

# MINUTES

## YORK COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

### JUNE 5, 2025

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**Call to Order:** Kitty Staskelunas at 7:02 PM

**Invocation:** Trevor Webb  
**Pledge:** Dave Staskelunas  
**Creed:** Paula Krewinghaus

**Roll Call:** Quorum confirmed, 42; 1 proxy

**Welcome and Introduction of Distinguished Elected Officers & Guests:**

- Danny Diggs, State Senator
- Stephen Roane, Board of Supervisors, District 4
- Kimberly Goodwin, Chair, School Board Member, District 3
- Jimmy Richardson, Vice Chair, School Board Member, District 4
- Lynda Fairman, School Board Member, District 5
- Krystyn Reid, Commonwealth Attorney
- Ron Montgomery, Sheriff
- Kristen Nelson, Clerk of Circuit Court
- Sarah Webb, Commissioner of Revenue
- Candice Kelley, Treasurer

**Review of May 1 Meeting Minutes:**

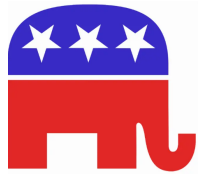
**Approval of the May Meeting Minutes:**

- Motion to accept minutes for May 1, 2025.
  - 1st Joan Miller
  - 2nd Patty Diggs
  - All in favor/no opposed

**New Business:**

Motion to move certain portion of new business up- move acceptance of people to be voted in and to move bylaws up under Treasurer's report.

- Motion to move agenda items.
  - 1st Lynda Fairman
  - 2nd Trevor Webb
  - All in favor/no opposed



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#### Treasurer's Report: Buck Tumminello:

The committee account has a beginning balance of \$6,131.06; expenses of \$246.88; ending balance of \$5,884.18. Upcoming expenses for 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Vote on reinstatement of members.

- Reinstatement Joan Miller.
  - All in favor/no opposed

- Reinstatement Samantha Abbott.
  - All in favor/no opposed

Motion to limit debate to six minutes per bylaw amendment with three minutes for the affirmative and three minutes for the opposition with alternating debate.

- Motion limit debate.
  - 1st Trevor Webb
  - 2nd Lynda Fairman
  - All in favor/no opposed

#### Bylaws- Gary Kirsteatter

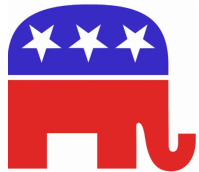
The first section is for correcting grammar, the second section is for associate membership, the third section is for proxies, and the forth section is for reapplication.

The grammatical fixes were to make items grammatically correct and the addition of the word "registered" to qualified voter per Noel West's recommendation.

- Motion accept grammatical changes to bylaws.
  - 1st George Clark
  - 2nd Dave Staskelunas
  - All in favor/no opposed- 42

The associate membership would allow people to be a member without living in York County. The dues and length of time are to be set by Executive Committee. There would be no voting rights or attendance requirements.

- Motion accept associate membership bylaw as written.
  - 1st Krystyn Reid
  - 2nd Buck Tumminello



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Discussion was opened. Ann Grigorian had a question about if this is only for people outside of York. Gary advised it is for people outside of York. Lynda Fairman asked if it is intended for only people outside of York because the amendment did not state that. George Clark stated it should be open to people in York as well. George stated to leave as written. Greg Woznick asked what happens if someone joins who is not wanted. Danny Diggs advised it needs to add the word organization or business to open it up to people and businesses. George withdrew his motion. Lynda Fairman advised the bylaws cannot be amended after presented. We can vote as presented and then amend later. Danny Diggs clarified on Greg's question that the committee still has to vote to allow someone to join.

Vote by hand count as written: 24 in favor, 14 opposed  
Failed due to requirement of 2/3 needed to accept

The proposed change for the proxy is that you have to be a member to be a proxy to stop non-members from voting. The proxy must be a committee member, the proxy will be for attendance only, can use a proxy twice during the two year term. The proxy must also be from the member's voting district.

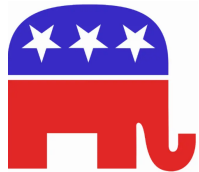
-Motion to accept proxy bylaw as written  
-1st Krystyn Reid  
-2nd Stephen Roane

Discussion was opened. Ann Gregorian wanted to clarify if the amendment is to remove a voting proxy altogether, Gary advised yes. Ann agrees with that however she is against proxies and thinks there may be a better solution and she will be voting against. Dave Staskelunas asked why we have proxies at all. Samantha Abbott felt we need proxies because events in life occur and prevent attendance. Lynda Fairman advised the party plan allows for proxies and since we are a unit of the party, we follow the party plan. Lynda did acknowledge that there is another side where some members only come in to vote when called upon. George Clark suggested asking RPV legal staff for an opinion on proxies.

Vote by hand count as written: 3 in favor, 39 opposed  
Failed due to requirement of 2/3 needed to accept

The reapplication amendment would require a member to reapply and be voted back in once three consecutive meetings are missed. You would be treated like a new member.

