

**MINUTES OF THE
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
OF THE
TARRANT COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

May 15, 2010

**Calvary Cathedral International Church
1701 Oakhurst Scenic Drive
Fort Worth, Texas 76111**

Tarrant County Republican Party Chairman, Stephanie Klick, called the Organizational Meeting of the Tarrant County Republican Executive Committee to Order at 9:30 A.M.

1st Order of Business: Welcome, Invocation & Pledge:

Stephanie Klick welcomed Executive Committee Members and guests to the Meeting. Chaplain David Whittington provided the Invocation and Chairman Klick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2nd Order of Business: Introduction of Elected Officials and Candidates

Elected Officials and November 2010 Candidates were provided the opportunity to introduce themselves including the judicial candidates for the 342nd and the 432nd Courts. 9 Elected Officials and 12 Candidates were registered and present at the meeting.

Steve Munisteri, Candidate for State Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas, was introduced and he briefly explained his background and reasons for running for State Chairman.

A total of 180 Precinct Chairmen were in attendance: 160 Ratified and 20 Non-Ratified. 21 Visitors were also registered and present. A quorum necessary to ratify the Non-Ratified Precinct Chairmen (152 being the number to meet) was present at the opening of the session.

3rd Order of Business: Swearing in of the Ratified Precinct Chairmen.

Chairman Klick asked all of the Ratified Precinct Chairmen present to rise and be sworn in.

4th Order of Business: Treasurer's Report

Paula Mackey, TCGOP Treasurer provided a brief overview of her duties as Treasurer and then disclosed the following bank account balances as of May 13, 2010:

Federal Acct:	\$24,684.74
State Acct:	4,518.19
Operating Acct:	<u>20,789.89</u>
Total	\$49,992.82

The entire Treasurer's Report has been attached hereto and incorporated herein and may be reviewed upon request.

The Treasurer followed up her Report with an overview of the monthly overhead expenses at the Tarrant County Republican Party Headquarters, indicating that operating costs ran over \$6,000 per month. A breakdown of these average monthly expenses is attached hereto and incorporated herein and may be reviewed upon request.

Chairman Klick indicated that the TCGOP does not receive money to operate its offices from the Republican Party of Texas or The Republican National Committee. She also noted that Headquarters needs a new phone system and asked anyone with ideas or suggestions for procurement of such to contact her after the meeting.

5th Order of Business – Election of the Secretary

Nominations for the position of Secretary were opened to the floor. Bret Coody 1603 nominated Patti Schade 3035. Bill Eastland 2168 nominated Robert Beuker (former Precinct Chair).

Point of Information - A request was made for the Nominees to introduce themselves.

Patti Schade and Robert Beuker made brief introductions. A standing vote was conducted. The results were Patti Schade 86; Robert Beuker 55. Patti Schade continued in her role as Secretary and resumed taking minutes.

6th Order of Business – Adoption of Proposed Bylaws

Chairman Klick asked for a motion to adopt the proposed Tarrant County Republican Party Bylaws, as drafted and duly noticed and provided to all Ratified Precinct Chairman prior to the Organizational Meeting.

Motion made to adopt the proposed Bylaws made by Holcomb 3517.

Point of Inquiry - Sutton 4410- Why wasn't the Order of Business following the order provided on the published Meeting Agenda?

Chairman Klick responded that it was determined that it was more important to adopt the proposed Bylaws first, and then ratify the non-ratified Precinct Chairmen. The Order of Business does not have to follow the exact order stated on the Meeting Agenda.

Point of Information – Eastland 2168 – State law authorizes the Executive Committee to appoint Precinct Chairmen to Precinct Vacancies. Stated that a quorum was present to ratify non-ratified Precinct Chairmen and that it would be far more prudent to conduct that business prior to adopting the proposed Bylaws. Motion made to Appeal the Chairman's decision to adopt Bylaws before the ratification of the Non-ratified Precinct Chairmen.

2nd offered to Holcomb motion to adopt proposed Bylaws.

Chairman Klick ruled that the appeal raised by Eastland 2168 would have to take precedence. Klick then restated the Eastland 2168 motion as “Motion to Sustain the Chairman's decision to continue with the Order of Business as presented”.

Point of Information – Skip Reynolds - There has been no 2nd on Eastland's Motion.

2nd offered by Durwood Foote 3032

Standing Vote taken: For: 60 Against: 78. Motion to Appeal the Chairman's Decision was approved and the Order of Business was changed from Adopting the Bylaws to Ratification of Non-ratified Precinct Chairmen.

6th Order of Business – As revised by the Executive Committee – Ratification of Non-ratified Precinct Chairmen.

Chairman Klick conducted a roll call of the 34 Non-ratified Precinct Chairmen. Roll completed.

Point of Information – Nomination of Giovanni Capriglioni to Precinct 3545 by Lanza 3510.

Chairman Klick indicated that Precinct 3545 would be contested as it already had a Precinct Chair.

Point of Inquiry – Blosser 2052. Requested a ruling as to whether or not further nominations for contested and non-contested seats should be entertained from the floor.

Chairman Klick explained the process the County Chair ordinarily employs for filling Precinct Chair vacancies. Further explanations were given as to what was involved in the vetting process which included ascertaining whether or not the individual met the qualifications necessary to serve (e.g. registered to vote, party affiliation, etc.)

Point of Inquiry – Blosser 2052 – Restatement of request for the above ruling.

Chairman Klick consulted with the Parliamentarians. Klick explained that part of the problem with coming up with a Ruling is that the Executive Committee was not operating under any Bylaws because we had yet to adopt the proposed Bylaws. As such, the body should then defer to state law as to how to move forward and address Blosser 2052's Point of Inquiry. Chairman Klick then invited Chuck Lutz, Parliamentarian to explain the Chair's Ruling.

Chuck Lutz – State of Texas Election Code Section 171.024 provides that appointments for vacancies may be made by the duly elected Executive Committee. The Chair's Ruling was to go forward with nominations and elections for Precinct Chair vacancies.

Motion – Brotherton 4532 - Move to Ratify the current slate of nominees already vetted by the Chairman separate from those being nominated from the floor. 2nd by James 2281.

Point of Order – Howe – 4250 – Counters Brotherton's Motion by stating a motion to adopt the current slate of nominees already vetted by the Chairman is not in order. The EC is allowed to recommend further nominations.

Parliamentarian Lutz – We will adopt a 2 step ratification process. Vote on non-contested races first and then address the contested races.

Point of Information – 4155 – Ken Novarsky wanted to know why his name wasn't on the non ratified list.

Chairman Klick – We did not receive any information for you prior to this meeting. You will need to be nominated from the floor.

Point of Information – Kennedy 1105 – Nominate William Howard to 3549.

Chairman Klick – We have a motion on the floor to ratify the non-contested races. We are not entertaining nominations for contested races.

Point of Inquiry – Helt 4096 – How do we know what the contested Precincts are.

Chairman Klick – We will determine which nominees are being nominated for contested races.

Point Of Information – Kennedy 1105- Nomination of William Howard is to a vacant precinct.

Point of Inquiry – Braziel 2318. Aren't contested races decided in the Primary? Why don't we trust the County Chair's decision on appointments? We are not getting anything done if we are contesting post Primary appointments.

Point of Information – Lanza 3510 – Nominates Giovanni Capriglioni to 3545 (contested).

Point of Information – Helt 4096- Nominate Ken Nevorask to 4155 (vacant).

Point of Information – Kratzer 2635 – Nominate Joseph Joffrion to 2644.

Point of Inquiry – Braziel 2318 – How are we supposed to vet these nominations? If we vote these people in today, how can we verify they are suitable for the positions? Why are the Chair's appointments vetted and yet the nominations from the floor are not.

Chairman Klick noted his concern and advised him that his concerns could be reflected in his vote.

Point of Inquiry – Howe 4250 – Can all guests be identified for purposes of offering them an opportunity to fill vacancies? Makes a Motion to Nominate all guests present to be nominees for vacant precincts.

Chairman Klick – We don't typically invite guests to fill precinct vacancies.

