

MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 2ND 2021, HILTON HOTEL, GREENVILLE, SC



MINUTES of the GREENVILLE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Hilton Hotel, Greenville, SC
Monday, August 2, 2021

Call to Order: GCGOP Chairman Jeff Davis called the meeting to order at 7:14pm

Invocation: Jill Hood, Darby Ridge

Pledge of Allegiance: Tim Macauley, Greenville 01, EC

Republican Creed: Dakota Fitzgerald, Castle Rock

Welcome Elected Officials, Club Officials, and Other Guests: Jeff Davis

Meeting Calendar: Jeff Davis Regular business meetings are scheduled for 9/13, 10/4, and 11/01 at the Hilton. Members may arrive as early as 6PM to participate in Action Hours. December Christmas party date and place TBD. Other events being planned include Freedom Coffee Meetings and Pints for Liberty Happy Hours. Weekly training sessions will also be scheduled in the near future. Once Legislators are back in session, monthly visits to Columbia will be planned to observe and engage with elected officials.

Credentialing Report: Joe McLaughlin 107 precincts reporting; quorum is 94

Treasurer's Report: Jeff Magg Balance in the bank is approximately \$12,772. No longer paying rent at old HQ. Cost for Hilton rental range between \$400 and \$600 a meeting.

State EC Report: Pressley Stutts Pressley is currently hospitalized from complications due to COVID. He has been placed in ICU, prayers requested. There have been no other State EC meetings as they meet quarterly.

Chairman's Report: Jeff Davis

- Goal of stability and unity is #1 focused goal
- Organize! Massive amount of people willing to work, and massive amount of work to be done!
- EC Policy Directives: a survey was given out for future directives, however four areas of focus were presented for a vote – Support for SC Audit; Preventing Mask and Vaccine Mandates; Closed Primaries; School Choice/Fight against CRT. Motion to accept these initial four areas of focus by Marcus Griffiths, Fork Shoals EC, seconded, passed unanimously by acclamation
- GCGOP Headquarters: everything was moved out Saturday, July 31st. Motion for Special Committee to be formed to research and evaluate potential spaces and report to Executive Committee for action was made by Ron Tamaccio, Furman, seconded, approved by acclamation.

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- Guest Joe Farmer, Republican candidate for Greenville City Council requested help from GCGOP in order to successfully campaign
- Re-write of GCGOP rules by 2023 in order to clarify, amend, and create more transparency in the business of the Party. Motion to amend Rule 4.7 – strike “voting in 2 of 3 Republican primaries required” and substitute “A person must demonstrate a track record of Republican involvement during the most recent four (4) years.” Motion made by Tina Bollinger, and seconded. Discussion ensued, during which Robert Bugos, Del Norte, moved to Table the Motion, seconded. The Motion to Table passed by a vote of 64 Ayes, 43 Nays.
- Legal Liability Protection Project will be researched by Chairman Jeff Davis to offer the GCGOP legal liability; this does not require any IRS filings
- Status with SCGOP: Received email today from Party HQ with list of all delegate information
- Officer and Committee Job Descriptions: reviewed the job descriptions of the Officers and the various Committees
- Officer Elections: vacancies will be filled at the next business meeting, September 13th. The vacancies include 2nd chair, 3rd chair, 5th chair, Secretary and various committee positions will also be filled. Additionally, assistants to Secretary and the Treasurer will be required. Motion to make Events and Communications Committees new standing committees made by Ron Tamaccio, Furman, seconded, approved by acclamation.

Old Business: Motion to make a Special Committee to support Joe Farmer in his bid for Greenville City Council in the November 2021 election made by Debbie Garzone, seconded, approved by acclamation

New Business: 1) Roan Garcia-Quintana, Mauldin 1, made a Motion to either return the \$7200 paid on behalf of contested delegates, or pass the delegates as credentialed. Seconded, discussion ensued. Motion to table was made by Bethany Bradshaw, Ebenezer, seconded. Motion to Table passed by acclamation. 2) James Spurck, proxy for Altamont Forest made a motion to remove Alex Castellanos as a delegate, and as Vice President of Ware Place Precinct, for his inflammatory statements made in letter dated July 21, 2021. Motion will be reviewed by the Rules Committee and Ware Precinct to determine what action can be taken. 3) Brett Boccatto, Dove Tree, made a motion to keep Rule 4.7 as written, however adding additional language that if disqualified for 2 of 3 rule, an appeal to the Credentialing Committee, and EC body can be made. Seconded, discussion ensued. Motion passed Ayes 59, Nays 19 with 95 EC/Presidents/Proxies in attendance.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20PM

Attachments: Agenda, Treasurer’s Report, Motion to Remove Alex Castellanos, Resolution/Motion to Return Funds to the SCGOP, Motion to Amend 2 out of 3 (Rule 4.7), Survey

Motion to Amend 2 out of 3

Mr. Chairman, I move that the Executive Committee of The Greenville County Republican Party amend the eligibility requirements for office in The County Party Rules as follows:

Amend Rule 4-7 to read:

7. A person must demonstrate a track record of Republican involvement during the most recent four (4) years

~~Having voted in two (2) of the last three (3) even-year Republican primaries in his or her county of residence.~~

to be eligible for election or appointment to a Greenville County Party office or to be a member of the Greenville County Executive Committee. Younger Republicans who may not have been of legal age for two even-year primary elections must be confirmed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee at the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee. The election of any County Party Officer or member of the Executive Committee which does not meet this requirement will be immediately void.

Candidates for a County Party office or for Executive Committeeman must sign a statement affirming compliance with these requirements when or prior to being nominated.

Amendment:

The member may appeal their ineligibility to the Executive Committee.

RESOLUTION TO RETURN FUNDS TO THE SCGOP

WHEREAS THERE ARE NO RULES PROHIBITING THE PAYMENT OF THE GREENVILLE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION FEES OF A DELEGATE TO THE COUNTY CONVENTION BY ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL

AND WHEREAS SUCH FEES, ONCE PAID, ALLOW THE PERSON TO BECOME A DELEGATE TO THE COUNTY CONVENTION OR ANY SUBSEQUENT CONVENTION

AND WHEREAS 360 POTENTIAL DELEGATES WERE FRAUDULANTLY DENIED CREDENTIAL

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE GREENVILLE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY WILL IMMEDIATELY RETURN THE \$7,200.00 THAT COVERED THE EXPENSES OF THE 360 DELEGATES THAT THE GCGOP DENIED CREDENTIAL.

HOWEVER IF THE DECISION TO NOT CREDENTIAL THE 360 INDIVIDUALS IS REVERSED THEN THE GCGOP CAN KEEP THE \$7,200.00 THAT WAS PAID TO COVER THEIR EXPENSES.AND THE INDIVIDUALS WILL BE CREDENTIALAED.

Greenville County Republican Party Motion to Remove Alex Castellanos

Due to the goals of the current chairman of the Greenville County Republican Party regarding changing the City of Greenville from blue to red, and

Due to the campaign narrative that will be ^{possibly} created by opponents from what I am about to address, which will create undue pressure on any Republican candidate who runs for any office in our county, let alone candidates running in the city elections in response to the chairman's said goals, and

Due to the fight against Critical Race Theory by the Republican Party and Republican elected officials on city, county, state, and national levels, and

Due to the current climate of riots, vandalism, and outright destruction of property in other cities that could be triggered in Greenville.

Therefore, in response to a letter attachment that was sent on July 21st by Ware Place President and County Delegate Alex Castellanos in which the title and greeting was plainly addressed to county delegates, and, assumingly, sent to all delegates of the Greenville County Republican Party and signed in his official representation of this executive body, and

Having read in this letter the following excerpt:

What follows from them is "The Constitution", the Ethical and Moral Values, the acknowledgment of the existence of human kind, Religious beliefs, and as far as I am concerned the good kind hearted people that the white race represents. Like all races, there is bad and goods and none is free of sin. But at the end, you are the only ones that supersede front and center and are an example of the real meaning of humanity overall because at the end, I am living in the greatest country of the world created none other than by the White Race and that any other race in the world wishes to be period.

Meaningful Contribution of the White Race to the World;

- 1. A free country with rights to all humans hence "The Constitution".*
- 2. Modern technology (Transportation, Structural, Health, Industry, etc) so that humans can benefits from it.*
- 3. Helping others in the world financially, medically, etc.*
- 4. Exploration of space.*
- 5. Many others.*

Contribution of any other Race to the World:....."NOTHING"

Therefore, I, James Spurck, County Delegate, President of Altamont Forest and a voting member of this executive body by proxy, make a motion that the Greenville County Republican Executive Committee immediately remove Alex Castellanos as a delegate representative of this executive body and as Vice President of Ware Place Precinct in District 26 as a necessary disciplinary response to the racist comments made in this letter written by said person and sent to the delegates of the Greenville County Republican Party, in which he signed as an official member of the Greenville County Republican Party.

Tonight we'll vote on 4 topics as our primary focus for Greenville County GOP in 2021-23:

Support for a SC Audit; Preventing Mask and Vaccine Mandates; Closed Primaries; School Choice

Please share your vision of other priorities for Greenville County GOP, and where your interests lie. This helps us shape our plans, and how/when to plug you in to people, events, projects or committees, if you want to get more involved. Circle your level of concern.

Elected officials accountability	Top Priority	Important	Not so much	Not at all	Want to help? _____
Turn Greenville RED again	Top Priority	Important	Not so much	Not at all	Want to help? _____
Local school issues / school board	Top Priority	Important	Not so much	Not at all	Want to help? _____
Prevent trans athletes in girl's sports	Top Priority	Important	Not so much	Not at all	Want to help? _____
Recruiting more GOP members	Top Priority	Important	Not so much	Not at all	Want to help? _____
Recruiting GOP candidates	Top Priority	Important	Not so much	Not at all	Want to help? _____
Educating about GOP platform	Top Priority	Important	Not so much	Not at all	Want to help? _____
Supporting conservative businesses	Top Priority	Important	Not so much	Not at all	Want to help? _____
2 nd Amendment protections	Top Priority	Important	Not so much	Not at all	Want to help? _____
Taxes – local or state (circle which)	Top Priority	Important	Not so much	Not at all	Want to help? _____
GCGOP events, issues, opportunities	Top Priority	Important	Not so much	Not at all	Want to help? _____

Other _____

Top Priority Important Not so much Not at all Want to help? _____

Name _____ My Precinct _____

CIRCLE PREFERENCE: **text** **email** **phone**

Best contact info for preference: _____ Best time _____