

MINUTES

YORK COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

MAY 1, 2025

Call to Order: Kitty Staskelunas @ 7:01 PM

Invocation: Trevor Webb
Pledge: Jim Bellflower
Creed: Tom Richmond

Roll Call:

- Attendance taken by sign0in attendance sheet
- Quorum confirmed:
 - 33 Members
 - 5 Proxies

Welcome and Introduction of Distinguished Elected Officers & Guests:

- A.C. Cordoza, Delegate
- Stephen Roane, Board of Supervisors, District 4
- Doug Holroyd, Board of Supervisors, District 1
- Zoran Pajevic, School Board Member, District 2
- Kim Goodwin, Chair, School Board Member, District 3
- Krystyn Reid, Commonwealth Attorney
- Candice Kelley, Treasurer
- Sarah Webb, Commissioner of the Revenue

Approval of the Minutes:

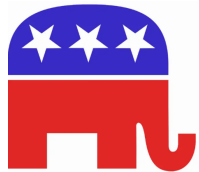
- Motion to Approve
 - 1st Greg Woznick
 - 2nd Robin Fields
 - All in favor/No opposed

Treasurer's Report:

- None

Unfinished Business:

- None



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Guest Speaker:

A.C. Cordoza spoke about the 2025 General Assembly session. Friday, May 2, is the last day to take action on the budget and bills. The governor completed action on 916 bills; 599 were not signed; 159 bills were amended; 157 bills were vetoed. Of the 205 budget amendments, most were handled in blocks or no action was taken. There will be several line-item vetoes and there will be almost \$1 billion in cuts to create a cushion in case of financial need due to federal changes. There will be no K-12 cuts so schools are safe. There are a ton of vetoes; if it is related to firearms, it will be vetoed. Amendments will be upheld and the budget will be signed. The General Assembly will have to reconvene to allow the vetoes to be voted on. It is not expected that there will be any changes as the Democrats will not have the votes to overturn the vetoes. The tax rebates will happen. The \$1 billion cushion is for any federal layoffs in case it is needed. The state will need the funds in case they have to pay out and then the Federal government will reimburse the state. The Democrats never ended the 2024 special session so they may have to reconvene in Richmond for actions related to the Federal workforce. A.C. needs door knockers as well as time, talent, and treasure. His race has been quite busy already and he has been campaigning a lot over the past 5 weeks.

Presentation of Prospective Members:

Ann Robeson and Daniel Haufpair.

New Business:

None

Vote on new members and member reinstatement:

None were present- no vote taken.

Announcements:

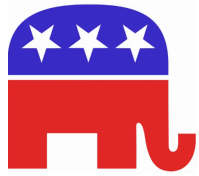
Subcommittee updates:

Awards- Candice Kelley

None.

Election Integrity- Terri Fowler

There will be no Republican Primary. On May 16, there will be a Virginia Fair Election Summit. Terri has been to all four. Then on May 17, there will be a presentation by the Virginia Institute. It is \$45 per person for the summit.



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Bylaws- Gary Kirsteatter

There are three big changes that have been made for review and approval by the committee. The first is in Article V, Membership, section "C" there is a new Associate Membership. This is for anyone who wants to join but lives outside of York County. The second is in Membership as well. It is to require a member re-apply if they miss 3 meetings. They would no longer be a member and would have to go thru the membership process and be voted back in. This is to encourage members to attend meetings. The third is in Article VII, Meetings, section "C" for Proxies. The change is to require the proxy be a committee member and it will only cover attendance. The proxy will not vote on behalf of the person for whom they are attending. The person must live in the same York County Election District as the member for who they are proxy. The changes are scheduled to be voted on in June. There was discussion about the definition of who can apply to be a committee member. Noel West requested the word "registered" be added instead of or before "qualified" (Article V, Membership, Section A). Kitty advised she does take the applications to the Voter Registration office to verify the voter is registered and lives in York County.

Community Outreach- Buck Tumminello
None.

Campaign Signs- Kitty Staskelunas

YCRC has created a sign for Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General to display in York County. The signs are \$50 each and there will be a second part to be added just before early voting to advertise early voting has begun.

Motion to spend \$300 on 6 signs for locations along the highway (Rt. 17 & main roads).

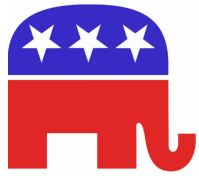
- 1st Trevor Webb
- 2nd Nat Webb
- All in favor/No opposed

Will try to find a location in Upper York as well as Hampton Highway.

Yorktown July Fourth Celebration- Kitty Staskelunas

The application to participate has been filed. There will be no booth. The budget for items to pass out at the parade has already been doubled (fans, slap bracelets, flags). The application is confirmed and sign up sheets are ready for the decorating of the float the day before and for the day of. The day of is to walk, hand out items, and ride in the truck.

Trevor announced Chad Green has a fundraiser in Newport News at the Country Club on May 22 with Jason Miyares.



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Jeff Ryer, the 1st District Committee Chairman, announced that for the past 50 years the 1st congressional district has been represented by a Republican and it is the longest streak in Virginia. There is a lot going on this year. We must be successful and win. Matthew from Congressman Wittman's office was also in attendance. This year is so important that the congressman hired someone to be available a year before his re-election. Matthew is working to keep lists fresh and he needs help writing letters to the editor and spread positive messages.

State Central Committee report- Kitty Staskelunas
The chairman was elected and it is Mark Peake.

The RWYC is having a garage sale to fundraise this Saturday from 8-12 in Running Man at Robin Milewski's house at 207 Coinjock Run.

Elected Officials' Comments

Doug Holroyd advised the board is looking forward to passing the budget on May 6. The board had 10 extra meetings this year and the board has a consensus.

Kim Goodwin advised as a result of the Facebook post that showed a pride flag in a classroom; it was determined that no policy existed on what can go up in a classroom. As a result, a policy was created to state that no controversial materials can be displayed. They have also certified that there are no DEI programs in York County as was required. Kim would like to look at curriculum this summer (social emotional learning) and would like to work to get the General Assembly to allow homeschoolers to participate in more programs (clubs and band). Kim would like to see VHSL make lacrosse a sport as it has the highest scholarships of any sport.

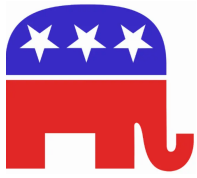
Kim and Tami Dierberger worked to start Lifewise in York County. This is an off-campus bible study group. Meetings last 30-45 minutes each.

Joe Link is the Deputy Director for Winsome Sears and will be the President for the Young Republicans beginning May 18. Joe advised we need to focus on low propensity voters and on getting all Trump voters back put to the polls. There is a super Saturday in Gloucester. There are no updates from the Digg's office.

Upcoming events:

School Board meetings: Monday, May 12 at York Hall 6:00 pm work session
Monday, May 19 at York Hall 7:00 pm regular/public hearing

Board of Supervisor meetings: Tuesday, May 6 at York Hall 6:00 pm
Tuesday, May 20 at York Hall 6:00 pm



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Adjournment:

- Motion to Adjourn:
- 1st Robin Fields
- 2nd Stephen Roane
- All in favor/No opposed

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:14 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Candice Kelley
YCRC Secretary