



**Official Minutes of the Young Republican Federation of Virginia**

*First Quarterly Meeting 2019*

**DATE/TIME:**

January 20, 2019; 4:00pm

**LOCATION:**

Republican Party of Virginia Headquarters

115 East Grace Street

Richmond, Virginia 23219

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

*PRESENT:* Thota, Turner (1<sup>st</sup> Vice), Rinehart (by proxy), Dyer (SCC), Obenshain (by proxy), Dessart, Blakely, Mosser, Hull, Ritchie, Harding (by proxy), Grover (9<sup>th</sup> District), Draim, Spiker (by proxy), Johnson (by proxy), Statzer, Dyer (Fairfax) (by proxy), Stewart (by proxy), Knight, Grover (New River) (by proxy), Corsi, Hazekamp, Hanshaw (by proxy), J. Wood (by proxy), and Turner (Western Tidewater) (by proxy).

*ABSENT:* Curtis, Hood, Tillett, Williams, Hurtt, Lund, Hirschfield, Winters, M. Wood, Fuez, Travis, Law, and Webb.

*DESIGNATED PROXIES:* Ben Dixon (J. Wood), Jacob Alderman (Spiker), Christian Raymond (Harding), Nick Hagen (Hanshaw), Hayden Bayliss (Rinehart), DJ Spiker (Stewart), Cole Trower (Obenshain), and Daniel Turner (Johnson).

*SPECIAL PROXIES:* Devon Flynn (Dyer-Fairfax), Eric Marcolini (Grover-New River), and Jessi Rapelje (Turner-Western Tidewater).

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A regularly scheduled Quarterly Meeting of the Young Republican Federation of Virginia's Executive Board was held in Richmond at the Republican Party of Virginia's Headquarters on January 20, 2019. The meeting convened at 4:00 pm with Chairman Kishore Thota presiding and Secretary Benjamin Dessart recording the minutes.

**II. INVOCATION**

Cole Trower led the invocation.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Daniel Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. READING OF THE REPUBLICAN CREED**

Lauren Keiser read the Virginia Republican Creed.

**V. APPOINTMENT OF PROXY COMMITTEE**

Chairman Thota appointed Benjamin Dessart, Nishant Grover, and Ben Hazekamp to the Proxy Committee, with Grover as Chairman.

**VI. ROLL CALL**

Benjamin Dessart called roll with a quorum of members present (25 members).

**VII. REPORT OF THE PROXY COMMITTEE**

Proxy Committee Chairman Nishant Grover reported that all proxies were in order.

**VIII. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

The previous meeting minutes were approved with substitutions (change of name and attendance) unanimously by acclamation.

**IX. STATE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Thota gave the State Chairman's Report.

**X. TREASURER'S REPORT**

No Treasurer's Report was given.

**XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business was reported.

## **XII. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. 2019 YRFV Convention:
  - i. *Convention Committee Report:* As Chairman of the Convention Committee, Kishore Thota announced the Committee received two proposals: (1) City of Richmond on April 6, 2019; and (2) City of Lynchburg on April 20, 2019. Thota reported the Convention Committee voted in unanimous support of the City of Richmond proposal.
  - ii. *Executive Board Date & Place Vote:* Izzy Knight spoke in favor of the Lynchburg proposal; DJ Spiker spoke in favor of the Richmond proposal. Following a motion by Erika Dyer and second by Ben Hazekamp, the Board voted 22-3 in favor of accepting the Convention Committee’s report to host the 2019 YRFV Convention in the City of Richmond on April 6, 2019 (see 2019 Convention Site Vote).
- b. 2019 January YRFV Meet Your Legislator Day: DJ Spiker spoke on the schedule and logistics of the Meet Your Legislator Day.
- c. 2019 Re-Chartering Process: Benjamin Dessart spoke on the procedure to re-charter the existing YR clubs.

## **XIII. REPORTS FROM NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

National Committeeman Jack Blakely gave a brief update on the YRNF.

## **XIV. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES**

District representatives in attendance gave reports on behalf of their respective districts.

## **XV. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Thomas Turner introduced and read a “Resolution Honoring the Life of Tyler M. Spruill”. A motion to accept the resolution was made by Jessi Rapelje and seconded by Benjamin Dessart. The resolution passed unanimously by acclamation.

## **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Thota adjourned the meeting at 4:45pm.

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Kishore Thota  
YRFV Chairman

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Benjamin Dessart  
YRFV Secretary