-Motion to accept reapplication bylaw as written  
-1st Dave Staskelunas  
-2nd Sandy Armstrong



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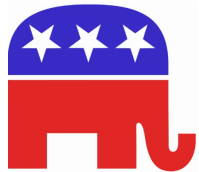
Discussion was opened. George Clark advised that if we proceed this could penalize people and he would vote against it. Stephen Roane asked if non-regular events count toward meeting attendance and was advised no. Jon Grigorian advised that he agrees with George. He also asked about the three meetings; it is tied to the party plan. The party plan requires a quarterly meeting and we have monthly meetings and could the three meetings be changed to four.

Vote by hand count as written: None in favor, All opposed  
Failed due to requirement of 2/3 needed to accept

The bylaws committee requested additional information and ideas be sent to the committee.

#### Guest Speaker:

Orlando Martinez the RPV- Director of Candidate Services has been in the position for two years. He has been to 71 committee meetings so far. The Commonwealth is in danger if the party loses in November. He is grateful to attend. He advised Mark Peake sends his best. In 2021, Southwest Virginia came out to vote and to win, it will take everyone coming out to vote again. The data shows Republicans are slipping and there are several places where Republicans are losing ground. It will take all voters coming out again in this off-year race. These voters came out in 2024 but not 2021 or 2023. Although the party has a moderate stance, Republicans are being painted as radical. Law enforcement lost the ability to pull over vehicles for the smell of marijuana and other violations. This was due to Republicans being in the minority. To make a difference in November it will take a lot of work. RPV will provide resources and candidates will need to raise money and run campaigns. Polls are not looking good right now. Several items such as abortion, 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment issues, law enforcement, and other basic things are at risk. RPV has a website to help campaigns, the GOP data center. It helps to find voters and determine which people to contact. We need to canvass by knocking doors. This is the best method to contact voters. The chair can access data and authorize access to the data. The data will help the committee contact voters who really need to vote this year. Data can be collected from going door to door and entered back into the system for future elections. Orlando can be reached at 832-670-9303 or [orlando@virginia.gop](mailto:orlando@virginia.gop). He advised the data is also open to the women's groups as well. Every Wednesday he does data training on a zoom with a new link weekly. Orlando advised he is a resource for the party. He is happy to help. There is an upcoming event. Kitty will provide details and he asked we be sure to register.



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Kitty advised that the candidate training on Saturday June 28 (11-3) at the Virginia Beach Republican's HQ. Kitty is going to learn how to help candidates.

Lynda Fairman advised that per the party plan, there is a three-meeting requirement.

#### Subcommittee Updates:

Awards- Candice Kelley  
Deferred.

Election Integrity- Terri Fowler

There is a movement across the county to allow non-citizens to vote. The right to vote to allow only citizen's to vote is being pursued. Terri is on a committee working on this.

Community Outreach- Buck Tumminello

The letters were sent out around May 15. So far, he has only heard from one pastor, his own.

#### Presentation of Prospective Members:

None.

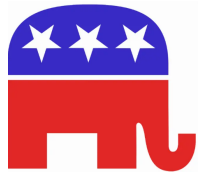
#### Visitors:

None.

#### Announcements:

Through negotiations, the cost of the top three candidate signs is now \$25 each. The committee will be buying twelve signs. Danny Diggs has offered to allow use of the stakes he has on hand to defer the cost of buying stakes. The signs have to be ordered by June 21. They hope to have 200-250 signs for the 1<sup>st</sup> District. The signs will be placed on Route 17 and in Williamsburg.

There is no meeting in July, the committee will be at the parade. Help is needed to assemble fans for the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. Packets handed out in groups of 50. Assembled fans can be dropped at HQ office. The float will be assembled on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.



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There is a Juneteenth event on June 14 at the Mac Reynolds center from 5:30 to 7:00. There will be a band coming in at 7:00. Need volunteers to go, set up a table, and set up activities. There is a carnival wheel to take and will get trinkets to hand out.

- Motion to spend up to \$150 on trinkets.
- 1st George Clark
- 2nd Lynda Fairman
- All in favor/no opposed

The First District gala has been moved to Thursday, September 18.

#### Elected Officials:

Lynda Fairman advised if anyone has any comments on changing the name of Magruder Elementary. If you have comments, you need to get to the school board members. Kim Goodwin advised that there will be a survey and that is where you need to provide feedback so it can be counted. Kim advised they will let you know when the survey is out. It will be out in the next few weeks.

Trevor advised that knocking on doors helps with voters. There are some Saturdays coming up to knock. Chad is also doing meet and greets. Chad has been leading the state with doors knocked. Chad has more postcard packs to hand out- the postcards are going to low propensity voters.

Funds were collected to help purchase trinkets at the end of the meeting. \$163.00 was raised.

The next Republican Women's meeting is coming up on June 9 and Tammy Gweedo will be speaking.

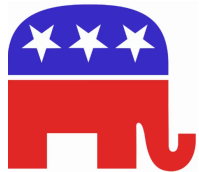
#### Upcoming events:

School Board meeting Monday, June 2 at York Hall 4:30 pm work session, 5:30 pm special session

Board of Supervisor meeting June 16 at York Hall 6:00 pm

#### Adjournment:

- Motion to Adjourn:
- 1st Krysten Reid
- 2nd Kim Goodwin
- All in favor/no opposed



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**Meeting Adjourned @ 8:32 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Candice Kelley  
YCRC Secretary