

Motion to Consider Censure of Kershaw County Republican Party (KCGOP) Chairman Autumn Dunlap for Violating a Standing Rule by Conducting Business in a “Members Meeting”

Whereas the November 6, 2023 KCGOP Executive Committee Meeting Minutes record a motion for a standing rule adopted by 13 Yays, 0 Nays, and 2 Abstains stating that “all business and reporting [be placed] into Executive Committee meetings to include but not limited to the Treasurer’s Report, Committee Reports, Quarterly State Executive Committee Reports, and to ensure that only Executive Committee meetings are used to tally attendance of Executive Committee members according to SCGOP Rule 5(e)(5). Thereby, and whereas only ECs have voting privileges, there shall not be any voting including adoption of the agenda in a KCGOP General Meeting;”

Whereas Chairman Autumn Dunlap took it upon herself to rename the KCGOP “General Meetings” the KCGOP “Members Meetings;”

Whereas SCGOP Rule 2(c), (e), and (i) explain a County Executive Committee can adopt its own rules as long as they do not conflict with State Rules and State law;

Whereas Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised 12th Edition 2:23 Standing Rules states, “Standing rules, as understood in this book except in the case of conventions, are rules (1) which are related to the details of the administration of a society rather than to parliamentary procedure, and (2) which can be adopted or changed upon the same conditions as any ordinary act of the society. An example of such a rule might be one setting the hour at which meetings are to begin, or one relating to the maintenance of a guest register … A standing rule remains in effect until rescinded or amended…;”

Whereas KCGOP Chairman Autumn Dunlap violated the KCGOP standing rule adopted in November 2023 by allowing business to be conducted outside of an Executive Committee Meeting;

Whereas minutes, affidavits, and witness statements will be presented during a hearing as supporting documentation to these charges; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Kershaw County Republican Party Executive Committee:

1. is initiating a process defined by Roberts Rules of Order (63:5) to formally censure Chairman Dunlap for the aforementioned violations and will provide the accused due process as described hereafter;
2. is notifying Chairman Dunlap in writing herein if present, otherwise, she will be notified in writing on the following day so she will have ample time to prepare her defense in due process proceedings before the Executive Committee prior to their voting on the censure;
3. calls a special meeting of the Kershaw County Executive Committee to be held for the sole purpose of said due process proceedings on Thursday, October 30th at 6:30 PM at the Robert Mills Courthouse in Camden and KCGOP Executive Committee members will be notified in advance of the meeting and provided a copy of the proposed censure;

4. considers Shaylor's Hill Precinct member Tom Webb unbiased and appoints him to facilitate the due process proceedings on October 30th; and
5. requires upon adoption, this censure resolution be distributed to all Kershaw County Republican elected officials, local media, the SCGOP Executive Committee, the National Federation of Republican Women, Moms for Liberty SC and Moms for Liberty's national headquarters.

Business Meetings	<p>Move to place all business and reporting into Executive Committee meetings to include but not limited to the Treasurer's Report, Committee Reports, Quarterly State Executive Committeeman Reports, and to ensure that only Executive Committee meetings are used to tally attendance of Executive Committee members according to SCGOP Rule 5(e)(5). Thereby, and whereas only ECs have voting privileges, there shall not be any voting including adoption of the agenda in a KCGOP General Meeting.</p> <p>State Committee Sheri Few moved to approve the motion. Lugoff 2 EC Vickie Moniz seconded the motion.</p>	13 Yay/0 Nay/2 abstain-motion passed
Frequency of Meetings	<p>Move to have Executive Committee Meetings on the 3rd Thursday of every month beginning in January. A new date shall be set by the Executive Committee if the 3rd Thursday falls on a holiday.</p> <p>Malvern Hill EC Scott Titus moved to approve motion. Lugoff 2 EC Vickie Moniz seconded the motion.</p>	13 Yay/1 Nay/1 Abstain-motion Passed
Limit Discussion by the Chair	<p>Move to limit discussion by the chair and require the chair to refrain from any comments during discussion of voting members. There shall be a 3-minute time limit with 1.5 minutes prior to discussion of the EC's and 1.5 minutes after discussion and prior to a vote by the EC's.</p> <p>Malvern Hill EC Cindy Titus moved to approve motion. Rabon Crossroads EC Beverly Ray Dowey seconded the motion.</p> <p>Cassat EC W. Outen stated 3-minute time limit for Chairman - 1 minute for each EC total of 5 mins</p> <p>2nd VC Mike Jones stated clarifying procedures and motion each side 5 pro/5 against. To this Cassat EC W. Outen stated "Why are we changing times?" 2nd VC M. Jones stated the last vote was about time limits for ECs and this motion is about time limits for the Chairman.</p>	12 Yay/3 Nay – motion passed

Upcoming KCGOP & Affiliate Events.

2025 - 2026



JULY
03

RED, WHITE & BLUE
CELEBRATION

6:00pm

JULY
11

CALL NIGHT WITH AFP

5:30pm - 6:30pm
@ Louise C. Proctor Hall

AUG
07

KCGOP
BUSINESS MEETING

6:30pm

AUG
11

KERSHAW COUNTY
CIVICS CLASS

6:00pm
FREE with Advanced
Registration

SEPT
04

KCGOP
MEMBERS MEETING

6:30pm
Congresswoman
Nancy Mace &
Senator Wes Climer

OCT
02

KCGOP
MEMBERS MEETING

6:30pm
SCGOP Chairman
Drew McKissick

NOV
06

KCGOP
BUSINESS MEETING

6:30pm

DEC
04

KCGOP
CHRISTMAS PARTY

4th annual Food for
the Soul Fundraiser

JAN
08

KCGOP
MEMBERS MEETING

6:30pm
Lieutenant Governor
Pamela Evette &
Senator Stephen
Goldfinch

FEB
05

KCGOP
BUSINESS MEETING

6:30pm

MEETING LOCATION UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED:
American Legion - Post 17
1333 Chestnut Ferry Road, Camden SC 29020

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MARCH
05

**KCGOP
MEMBERS MEETING**
6:30pm
Special Guest - TBA

APRIL
02

**KCGOP
MEMBERS MEETING**
6:30pm
Special Guest - TBA

MAY
07

**KCGOP
BUSINESS MEETING**
6:30pm

JUNE
04

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02

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AUG
06

**KCGOP
BUSINESS MEETING**
6:30pm

SEPT
03

**KCGOP
MEMBERS MEETING**
6:30pm
Special Guest - TBA

OCT
01

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MEMBERS MEETING**
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NOV
05

**KCGOP
BUSINESS MEETING**
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DEC
03

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FEB
04

KCGOP
BUSINESS MEETING
6:30pm

MARCH
04

KCGOP
PRECINCT REORG.
TBA

APRIL
01

KCGOP
COUNTY CONVENTION
TBA

MAY
TBD

SCGOP
STATE CONVENTION
TBA
**For those elected as
delegates to the state
convention**

JUNE
TBD

TBD

JULY
TBD

TBD

AUG
TBD

TBD

SEPT
TBD

TBD

OCT
TBD

TBD

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RULE 2

INTERPRETATION & APPLICATION OF RULES; AMENDMENT; DISTRIBUTIONS; DEFINITIONS

- (a) These Rules shall be interpreted and applied so as to substantially accomplish their objectives. All records and lists required by the Rules shall be in writing. The spirit and not the letter of each Rule shall be controlling. Substantial compliance with a Rule shall be sufficient.
- (b) The State Executive Committee shall be the final arbiter of all disputes under these Rules or inferior rules adopted under the authority of these Rules.
- (c) Should any conflict exist or develop between any of these Rules and the South Carolina election law, the latter shall govern except as to those laws which have been judicially held to be constitutionally unenforceable or which are patently unconstitutional.
- (d) In matters or areas not covered by these Rules, the Rules of the National Republican Party may be followed as a guide.
- (e) The proceedings of all business, organizational, reorganizational, and committee meetings and all county and state conventions, not covered by these Rules or by enforceable provisions of the South Carolina election law, shall conform to the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
- (f) All elections to a party office at all levels of organization shall be decided by a majority vote unless otherwise directed by the rules; all delegates shall be elected by plurality vote. Candidates must be a member of a precinct or convention body to be eligible for election by the body at each respective level. Candidates for party office above the precinct level, as well as for delegate to the State and National Conventions must have voted in at least two (2) of the three (3) most recent statewide Republican primaries, either in this or any previous state of residence, provided they were old enough to have done so.
- (g) These Rules may be amended only by the State Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total number of delegates registered and approved for that convention or reconvened convention.
- (h) The State Executive Committee or the State Chairman may cause explanatory footnotes to accompany these Rules when published or printed. Footnotes may be added to, removed, supplemented, corrected or altered as the occasion requires or as the orderly utilization and implementation of the Rules may suggest. Such footnotes or explanatory comment shall not be regarded as part of these Rules or have the force of Party Rules, but shall be considered as advisory only. The State Chairman may require specific forms to be used for administrative purposes at all levels of the party. The State Chairman may make other regulations regarding administrative practices at all levels of the party.
- (i) The State Executive Committee, each County Executive Committee and each county convention may adopt for their own purposes such rules as they deem necessary and which are not in conflict with these Rules or with enforceable state law. All such rules shall require a two-thirds (2/3's) vote for adoption or amendment. Convention adopted