

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

June 26, 2010

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

Chairman Stephanie Klick, called the District Meeting of the Tarrant County Republican Executive Committee to Order at 9:00 A.M.

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

Chairman Klick welcomed Executive Committee Members and guests to the District Meeting. SREC Member Jim Borchert provided the Invocation and Chairman Klick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Justice Lee Gabriel, Governor Perry's appointee to the 2nd Court of Appeals, was introduced. She spoke briefly to express her gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the bench, and in particular, to serve the people of Tarrant County.

2nd Order of Business: Stated Call of the Meeting and Adoption of Rules

Chairman Klick stated that the purpose of the District Meeting was to consider and vote on Nominees for the 432nd Criminal District Court and the 342nd District Court for placement on the November 2010 ballot. She further stated that ONLY ratified Precinct Chairman were eligible to bring motions to the floor and vote in the two elections.

Motions to Consider Meeting Rules by Quinones; 2nd by Eastland.

The Rules proposed:

1. Each candidate will be provided three (3) minutes to make nomination speeches;
2. Round Robin method for runoff balloting with the bottom lowest candidate dropping of f before each subsequent vote;
3. Each Candidate will be provided a 1 minute follow up speech before Round Robin balloting.

Chairman Klick restated the proposed District Meeting Rules and opened the Motion to debate.

Motion to Divide the Question – Shockey 3554- 2nd by 3196

Recommendation to divide the Question (Motion) by considering the proposed rule for a 1 minute follow-up speech separate from the remainder of the proposed rules.

Chairman Klick restated the Motion to Divide the Question. A standing vote was taken and the Motion to Divide the Question passed.

Chairman Klick then opened the Floor to Debate on the adoption of the proposed rule regarding the 1 minute follow-up speech. Several Precinct Chairmen spoke in favor of the proposed 1 minute rule and several spoke against the proposed 1 minute rule.

Call the Question – Holcomb – Called the Question as to ending debate on the adoption of the proposed 1 minute follow-up speech rule.

Chairman Klick asked for a vote to Call the Question on ending debate on the adoption of the proposed 1 minute follow-up speech rule. A vote was taken and the Motion to Call the Question passed. Chairman Klick then moved to vote on the adoption of the proposed 1 minute follow-up speech rule. A vote was taken and the Motion to adopt the proposed 1 minute follow-up speech rule failed.

Chairman Klick then opened the Floor to Debate on the adoption of the remaining two proposed rules (3 minute nomination speeches and Round Robin balloting process). Several Precinct Chairman spoke in favor of the Round Robin method and several spoke against the Round Robin. No one brought an issue regarding the 3 minute nominations speeches.

Motion to Call the Question – Molina.

Vote taken and the Motion to Call the Question passed. Debate ended.

A Vote was taken on the Motion to adopt the remaining two proposed rules. Motion Passed and the remaining two proposed rules were adopted.

Motion to consider the 432nd race first, followed by the 342nd race. 2nd by Wambsganns. Vote taken and the Motion passed.

Motion to Adopt – 3646, 2nd by Marcus: Proposal of the adoption of a rule which would allow the losing candidate in each round to endorse his/her favorite nominee.

Chairman Klick consulted with the Parliamentarian and responded that the adoption of that proposed rule may be illegal and the Motion could not go forward.

Point of Order – Hollern – Proposed that the candidates be nominated first BEFORE the ballot draw. Chairman Klick indicated that we were bound to have the ballot draw first in accordance with State law. Hollern withdrew the Point of Order.

Point of Order – Blosser – Candidates give 3 minute speeches first and then be nominated from the floor. Chairman Klick indicated that this was the correct Parliamentary procedure to follow.

3rd Order of Business – Consideration and Vote – Nominees for the 432nd Criminal Court

Chairman Klick indicated that the next Order of Business was to consider the Nominees for the 432nd Criminal Court. The Nominees drew lots and the order of their appearance was as follows:

1st - Lynn Kelly

2nd - David Hagerman

3rd – Judge Ruben Gonzalez

4th – John White

Each Nominee gave a 3 minute speech. Nominee John White withdrew his name for nomination.

The Floor was opened to nominations. The nominations were made as follows:

Dave Halverson for Judge Ruben Gonzalez

1296 for Lynn Kelly

3193 for David Hagerman.

Chairman Klick then explained the rules of procedure for the distribution and casting of our ballots. Ballots were distributed and cast. After a count of the ballots was conducted the results were announced:

Judge Ruben Gonzalez – 184 (73%)

David Hagerman - (15%)

Lynn Kelly - (11%)

Judge Ruben Gonzalez decisively won the majority of the votes and was named the winner of the race. He then gave an acceptance speech.

4th Order of Business – Consideration and Vote – Nominees for the 342nd Criminal Court

Chairman Klick stated the next Order of Business was to consider the Nominees for the 342nd District Court. The Nominees drew lots and the order of their appearance was as follows:

1st Wade Birdwell
2nd Tony Owens
3rd Kevin Carey
4th Neely Fortinberry
5th Judge Brent Keis
6th Honorable Paul Enlow
7th Barcus Hunter

Each Nominee gave a 3 minute speech. Chairman Klick opened the floor to nominations for the 342nd District Court. The nominations were made as follows:

Kurt Peterson – Wade Birdwell
Adrian Murray – Tony Owens
Tom Quinones – Kevin Carey
Kyleen Wright – Neely Fortinberry
Anne Gebbhart – Judge Brent Keis
Laura Enlow – Judge Paul Enlow
PC # 1296 - Barcus Hunter

Chairman Klick restated the rules of procedure for the distribution and casting of the ballots. Ballots were distributed and cast. After a count of the ballots was conducted the results were announced:

Round One Results:

Birdwell – 92
Owens – 2
Carey – 46
Fortinberry – 49
Keis – 32
Enlow – 20
Hunter – 6

There were 3 Abstentions.

Tony Owens was dropped from the race pursuant to the adopted rules. Barcus Hunter and Judge Paul Enlow both withdrew their names from the race.

The second round of balloting was conducted. After a count of the ballots was conducted the results were announced:

Round Two Results:

Birdwell – 110
Carey – 59
Fortinberry – 53
Keis - 23

There was 1 Abstention

Motion to Reconsider Rule - Heinzman 3330 – Wanted the body to reconsider the earlier failed Motion to Adopt the Proposed 1 minute follow-up speech rule.

Chairman Klick restated the Motion and consulted with the Parliamentarian. Chairman Klick asked Heinzmann 3330 how she voted on the Motion to Adopt the 1 Minute Rule. Heinzman indicated she was not present when the vote occurred to Adopt the 1 Minute Rule. Chairman Klick stated that Heinzman was therefore prohibited to make the Motion to Reconsider the Rule. No other Precinct Chairman offered a similar motion.

Judge Brent Keis withdrew his name from the race and made a concession speech.

The third round of balloting was conducted. After a count of the ballots was conducted the results were announced:

Round Three Results:

Birdwell – 125 (52%)

Carey - 65 (27%)

Fortinberry – 50 (21%)

There was 1 Abstention.

Nominee Wade Birdwell decisively won the majority of the votes and was named the winner of the race. He then gave an acceptance speech.

Chairman Klick concluded the meeting by stating that information regarding the time and location for the District Meeting to consider nominees for the 360th District Court would be announced soon.

Motion to Adjourn was made and a 2nd was received.

Meeting concluded at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

Patti Schade, Secretary