



## Republican Party of Bexar County

10300 Heritage Boulevard, Suite 240, SATX 78216

Meeting Location: San Antonio Firefighters Banquet Hall

8925 W Interstate 10 San Antonio TX 78230

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### Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

24 January 2023

**CALL TO ORDER:** The 6<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting of the 2022-2024 biennium was called to order by the Chairman at 6:08 pm.

**INVOCATION:** The Chairman called upon the Chaplin, A.D. Smoot, to open the meeting with a prayer.

**PLEDGES:** The Chairman asked Melynda Gulley Bracken to lead the body in the Pledges to the United States of America and to the State of Texas.

**QUORUM CALL:** The Chairman asked the Secretary to establish and verify that a quorum was present. The Secretary reported at the time there were **82** members signed in and the number needed to conduct the meeting was **37** members under the new rules. The quorum is based on Article III, Section 10, Paragraphs A thru C. This number may be revised based on additional data (sign ins through the meeting). The Secretary declared that a quorum was present. **The Secretary is calling for this section of the Bylaws to be replaced and the 25% quorum rule be implemented.**

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:** The Chairman asked for a motion to accept the agenda as presented in the call. Mr. Hamilton (3102) moved the agenda and Teresa Bollin. The motion passed on voice vote.

### APPOINTMENTS:

#### Sergeant-at-arms

Chief Sergeant-at-arms	Rodney Landry (husband of elected official)
Sergeant-at-arms	Russell Pierce (2064)
Sergeant-at-arms	Randolph Macias (2090)
Sergeant-at-arms	Lupe Rivera (1014)

#### Tellers

Chief Teller	Vanessa Alvarado (3027)
Teller	Megan Hedges – Poole (3070)
Teller	Barbara Miller (2126)
Teller	Buster Williams (3115)

#### Timekeeper

Sandra Crocker (3022)

#### Technology

Cesario Garcia (volunteer)  
Allen Hamilton (3102)

#### Concession

Vicki Durst (3074)

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Chair called on the Secretary to read the minutes from the 20 December 2022 meeting. The Secretary summarized the minutes and asked if there were any additions, deletions, or discussion. There being none, the Secretary asked the Chair to call for a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was made by M.J. Smoot (3075) and seconded by Barbara Miller (2126). The minutes were approved on voice vote.

**VOTING IN NEW PRECINCT CHAIRS FOR VACANT PRECINCTS:** The Chair called on the Secretary to introduce the new precinct chair applicants.

Pct	Installed	Dist.	First Name	MI	Last Name
3033	20230124	Email	Wan-Yu Elisa		Chan
4048	20230124	Email	Ted		McFly
4222	20221220	Email	Christine		Buerkle

Mr. Jordan (3005) moved the candidates be voted in unanimously. Motion seconded by Mr. Canseco (3135). The candidates were voted in on voice vote.

**UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:** The Chair asked for a motion on his proposed resolution (T.E.C. Section 171.029) to contact precinct chairs who have not attended any meetings about whether they were abandoning their office of precinct chair and inquire as to why they are not attending. Mr. Canseco (3135) so moved, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Jordan (3005). Discussion: Ms. Miller (2126) asked if the Chair could remove these precinct chairs. The Chair stated that this was simply a move to inquire about the status of those who have not attended meetings and see if they are abandoning their office. Ms. Stanko stood to make a point of order instructing the Chair that if he was going to join in the debate, he would have to relinquish the Chair. Mr. Eberts (1144) spoke against motion (resolution) because he simply did not know enough about it. There was no further discussion, the Secretary called the previous question (called the question). The motion to call the question was seconded by several in the body. The motion passed without opposition. The main motion - the resolution - passed on voice vote.

**OPEN MIC:**

Speakers	Subject
1. Mike O'Donnell (2087)	<b>TO BE ADDED</b>
2. Marian Stanko (3015)	Republican Club of Bexar County events – candidate forum and Nico LaHood
3. Rob Gowan (V)	Speaking for SREC 25 Committee Man Chris Byrd – table in back with postcards to fill out and to forward to legislators.
4. Andrew Vicencio (3091)	Members need to better understand why veterans qualify for disabilities, particularly combat veterans. Recalled recent, unprovoked attack on himself by another member of the body.
5. Randolph Macias (2090)	Brought up the Vice Chair and her resignation. Rose Farias was fired by this Chair. He is now giving money to left-wing democrats (Havrdá).
6. M.J. Smoot (3075)	Objected to Mr. Macias introduction of the Vice Chair issue at this time. Open Mic is supposed to be purely informational, not to take up motions and business. Mr. Macias was ruled out of order.

7.	Becca Engle (3072)	Announced there was no candidate yet filed in District 10 for the city council Seat. She exhorted the body to help recruit a candidate for the district.
8.	Frank Campa III (V)	Introduced <i>The Libre Institute</i> to the body and outlined its function – mentorship and asked members of the body to volunteer to assist with this important initiative.
9.	Steve Jordan (3005)	Announced that the Eastside Pregnancy Center had opened its doors and needed assistance.
10.	Jacqueline Klein (V)	Stated she was working with Casino Resort Alliance and would welcome any support from the executive committee.
11.	Barbara Miller (2126)	Announced that Bexar County Commissioner Precinct 2 would hold a short caucus following the meeting and asked everyone in the Precinct to gather at the seats to the left of the concession area.
12.	Eiginio Rodriguez (2074)	Announced a Memorial Service on 25 February for _____ the service would be a 10:30am.
13.	Ray Zavala (2003)	We need to become involved in the operations of VIA transit system. They were considering placing voting stations in their facilities along their routes. He stated more people need to become aware of their operations and attend their meetings.
14.	George Rodriguez (V)	Spoke about the Act 4 SA petition drives and Texas Organizing Project getting defunding the police resolutions on the ballot for the city elections. We need to learn how to counter this type of organizing.
15.	Manuel “Manny” Garcia (1149)	Announced fundraiser for Irina Rudolph launching her campaign for city council district 6.
16.	Patricia Anders (DAR)	25 February 2023 an event to retire old worn-out flags needing to be properly retired. Bring your flags to Parkhill Baptist Church at 9:00am.
17.	David Moore (3056)	Stated we needed to mobilize to oppose the proposed changes to the city of San Antonio charter. Act for SA has mobilized to destroy the charter and bring about changes that were completely change our city government.
18.	Sandra Crocker (3022)	<b>At 1:00 o'clock PM tomorrow City Public Service would be taking up a resolution to change their billing and ways of doing service with customers. NEED MORE BACKGROUND INFORMATION</b>