Point of Information – Beaty 1480 – Nominate Susan Blume to 4125.

Move to Call Question – Whittington 3422. 2nd by 2506.

Chairman Klick explained that the list of nominees had to be compared and verified to the proposed current slate to determine if the nominations offered from the floor would result in a contest. After the verification was completed, all nominations from the floor were then read into the record and added to the slate.

Point of Information – Brotherton 4532 – Clarified her earlier motion that the Committee first vote on the 34 nominees who the Chairman had already vetted.

Point of Order – Peggy Thomas 1273 – Quorum Call

Chairman Klick called for all Ratified Precinct Chairmen to stand up to be counted in order to determine if enough Precinct Chairmen were present to constitute a Quorum. The count was conducted and the results were: 148 Ratified Precinct Chairmen present. A Quorum had been lost. The number to constitute a Quorum necessary to continue with the ratification process was 152.

Point of Inquiry – Helt 4096 – Are we to conduct business based on the Quorum established at registration or do we operate on a second by second attendance. Suggests that someone “must **have** known” that a quorum had been lost. We either operate second by second or we operate by the quorum established at the beginning of the meeting.

Chairman Klick – There must be Quorum present to ratify. The Quorum had been lost.

Motion for Roll Call – Lanza 3510.

Chairman Klick consented to a verbal roll call. Secretary Patti Schade conducted a Roll Call of all Ratified Precinct Chairmen. Results: 147 Ratified Precinct Chairmen. A Quorum for ratifying Precinct Chairman was not present, although a sufficient number of members were present to conduct other business, including considering the proposed Bylaws.

Points of Inquiry – Legvold and Brandenburg - Will the list of those present for the roll call be made available for review in order to identify who left.

Chairman Klick indicated it would be made part of the record and available at the TCGOP HQ.

Chairman Klick explained that the next task was to consider adoption of the proposed Bylaws and asked for a motion to do so. Motion made by Holcomb 3517 to accept the proposed Bylaws; 2nd by Trowbridge 1255. A standing vote was taken. Motion passed.

Point of Inquiry – Did we just adopt the Bylaws?

Chairman Klick affirmed that the body had moved to consider adoption of the proposed Bylaws, but that part of the process of adoption included opening debate on amendments to the proposed Bylaws before they were fully adopted. After discussion with the parliamentarians, Chairman Klick clarified that in fact the bylaws had not been adopted, and noted that doing so would preclude the further consideration of amendments, which clearly would be contrary to the will of the body.

Chairman Klick then opened to the floor to Motions to Amend the proposed Bylaws.

Point of Inquiry – Howe 4250 – Motion to create 5 “perfecting” committees tasked with reviewing and advising the Executive Committee on the final language of amendments to the proposed Bylaws.

Chairman Klick indicated that the Executive Committee was presently considering Motions to Amend the proposed Bylaws.

Howe then made a motion to reconsider that vote.

Chairman Klick indicated that no motion had been voted on . Howe’s motion did not conform to the nature of the motions being considered and as such his Point of Inquiry/Motion was Out of Order.

Motion to Appeal Chairman’s decision that Howe was Out of Order – Howe 4250

Chairman restated the Howe’s Motion as “Motion to Sustain Chairman’s Decision” and asked for everyone in favor of sustaining the chair stand. Howe’s motion failed.

Consideration of Motions to Amend the proposed Bylaws continued.

Motion to Amend - Bill Eastland – Article IV Section 2, last Paragraph, should cite “Article III” and not “Article II”. 2nd by Hardin 1388.

Motion passed. No opposition.

Motion to Amend – Bill Eastland – Article XI, Advisory Committee, Paragraph 1 should read “Committee” and not “Council”. 2nd by Quinones 4218.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Amend – Bill Eastland – Article XI – Should read “Area Leader” and not “Area Chair”. 2nd by Holleman 3527.

Motion passed. 2 opposed.

Motion to Amend – Helt 4096 – Article VI, Section 2. Add a sentence between 1st and 2nd sentences: “No appointive officer may have voted in another Party’s Primary Election or Convention for the current election cycle”. 2nd by Taylor .

