chairman of Greenwood County, moved to adjourn. Mrs. Jo Ann Burroughs, Executive Committeewoman from Greenwood County, seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikki Trawick, Recording Secretary
South Carolina Republican Party

Approved by the South Carolina Republican Party State Executive Committee – December 13, 2016