**ACCEPTANCE OF WRITTEN COMMITTEE REPORTS:** There being no reports, business moved on.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND CAMPAIGN UPDATES / QUESTIONS:** The Chair announced Joe Garza (2048) had resigned as Volunteer Coordinator (committee chair). The chair announced he was appointing Teresa Bollin (1082) as the new Volunteer Coordinator. He asked for a motion to ratify Ms. Bollin’s appointment. The motion was made by Mr. Luke Macias (2064) and seconded by Sandra Crocker (3022). There was no discussion and the motion carried on a voice vote.

The Chair then announced his appointment for the position of Vice Chair of the Republican Party Bexar County. He announced he was appointing Chris Fails to this position. The Chair said that he would entertain a motion from the floor to nominate Mr. Fails to this position. Mr. Luke Macias (2064) made the motion to nominate Mr. Fail and that motion was seconded by Ms. Smoot (3075) along with several in the body. The Chair called for discussion and then asked Mr. Fails to speak for himself. Mr. Fails outlined his professional and political background.

Following Mr. Fails' speech, Mr. Randolph Macias (2090) stood to speak against the nomination and ratifications. The previous question was called by Mr. Luke Macias (2064) and the motion was seconded by several in the body. The Chair ask for the Yeas and Nays. The body approved the motion to call the previous question and the yeas carried the vote. The main motion nominating Mr. Fails was then voted on and again the yeas prevailed.

Kim Crawford (2095) stood to make a point of order. She stated the Chair needed to restate what the body is voting on. The motion to call the previous question should have been restated to the body to know what they were voting on.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Chair then called on Zach Rathbun (4097) to introduce his censure of Senator John Cornyn. With the introduction, Mr. Canseco stood to object to the Censure Resolution pointing out that PRPT Rule 43 requires a majority of the Executive Committee be present and that passage of such a Censure would require a 2/3s vote of that number. Mr. Canseco pointed out he did not believe we have a majority to conduct the business associated with such an action.

The Chair called on the Secretary to announce the number of members present and define the quorum for this portion of the meeting. The Secretary reported there were presently 125 members in attendance, the total membership of the RPBC Executive Committee is 290 members, meaning the necessary quorum to conduct the business of the censure would be 146 members. The Secretary announced that we are 21 members short to conduct such business. The Censure Resolution was declared out of order for lack of a quorum.

Luke Macias (2064) was then recognized by the Chair to introduce his resolution supporting Harmeet Dhillon for RN National Chair. The motion was seconded by The Secretary. The Chair asked if there was any discussion. The Secretary (Mr. Leatherwood 3181) then vacated his chair and went to the mic to speak for the Resolution and for Ms. Dhillon. Ms. Forehand (2156) spoke against the Resolution stating the body should not be endorsing anyone at this point in time and let precinct chairs make their own decisions about who to support. The Chair then spoke to the Resolution but Ms. Stanko stood to make a point of order, the Chair, if he is to join the debate must vacate the chair. The Chair then called upon Mr. Fails to assume the Chair during the debate.

The Chair pointed out his joining the debate was informational. He spoke to the election of the RNC Chair and that it was coming up this week. Mr. Macias (2064) spoke urging everyone to support his Resolution and Ms. Dhillon. Becca Engle (3072) spoke for the resolution and Ms. Dhillon. The Assistant Secretary, Ms. Guzowski, then pointed out to the Vice Chair, he had gotten the debate sequence out of order and two "For" speakers had spoken in a row. The Vice Chair then told the body that the next two speakers would have to be against. Mr. O'Donnell spoke against the resolution and for Mike Lindell and thought he (Lindell) would make a better RNC Chair and urged the body to vote against the resolution. Mr. Eberts (1144) stood to speak against the resolution because he did not believe any of us knew enough about the issue or race to be endorsing a candidate. The Secretary (Mr. Leatherwood 3181) called the previous question, and it was seconded by Mr. Macias (2064). The Vice Chair called for a voice vote on the motion calling the previous question. The vote was called, and it passed.

The main motion to approve a Resolution in Support of Harmeet Dhillon to be RNC Chair was called by voice vote but in the opinion of the Vice Chair, it was too close to call. A standing vote was ordered by the Vice Chair and the tellers were called forward to take the count. The Vice Chair ask all those in favor of the Resolution to stand and the yeas were 75. The Vice Chair asked those opposed to the Resolution to stand and the nays were 50.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Leatherwood moved adjournment of the meeting. Without objection, it was so ordered by the Vice Chair. Meeting closed at 7:19pm

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, 25 April 2023 6:00 pm

**Participation rate:** 125/290 (43.1%)

**Elapsed Meeting Time:** 71 minutes

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**Jeffrey R. McManus, County Chairman**

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**Joseph D. Leatherwood, Secretary**