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Amend – Helt 4096 – Article IX – Add new Paragraph 9 – “No Standing Committee member may have voted in another Party’s Primary Election or Convention for the current election cycle.” 2nd by Tice 2112.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Amend – Eastland 2168– Article IV, Section 3. Add sentence “In the absence of both the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary, the County Chairman shall perform the duties of the Secretary.”

Motion withdrawn for lack of a 2nd.

Motion offered to add language requiring the Secretary to draft minutes and electronically convey them within 15 days of the Executive Committee Meeting. Amendment language was not drafted at the time of the motion. Motion temporarily withdrawn for later submission.

Motion to End Debate and Move the Previous Question – Sutton 4410. 2nd by Walker 4340.

Point of Information – Stevens 4499. Please restate the question/motion.

Chairman Klick stated the Motion was to end the process of considering any further Motions to Amend and then vote on the entire set of proposed Bylaws, as Amended.

Point of Information – Eastland – 2168- Moving the Previous Question is out of order believing that since we already voted on adopting the proposed Bylaws and were now considering amendments the proper thing to do is Move to End Debate and not Move the Previous Question.

Parliamentarian Chuck Lutz explained we were debating the bylaws, which permits the offering of amendments, and that moving the previous question would end debate and force a vote on the proposed bylaws, as amended.

Point of Order – Lanza 3510 – Wants to know the details regarding the contract for the Church because she is disappointed that we were running out of time. Offered to move the meeting to her office in Southlake. Chairman Klick determined Lanza’s Point of Order was out of order for failing to state her reason for making a Point of Order.

Point of Information – Eastland 2168 – Request the Secretary read the minutes from the beginning of the voting on the adoption of the “proposed” Bylaws to the present moment. Believes Calling of the Question is out of order. We don’t have a motion on the floor to adopt the amended Bylaws.

Point of Information – Sinclair 4077- Believes confusion on the issue rests on an understanding that the Chairman stated we had just adopted the Bylaws.

Secretary Schade read the minutes from the point of adopting the proposed Bylaws through the debate on Motions to Amend the proposed Bylaws.

Chairman Klick called for a standing vote for Ending Debate on the Amending of the proposed Bylaws. 2/3rds passage necessary. Motion failed. Vote tally: 56 For 71 Against.

Debate continued.

Motion to Amend – Kennedy 1105- 2nd by Jackson 3260. Article IV, Paragraph 1, Section 3. Add sentence: “The Secretary shall prepare meeting minutes to include all votes and electronically distribute them to the Precinct Chairmen within 20 days of that meeting.”

Motion passed.

Motion to Amend – McCaffity 3368 – Article V, Section 2. District County Meetings may run concurrent with Executive Committee Meetings.

Chairman Klick stated that the Texas Secretary of State advised that the District County Meeting may not run concurrent with the Executive Committee Meeting, nor can the meetings be conducted on the same day.

Point of Inquiry – Howe 4250- Why can’t the District Meeting be conducted on the same day as the Executive Committee meeting?

Point of Inquiry – McCaffity 3368 - Requested Election Code citation.

Chairman Klick consulted with Bill Collins, TCGOP General Counsel. Mr. Collins indicated that TCGOP has consulted with the Secretary of State and was advised by same that State law prohibits concurrent meetings.

Motion to Amend – PC #3072 – Motion to change the percentage needed to constitute a Quorum.

Chairman Klick – Can’t change the percentage/threshold. Mandated by Election Code.

Motion withdrawn.

Motion to Amend – Helt 4096 – The amendment called for divesting the County Chair of the authority to appoint Area Leaders and transferring the authority to the Precinct Chairmen in each State Representative District.

NOTE: This particular amendment language was never submitted to the Secretary and has not been included in these minutes. A summary of the language has been reflected in the first sentence of this paragraph.

Several Precinct Chairmen spoke in favor of the amendment. Several in opposition.

Point of Information – Atwell 4528 – Please describe the duties and purpose of the Area Leaders.

Chairman Klick provided an overview of the Area Leader duties and purposes which includes, among other duties, identifying and recruiting new Precinct Chairmen as well as mentoring and training of existing Precinct Chairmen.

