

# Tarrant County Republican Party

## Emergency Meeting Minutes

### December 17, 2011

The emergency meeting of the Tarrant County Republican Party began at 9:30 a.m. on December 17, 2011 in Hurst Conference Center, 1601 Campus Drive, Hurst, Texas when the Executive Committee Secretary, Danna Trowbridge, introduced Parliamentarian, Kay Drews, Sergeant at Arms, Clint Burgess, Rick Rose, and David Wylie and Timekeeper, the Honorable Matt Hayes. Mrs. Trowbridge proceeded by reading the resignation, tendered December 9, 2011 and sent via email to Mrs. Trowbridge, of Stephanie Klick as Tarrant County Republican Party Chairman. (Copy of email presented to assistant secretary.) Mrs. Trowbridge then read statute 171.025, procedure of filling vacancy in the Office of County Chair, and appointed Tom Quinones as temporary chairman for the meeting. Mrs. Trowbridge excused herself to check on the number of Precinct Chairs present.

Mr. Quinones called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. then reinstated Parliamentarian, Sergeant at Arms and Timekeeper and thanked Stephanie Klick for her service to the Republican Party. Mr. Quinones thanked Danna Trowbridge for filling in as overseer of the party business, organizing the emergency meeting. The Invocation was led by Joe Hubbard and Pledge of Allegiance by Dan Blumberg. Mr. Quinones announced that once voting began no one else would be seated then asked that all print legibly on ballots and speak to the motion as appropriate.

Mrs. Trowbridge reported that the quorum had been met. At that time a total of 158 Precinct Chairs were present. Foregoing introduction of elected Officials and candidates Mr. Quinones announced that the Primary has been moved to April 3, 2011, and that the ballot drawing will be on February 3, 2011. Also candidate filing deadline is to be extended. Once an Interim Chair is elected, that person will preside and finish with business of meeting.

#### **First Order Of Business: To appoint an Interim Chairman of Tarrant County Republican Party to serve until June 2011.**

*Motion:* Bill Eastland, pct 2168, moved to establish time limits for speaking. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Sutton, pct 4410. Read electoral rules sections 1 thru 4 (copy presented to assistant secretary)

Section 1 – establish time limit of five minutes total for speeches given by nominees

Section 2 – voting results announced after each round of balloting

Section 3 – Chairman shall reopen nominations after each round of balloting if no candidate receives a majority.

Section 4 – candidate may withdraw at any time when voting is not in progress.

Chairman Quinones opened motion for debate.

*Motion:* Bill Osborne moved to amend and strike the wording nominations reopened after balloting. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cruz Hernandez, pct 1271. Bill Eastland rises in opposition to the motion to strike reopening. Bill Brandenburg, pct 3387, spoke in favor of motion to amend. Trina Lanza, pct 3510, spoke in opposition of the motion, as she has been considering running for the position for six months. Discussion ensued as several Precinct Chairs spoke in favor of and against the motion.

Joe Hubbard, pct 2439, called the question. 2<sup>nd</sup> made by John Holcomb, pct 3517.

*Motion:* to end debate on the amendment. Motion carried.

On to the amendment itself, Chairman Quinones stated the original motion.

*Motion:* to delete language in proposed rule. Motion failed.

*Motion:* Roy Shockey, pct 3554, moved to amend by dropping the lowest vote getter in each round of balloting. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Osborne, pct 3196.

Joe Hubbard, pct 2239, called the question on the amendment also stated there was a problem with the seating. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill James, pct 2281.

*Motion:* Dan Blumberg, pct 2536, moved to suspend the rules and get on with it. Parliamentary rules Mr. Blumberg out of order and states we must vote on original motion made by Mr. Eastland to adopt the electoral rules as proposed.

*Motion:* Mr. Wylie, pct 2352, called the question to cease debate. 2<sup>nd</sup> pct 3322.

Motion carried.

*Motion:* Chairman Quinones restated the motion to adopt the original motion of section two of

the proposed electoral rules voting results shall be announced after each round of voting by the chair as soon as available.

Motion carried.

*Motion:* Bill Osborne, pct 3196, moved to suspend rules on how we count the candidates that drop off. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Blumberg, pct 2536.

Motion failed.

Mr. Quinones announced that electoral rules have been adopted and proceeds to nominations phase. Question regarding seating is addressed again.

Chairman Quinones opened floor for nominations for Interim County Chairman.

Natalie Genco, pct 3331, nominates Jennifer Hall

Dorrie O'Brien, pct 2466, nominates Adrian Murray

Bill Eastland, pct 2168, nominates Bill Eastland

Michael Robbins, pct 3385, Trina Lanza

Peggy Thomas, pct 1273, Bob McGrath

Each nominee received five minutes to speak.

Chairman Quinones stated 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 round one results were announced:

Jennifer Hall, 68 votes for 38%

Adrian Murray, 36 votes for 20%

Trina Lanza, 4 votes for 2%

Bob McGrath, 73 votes for 40%

Chairman opened the floor for further nominees, hearing none, nominations were closed. The second round of balloting gave each nominees one minute to speak. After a count of the ballots was conducted the results were announced:

Jennifer Hall, 72 votes for 40%

Adrian Murray, 27 votes for 15%

Trina Lanza, 1 vote for .05%

Bob McGrath, 80 votes for 44%

*Motion*, pct 3322, motions to suspend rules and delete lowest vote getter. 2<sup>nd</sup> Larry Stevens, pct 4499.

*Motion*: to suspend the rules so that the lowest vote getter is dropped from balloting from this round only.

Motion carried.

Proceeded to 3<sup>rd</sup> round of balloting and opened the floor for nominations, hearing none, floor is closed. Three nominees remain and are allotted one minute to speak. withdraw.

3<sup>rd</sup> round of balloting began with the following results:

Jennifer Hall, 95 votes for 53%

Murray, 5 votes for 3%

McGrath, 80 votes for 44%

*The new Interim Chairman by vote of the Executive Committee is Jennifer Hall.*

Mr. Quinones turned meeting over to new Chairman to proceed with remainder of meeting.

Chairman Hall stated her first order of business is to appoint a Primary Committee.

*Motion:* Bill Eastland, pct 2168, moves to adopt a Primary Committee and states the Tarrant County Republican Executive Committee creates a Primary Committee for the 2012 Texas Primary. The Primary Committee shall consist of the County Chairman, all Area Leaders established under Article VIII of the By-Laws and any voting member of the Executive Committee. (Copy presented to assistant secretary.) 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Howe, pct 4250. No debate. Motion carried.

*Motion:* Eastland, pct 2168, moves not to take up the election of Senate District Executive Chairs at this time and postpone such election until future meeting after the Senate Districts have been determined. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Quinones. Motion carried.

*Motion:* Eastland, pct 2168, moves that the Precinct Convention held on general election day in 2012 convene at 7:30 p.m. or immediately after the last voter has voted in the polling place and the place of each Precinct Convention shall be at the polling location designated for that precinct by the election authority. 2<sup>nd</sup> John Holcomb, pct 3517. Motion carried.

*Motion:* Eastland, pct 2168 moves to adjourn. Motion carried.

*Adjournment:* Emergency meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m. by Jennifer Hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Dawn Horton, Assistant Secretary

Approved by: