

**SCC Meeting Minutes**  
**09.06.2025**  
**Lea County Convention Center**  
**Hobbs, NM**

**Call to Order** - Chairwoman Amy Barela 9:04 a.m.

**Invocation** -

- Chairwoman Amy Barela
- Commissioner Hart

**Pledge of Allegiance** - National Committeewoman Tina Dziuk, Roosevelt County

**New Mexico Salute** - Mona Kirk, Chaves County

**Opening Remarks** -

- Carol Parish, Lea County Chairwoman
- Chairwoman Amy Barela

**Reading of the call** - Kathleen Apodaca, RPNM Secretary

**Secretary's Report** - Kathleen Apodaca, RPNM Secretary

- Corrections to minutes from 7.12.2025 SCC Meeting
  - Noted changes on pages 5,7, 8 and 9
    - Correction is required 66 and 2/3% to pass. Was 185, corrected to 186. The correction did not change the outcome of the vote.
    - Item 11, page 3 . . .should state "requires 50% +1" instead of 2/3 of the 279 total votes
- Motion to accept minutes as amended by Sadie Boyer, Taos County; 2nd Carolyn Atkinson, Otero County
  - Voice Vote ensued; too close to determine.
  - Show of hands vote ensued. Nays have it.
  - Motion fails.

**Special Rules** - Chairwoman Amy Barela

- Chairwoman Amy Barela apologized for the incorrect Special Rules attached to the call. The Special Rules included in the call were for the previous meeting (Farmington, 7/2025).
  - Today's applicable Special Rules were distributed to all meeting attendees.
  - Motion on the floor to accept the Special Rules as amended: Richard Miller, Grant County; 2nd Mike Starr, Grant County

- Discussion
- Motion to accept a substitute version of Special Rules: John Brenna, Valencia County; 2nd Undetermined (inaudible and unclarified)
  - Copies of proposed substitute Special Rules were distributed to all attendees.
  - Parliamentarian Hess Yntema - clarified motion was made for a full substitute, noting that a full substitute can override the main motion.
  - Senator Jim Townsend, Eddy County - recommends a standing vote. Gary Stradling, Los Alamos County asks for clarification of how to account for proxies in the standing vote. Parliamentarian Hess Yntema clarified by instructing to hold up proxies.
  - Standing Vote ensued for motion of substitute Special Rules.
  - Results of Substitution Special Rules proposed:
    - 173 in favor
    - Motion fails.
- Standing Vote ensued for Special Rules
  - Results of Vote for Special Rules proposed:
    - 204 in favor
    - Motion passes. Special Rules adopted.

**Credentials Report** - Rachel Martinez, Bernalillo County

- 146 in person votes
- 232 proxy votes
- Total 378
  - 2/3 threshold = 252 votes
- Motion to accept credential report - Travis Glenn, Lea County; 2nd Misty Kanmore, Roosevelt County
  - Voice vote: Ayes – All; Nays – None

**Temporary Committee Chairs** - Chairwoman Amy Barela

- Credentials Chair - Rachel Martinez, Bernalillo County
- Parliamentarian - Hess Yntema, Chaves County
- Sargeant-at-Arms - Diane Taylor, Chaves County
- Ballotarian - Janice Williams, Dona Ana County
- Rules & Order of Business - Representative Cathrynn Brown, Eddy County
- Timekeeper - Robin Morgan, Chaves County

Motion to accept Temporary Committee Chairs for this meeting: Multiple, not specially named; 2nd multiple, not specifically named

- Voice Vote: Ayes - Many; Nays - Stand, if nay
- Motion passes.

## **Proposed Rules Amendments**

### **Proposal 1. Add a Table of Contents**

Motion to accept the proposed Table of Contents with applicable amendments based on results of this meeting - Janice Arnold-Jones, Bernalillo County; 2nd Teresa Barncastle, Chaves County

- Results of Vote: For 330; Against 36; Spoiled 9
  - Total valid votes 366
  - Motion passes.

### **Proposal 2. Add a binding nature of USR's**

Motion to accept the proposal: Misty Kanmore; Roosevelt County; 2nd Mona Kirk, Chaves County

- Discussion
  - Motion to amend the last sentence (section E) to ensure increased knowledge and measures for compliance - Jolyn McTeigue, Los Alamos County; 2nd none
    - Deemed not a friendly amendment
  - Friendly Amendment by Senator Jim Townsend, Eddy County: Motion to amend Section E. to read: Such action will be taken within 30 days unless there is an election occurring and immediate action is required. Otherwise, after reasonable notice and other opportunity to cure the deficiency.
  - Call the Question: Richard Miller, Grant County; 2nd Misty Kanmore, Roosevelt County  
Voice Vote: Aye - All; Nays - None
- Results of Vote: For 199; Against 161; Spoiled 4
  - Total valid votes 360
  - Motion failed.

### **Proposal 3. Add 1-2-1 C General Membership Convention Participation:**

Motion to accept the proposal: Mark Christesson, Eddy County; 2nd Mike Starr, Grant County

- Discussion
  - Call the Question: Misty Kanmore, Roosevelt County; 2nd Alan Carter, Roosevelt County  
Voice Vote: Ayes- Many; Nays - Some
- Results of Vote: For 272; Against 103; Spoiled 1
  - Total valid votes 375
  - Motion passes.

### **Proposal 4. Add 1-2-1 D General Membership Convention Participation:**

Motion to accept the proposal: Mark Christesson, Eddy County; 2nd Sadie Boyer, Taos County

- Discussion
  - Friendly amendment: Add ". . . who are registered to vote as Republicans and who are legal citizens of the United States." by Randy Pettigrew, Lea County.
    - Withdrawn by Randy Pettigrew, Lea County.

- Friendly amendment "RPNM shall be open to all citizens who desire to support the party and who are legally registered to vote as Republicans." by Teresa Barncastle, Chaves County
- Call the Question: Alan Carter, Roosevelt County; 2nd Senator Jim Townsend, Eddy County  
Voice Vote: Ayes - Many; Nays - Some
- Results of Vote: For 275; Against 98; Spoiled -0-
  - Total valid votes 373
  - Motion passes.

**Proposal 5. Add 1-3-1 Bi General: Party Structure Governing & Administrative Bodies:**

Motion to accept the proposal: Richard Miller, Grant County; 2nd Misty Kanmore, Roosevelt County

- Discussion
- Call the Question: Richard Miller, Grant County; 2nd Mike Starr Grant County
- Results of Vote: For 264; Against 97; Spoiled 3
  - Total valid Votes 361
  - Motion passes.

**Lunch** 11:45 a.m. Resume 12:04 p.m.

**Proposal 6. 1-3-3 Electronic Communications: Scratch the last sentence**

Motion to accept proposal: Carolyn Atkinson, Otero County; 2nd Mark Christesson, Eddy County

- Discussion
- Results of Vote: For 247; Against 116; Spoiled 3
  - Total valid votes 363
  - Motion fails.

**Proposal 7. 1-3-4 Electronic Meetings rewrite:**

Motion to accept proposal: Mark Christessen, Eddy County; 2nd Kim Skaggs, Dona Ana County

- Discussion
  - Friendly Amendment by Burr Dickinson, Bernalillo County: Rewrite: ". . . and that the urgent single issue be of such an urgent nature that it could not wait the required period."
    - Deemed friendly amendment.
  - Friendly Amendment: Mark Fischer, Lincoln County: Quorum - defined as " Two-thirds (2/3rds) of the voting members must be present to establish an electronic meeting quorum.
    - Deemed friendly amendment.
- Call the Question: Richard Miller, Grant County; 2nd Misty Kanmore, Roosevelt County
  - Voice Vote: Ayes - Most; Nays - Some

- Results of Vote: For 211; Against 160; Spoiled 2
  - Total valid Votes 371
  - Motion fails.

**Proposal 8. 1-3-5 Notices of State & County Meetings - Grammar correction and add A:**

Motion to accept proposal: Mona Kirk, Chaves County; 2nd Jim Gosney, Grant County

- Discussion
- Call the Question: Timothy May, Roosevelt County; 2nd Marina Parker, Otero County
  - Voice Vote: Ayes - Most; Nays - Some
- Results: For 236; Against: 136; Spoiled -0-
  - Total valid Votes 372
  - Motion fails.

**Proposal 9. 1-4-2 Employees Funds of the Party- Restrictions: Re-Title proposal**

Motion to accept the proposal: Marina Parker, Otero County; 2nd Mike Christesson, Eddy County

- Discussion - none
- Call the Question: Marina Parker, Otero County; 2nd Greg Thompson, San Juan County
  - Voice Vote: Ayes-All; Nays -None
- Results: For 270; Against 166; Spoiled 6
  - Total valid votes 360
  - Motion passes.

**Proposal 10. 1-4-3 Party Officers - Endorsements Prohibited Re-write:**

Motion to Table: John Brenna, Valencia County; 2nd Janice Arnold-Jones, Bernalillo County

Voice Vote: Ayes - Many; Nays - Many

- Tanya Watkins, Sandoval County requested standing count on Motion to Table
  - Results of standing count:
    - 114 votes to table
    - Motion fails
- Discussion continues
- Call the Question: Richard Miller, Grant County; 2nd Trent Parker, Otero County
  - Motion to close the discussion and call for the vote (stand for closing the debate and vote)
    - Results of standing count:
      - 198 in favor
      - Motion fails, discussion continues
- Friendly amendment: Tina Dziuk, Roosevelt County: add "Endorsement of any other party candidate is prohibited."

- Call the Question: Richard Miller, Grant County; 2nd Misty Kanmore, Roosevelt County  
Voice Vote: Ayes- All; Nays - None
- Results of Vote: For 200; Against: 166; Spoiled 9
  - Total valid votes 366
  - Fails

**Proposal 11. 1-4-4 When a Party Officer becomes a candidate for public office Re-Write:**

Motion to approve proposal: Mike Starr, Grant County; 2nd Senator Jim Townsend, Eddy County

- Discussion
  - Motion to add friendly Amendment to add in Paragraph A, "excluding statewide position": Mike Nelson, Sandoval County; 2nd Alice Smith, Eddy County
    - Standing Vote ensues. Motion fails.
- Call the Question: Trent Parker, Otero County; 2nd Mark Christesson, Eddy County
  - Standing Vote: 235 in favor of the discussion closing. Motion fails.
- Parliamentarian Hess Yntema advises that Tanya Watkins and John Watkins, Sandoval County have left the meeting. They did turn in their badges. However, there were no ballots turned in with the badges. Hess asked the group if the Watkins gave their ballots to anyone. If so, please come forward. Must be present to vote.
- Parliamentarian Hess Yntema advises the voting threshold is now changed to 250.
- Motion to add friendly amendment "they may file and hold candidacy for local public office.": Teresa Barncastle, Chaves County; 2nd Elise Covarrubius, Otero County
  - Voice Vote: Ayes - Most; Nays - Some
  - Motion passes.
- Motion to add to the above amendment "but shall take a leave of absence in a contested Primary": Kenneth Brannan, Santa Fe County; 2nd Mark Murton, Bernalillo County
  - Determined to not be a friendly amendment.
  - Kenneth Brannan withdraws the motion.
- Call the Question: Lester Lynton, Curry County 2nd Mona Kirk, Chaves County  
Voice Vote: Ayes - All; Nays - None
- Results of Vote: For 211; Against 156; Spoiled 3
  - Total valid votes 367
  - Motion fails.

**Proposal 12. 2-1-2B State Central Committee - Special Powers and Duties (add an I & ii)**

Motion to approve proposal: Marina Parker, Otero County; 2nd Shawn Carter, Roosevelt County

- Discussion
  
- Call the Question: Marina Parker; 2nd Elise Covarrubius , Otero County
  - Standing Vote Results: Ayes 214; motion fails. Discussion continues.
  
- Results of Vote: For 207; Against 163; Spoiled -0-
  - Total valid votes 370
  - Motion fails.

**Proposal 13. 2-1-2 Add an E and i:**

Motion to approve proposal: Mike Christesson, Eddy County; 2nd Elise (Barela) Covarrubius, Otero County

- Discussion
  
- Motion to add Friendly Amendment to i to add verbiage to "for the remainder of the term or for one year, whichever is greater.": Kenneth Brannan, Santa Fe County; 2nd Alan Carter, Roosevelt County
  - Deemed Friendly Amendment
  
- Call the Question: Elise Covarrubius, Otero County; 2nd Alan Carter, Roosevelt County
  - Voice Vote: Ayes - All; Nays - None
  
- Results of Vote: For 239; Against 135; Spoiled -0-
  - Total valid votes 374
  - Motion fails.

**Proposal 14. 2-1.3 State - Central Committee - Membership Apportionment E2 and F grammar fix:**

Motion to approve proposal: Scott Cannon, Bernalillo County; 2nd Elise Covarrubius, Otero County

- Discussion - None
  
- Results of Vote: For 306; Against 59; Spoiled 1
  - Total valid votes 365
  - Motion passes.

**Proposal 15. 2-1-4 State Central Committee - State Officers grammar fix:**

Motion to approve proposal: Elise Covarrubius, Otero County; 2nd Nancy Brenna, Valencia County

- Voice Vote: Ayes - All; Nays - None
  
- Results of Vote: For 313; Against 56; Spoiled 1
  - Total valid votes 369
  - Motion passes.

**Proposal 16. 2-1-5 B State Central Committee Meetings - Notices Change and add 1 & 2**

Motion to approve proposal: Charles Grey, Dona Ana County; 2nd Kenneth Brannan, Santa Fe County

- Discussion
  
- Motion to add Friendly Amendment as follows: (Under item 3) "The Rules Committee shall *verify criteria is met* and then submit the matter to the Executive Committee, after which RPNM will officiate the meeting.": Teresa Barncastle, Chaves County;
  - Deemed Friendly Amendment
  
- Motion to strike #3 because it is not written on the ballot: Adeliou Stith, Bernalillo County; 2nd John Rockwell, Bernalillo County
  - Voice Vote: Ayes - Some; Nays - More Nays have it. Discussion continues.
  
- Friendly amendment to change the number to 1/5 as participants and in #1 - 7 counties (instead of 11), and in #2 1/5 (instead of 1/3): Janice Arnold-Jones, Bernalillo County.
  - Deemed friendly amendment.
  
- Call the Question: Richard Miller, Grant County, 2nd Kim VanDyke, Lea County
  - Voice Vote: Ayes - All; Nays- None
  
- Results of Vote: For 245; Against 124; Spoiled 1
  - Total valid votes 369
  - Motion fails.

**Proposal 17. 2-1-5C: change proposal**

Motion to approve proposal: Mona Kirk, Chaves County; 2nd Alice Smith, Eddy County

- Discussion
  
- Motion of Friendly Amendment to propose adding "one-third (1/3) of the counties of the State present . . . ": Morey Roof, Socorro County
  
- Friendly amendment proposed that numbers are changed from 1/3 to 2/3rds: John Brenna, Valencia County
  
- Results of Vote: For 288; Against 84; Spoiled -0-
  - Total valid votes 372
  - Motion passes.

**Proposal 18. 2-2-5 State Conventions - Membership C Grammar fix and D change proposal:**

Chairwoman Barela explained: A vote at the December 2024 SCC meeting in Truth or Consequences was incorrectly reported that the amendment (for maximum 2 proxies) passed. Upon further review, it was determined that the vote results did not meet the 2/3 requirement to pass. Therefore, the rule remains unchanged to date.

Motion to approve proposal: Misty Kanmore, Roosevelt County; 2nd Elise Covarrubius, Otero County

- Discussion
  
- Motion for friendly amendment to strike D.: Kenneth Brannan, Santa Fe County
  - Deemed not a friendly amendment.
- Revised above motion for friendly amendment to change to seven (7) proxies: Kenneth Brannan, Santa Fe County
  - Deemed not a friendly amendment.
  
- Motion for friendly amendment to change to three (3) proxies: Joy Wilson, Mora County
  - Deemed friendly amendment.
  
- Motion for friendly amendment to add verbiage of "as defined in 1-2-1 C" in an effort to define a qualified Republican Voter: Randy Pettigrew, Lea County
  - Deemed friendly amendment
  
- Results of Vote: For 232; Against 137; Spoiled -0-
  - Total valid votes 369
  - Motion fails.

**Proposal 19. 2-5-1 A & C State Uniform Rules - Amendment**

Motion to approve proposal: Dave Vandenberg, Lincoln County; 2nd Evelyn Starr, Grant County

- Discussion
  
- Motion for Friendly Amendment for verbiage in A. & C should be *"2/3 vote of the ballots cast"* by members of the State Central Committee present; Rod Adair, Chaves County
  - Deemed not a Friendly Amendment
- Motion for Friendly Amendment for verbiage in A. & C should be *"3/5 vote of the ballots cast"* by members of the State Central Committee present; Rod Adair, Chaves County
  - Deemed a Friendly Amendment
  
- Call the Question: Alan Carter, Roosevelt County; 2nd Misty Kanmore, Roosevelt County  
Voice Vote: Ayes - All; Nays - None
  
- Results of Vote: For 183; Against 186; Spoiled 2
  - Total valid votes 369
  - Motion fails.

**Proposal 20. 3-1-4 County Central Committee County Officers 2 A addition**

Motion to approve this proposal: Alice Smith, Eddy County; 2nd Elise Covarrubius

- Discussion
  
- Friendly Amendment to remove this proposal from the agenda; Daphne Orner, Bernalillo County
  - Deemed not a Friendly Amendment

- Motion to remove this proposal from consideration; Janice Arnold-Jones, Bernalillo County; 2nd Barbara Hall, Sandoval County
  - Voice Vote: Ayes - All; Nays – None
  - Motion passes.

**Proposal 21. 3-3-1 E - County State Central Committee Members - County Contingent**

Motion to approve proposal: Elise Covarrubius, Otero County; 2nd Misty Kanmore, Roosevelt County

- Discussion
- Call the Question: Elise Covarrubius, Otero County; 2nd Misty Kanmore, Roosevelt County
  - Voice Vote: Ayes - All; Nays - None
- Results of Vote: For 206; Against 164; Spoiled 0
  - Total valid votes 370
  - Motion fails.

**Proposal 22. 3-5-3 A - County Supplemental Rules - Filing Grammar correction and addition:**

Motion to approve proposal: Elise Covarrubius, Otero County; 2nd Misty Kanmore, Roosevelt County

- Discussion
- Call the Question: Senator Jim Townsend, Eddy County; 2nd Randy Pettigrew, Lea County
  - Voice Vote: Ayes - Many; Nays -Some
- Results of Vote: For 237; Against 136; Spoiled -0-
  - Total valid votes 373
  - Motion fails.

**Proposal 23. 4-2-1 Ward/Precinct - Caucuses - General add A i:**

Motion to approve proposal: Kim Van Dyke, Lea County; 2nd Richard Miller, Grant County

- Discussion
- Call the Question: Misty Kanmore, Roosevelt County; 2nd Timothy May, Roosevelt County
  - Voice Vote: Ayes - All; Nays - None
- Results of Vote: For 191; Against 179; Spoiled 1
  - Total valid votes 370
  - Motion fails.

**Closing Remarks**

- Carol Parish, Lea County
- Chairwoman Amy Barela

**Motion to accept vote results for each of the proposals:** John Brenna, Valencia County; 2nd Antony Aemisegger, Sandoval County

- Voice Vote: Ayes -All in favor; Nays - None

**Adjourn** = Chairwoman Amy Barela at 6:36 p.m.