Several more Precinct Chairmen spoke in favor and opposition of the amendment.

Legal Counsel Bill Collins indicated that the language of the amendment would be projected on the screens for everyone to review.

Motion to Call the Question by Brotherton 4532. 2nd by Walker 4340.

Legal Counsel Bill Collins announced that the language was available for review and then asked Helt 4096 whether the language on the overhead required any corrections. Helt indicated that the language was correct and properly represented. Collins indicated the body could go forward with deliberations.

Point of Order by Lanza 3510. Brotherton 4532 cut in line. Lanza wants to appeal the Motion to Call the Question.

Point of Order – Blosser 2052 – Someone cannot be recognized to Call the Question when other people are legitimately seeking the floor.

Chairman Klick – No line for the microphone was evident. Lanza 3510 and others were caucusing in the aisle, which doesn't constitute nor represent a formal speaker line.

Point of Correction - 1474 – Amendment language should be changed from “Chairman” to “Chairmen”.

Motion to Appeal Chairman's Prior Decision regarding Brotherton 4532 Motion to Move the Question on Helt 4096 Amendment – by Lanza 3510; 2nd by Sinclair 4077.

Klick - We have to go to the vote now. Asked Parliamentarian Holcomb to explain what has happened what the next procedure would be.

Parliamentarian Holcomb – The Motion has been properly made and a 2nd received. No further debate or amendments allowed. 2/3rds vote needed.

Point of Information -Sinclair 4077 - Brotherton jumped in line.

Point of Information – Lanza 3510 – Claims Brotherton did not ask to go ahead of her as was the demonstrated practice of other members.

Chairman Klick – The Chair cannot determine who is in line and who is merely caucusing in the aisles. The task at hand was to vote on ending debate on the Helt Amendment. A standing vote taken on the Motion to End Debate on the Helt Amendment and a there was sufficient majority standing who voted to end debate. Motion to End Debate on the Helt Amendment passed.

Chairman Klick – Vote on the Helt 4096 Motion to Amend. (the language to the amendment was presented on the screens above the stage via the overhead projector). Standing vote taken. Motion to Amend failed. For 54 and Against 58

Motion for a Roll Call – Sinclair 4077 – Numbers don't match. Waiting for the Chair to ask if there was a 2nd to his Motion. No 2nd was offered.

Chairman Klick responded that Sinclair 4077 was Out of Order.

Sinclair 4077 argued with Chairman Klick and asserted that he was not Out of Order and that he had a right to make a motion. He later left the meeting after claiming the Chairman abused his right to make a motion in compliance with Robert's Rules.

Point of Inquiry – Blosser 2052– How was Sinclair's 4077 Motion for Roll Call "out of order". Was his motion out of order or was it his behavior afterwards?

Chairman Klick replied that Sinclair's Motion and his ensuing dialogue with the Chairman was dilatory and he was Out of Order.

Chairman Klick called for any further Motions to Amend the Bylaws

Motion to Move the Previous Question on the Bylaws – Holcomb 3517. Chairman Klick asked for a 2nd.

Point of Information – Blosser 2052 - Holcomb 3517 has no voice as Parliamentarian and cannot make motions.

Motion withdrawn by Holcomb.

Motion to Move the Previous Question – Molina 3486; 2nd by Stevens 4499.

Chairman Klick restated the Motion was on ending debate on the amendments to the proposed Bylaws and called for a standing vote. Sufficient Majority For. Motion passed.

Debate officially ended on the amendments to the Bylaws.

Chairman Klick then called for a vote on the final passage and adoption of the proposed Bylaws, as amended.

Standing Vote taken. Sufficient Majority For. Proposed Bylaws as Amended were adopted.

7th Order of Business – Appointment of Officers

Chairman Klick proposed the following slate of Officers to serve for the next Biennium:

Vice Chairman – Paul Stockard
Treasurer – Paula Mackey
Legal Counsel – Bill Collins
Parliamentarians – Chuck Lutz and John Holcomb
Chaplain – David Whittington
Sergeant at Arms – open

Motion to approve 2010-2012 Slate of Officers – Korman 2314; 2nd by Rickett 1311.
Standing Vote. Sufficient Majority For. Motion passed.

8th Order of Business – Appointment of TCGOP Area Leaders

Chairman Klick proposed the following slate of Area Leaders to serve for the next Biennium:

HD 90 – David Helt
HD 91 – Mona Bailey
HD 92 – Darl Easton
HD 93 – Dawn Horton
HD 94 – Marjorie Moffet
HD 95 – Monty Mitchell
HD 96 – Ruth Kratzer
HD 97 – Don Shipe
HD 98 – Natalie Genco
HD 99 – Kurt Peterson

Motion to approve 2010-2012 slate of Area Leaders – Molina 3486; 2nd by Rafferty 4203. Standing vote taken; Sufficient Majority For. Motion passed.

9th Order of Business – Approval of slate of Standing Committee Chairmen

Chairman Klick proposed the following slate of Standing Committee Chairmen to serve for the next biennium:

Judicial Screening – Nick Acuff
Education & Training – Don Shipe
Campaigns – Patti Schade
Voter Service – Paul Stockard
Bylaws – Tom Quinones
Finance – Paula Day

Motion to approve the 2010-2012 slate of Standing Committee Chairmen – Sutton 4410 - 2nd by 3335. Standing vote taken. Sufficient Majority For. Motion passed.

10th Order of Business – Election of the Assistant Secretary

Chairman Klick called for nominations from the floor for the position of Assistant Secretary.

Nomination for Robert Beuker by Eastland 2168

Nomination for Danna Trowbridge 1255 by Schade 3035.

Chairman Klick called for a standing vote. The count was taken: 62 Trowbridge; 58 Beuker.

Point of Order – Blosser 2052 – Both of our Parliamentarians are voting. Are Parliamentarians allowed to vote and were they counted?

Chairman Klick – Ruled that subtracting the 2 Parliamentarians still left Trowbridge with a sufficient amount to win. Parliamentarians were not counted.

Motion for Roll Call and/or Division of the House– Lanza 3510. Believes the standing vote count was faulty as she counted differently.

Parliamentarian Lutz indicated that a Roll Call vote required a request from 20% of the minority present. Chairman Klick suggested and then implemented a vote by ballot. Precinct Chairmen were instructed to use their nametags as their ballot and to place their nametags in the collection baskets placed on the floor in front of each nominee. The vote was conducted and the ballots were counted.

Results: Trowbridge 59; Bueker 52.

Chairman Klick confirmed Danna Trowbridge 1255 as the newly elected Assistant Secretary.

11th Order of Business – Resolutions

The following Resolution was proposed by Atwell 4528 on behalf of Hollern 4342; 2nd by Eastland 2168.

“We, therefore resolve to condemn Speaker Strauss’ support of Democrats, call upon him to cease his support of Democrats, and urge him to assist the Republican Party of Texas in increasing the Republican majority in the Texas State Legislature.”

A standing vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously. A copy of the text of the entire Resolution is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

The following Resolution was proposed by Eastland 2168 on behalf of Hollern 4342; 2nd by Hardin 1388.

“We, therefore resolve to respectfully disagree with Governor Perry’s position and urge him to reconsider his ill-advised stand on immigration laws;

And, we further resolve to urge the Texas Legislature in the upcoming 2011 session to adopt laws that would protect the citizens of Texas and our national sovereignty.”

A standing vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously. A copy of the text of the entire Resolution is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

The following Resolution was proposed by Murray 1277; 2nd by Atwell 4528.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tarrant County Republican Party (TCGOP) does not concur with the decision of the Republican Party of Texas that the organization known as “We Texans” be denied a booth at the upcoming state convention, and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the TCGOP asks that the Republican Party of Texas revisit and reverse its decision post haste; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be delivered to the Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas and each member of the State Republican Executive Committee.

A standing vote was taken. Motion passed. 63 For and 27 Against. A copy of the text of the entire Resolution is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Motion to Adjourn – Eastland 2168. 2nd received.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:45 p.m.

Submitted by Patti Schade, Secretary.