

Motion to Consider Censure Kershaw County Republican Party (KCGOP)
Chairman Autumn Dunlap for Allowing a Non-executive Committeeman Officer to Vote

Whereas South Carolina Republican Party (SCGOP) Rule 5(d)(1) states, “An officer of the county executive committee who is not an executive committeeman shall not be entitled to vote on any question;”

Whereas the KCGOP adopted a rule to allow the KCGOP 1st Vice Chair to vote in violation of SCGOP Rule 2(i) that states, “...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 law;”

Whereas the 2025 SCGOP County Manual states on page 6, “... The other officers (including First Vice-Chairman) however, are not entitled to vote unless they also represent a precinct on the County Executive Committee as that precinct’s County Executive Committeeman;”

Whereas KCGOP 1st Vice Chairman Sissy Ballew, who is not the County Executive Committeeman for her precinct, per instruction by the Chair, was included in the credentials report as an eligible voter and her vote was recorded on every motion in the June 5, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting and the August 6, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting;

Whereas Elgin 3 Executive Committeeman pointed to the violation when the February 6, 2025 Minutes were considered and the body voted to table the minutes and later the issue was never resolved nor evidence provided to substantiate why the 1st Vice Chair was allowed to vote in the February meeting;

Whereas in the June 5, 2025 meeting, Chairman Dunlap claimed a new Secretary election was necessary because “a precinct Secretary voted improperly” in the first election, and this rationale should never have been considered because it would not have affected the outcome of the election had she had not violated SCGOP Rule 5(d)(1) by allowing the 1st Vice Chair to vote in the first election;

Whereas multiple Executive Committeemen have objected in meetings to the Chair’s violation of SCGOP Rules and referenced the direction of the SCGOP County Manual; and

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.

South Carolina Republican Party Rules

Where no order of alternates is designated, the order in which the names are submitted to the state party shall be deemed the order of succession. The convention shall designate one of its delegates as a member of the state credentials committee.

- (6) If a county is divided between two or more congressional districts, the number of state convention delegates to which such county shall be entitled shall be apportioned among the district as nearly as possible based on the population residing in each congressional district as a percentage of the entire population of the county at the last decennial census. Each State Convention delegate elected to attend a Congressional District Convention shall be a resident of the congressional district the person is elected to represent and shall be elected only by those County Convention delegates who are residents of the same congressional district.
- (7) A list certified by the convention secretary and signed by the convention president and/or county chairman, of all officers, delegates, and alternates elected by the county convention shall be forwarded by the county chairman or convention secretary to the State Chairman and a copy to the district chairman not later than five (5) days following the county convention. Such list also shall include the name of the delegate chosen to serve on the credentials committee.
- (8) The county convention shall be recessed in non-general election years and may be reconvened in the following general election year, during the month set by the state committee, to conduct such business, as it deems advisable, including nomination of candidates.

(d) County Executive Committee

- (1) The precincts in each county shall be held together and operated under the control of a County Executive Committee, which shall consist of one (1) committeeman from each precinct elected by the precinct. The county executive committee, when elected, shall by majority vote elect its own officers, except those who were elected by the county convention per party rules. Appointed officers need not be executive committeemen. An officer of the County Executive Committee who is not an executive committeeman shall not be entitled to vote on any question. The county chairman may vote only in case of a tie vote.
- (2) The state executive committeeman from the county shall also be an officer of the County Executive Committee and shall be entitled to vote on any question.
- (3) The tenure of office of the county committeeman shall be until the convening of the county convention in each non-general election year.
- (4) The secretary of the County Executive Committee shall keep such record of the committee's meetings as the committee may direct. Any written record that is kept shall be in duplicate, one copy for the chairman and one copy to be retained by the secretary.
- (5) The County Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the chairman, any three committeemen, or by ten percent of the Committee's membership, whichever is greater, at such time and place as he or they shall appoint, but no

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

Voting:

The County Chairman only votes on the County Executive Committee in case of a tie. Each County Executive Committeeman, as well as that county's State Executive Committeeman, are entitled to vote on all matters. The other officers (including First Vice-Chairman) however, are not entitled to vote unless they also represent a precinct on the County Executive Committee as that precinct's County Executive Committeeman.

II. Operation of the County Executive Committee

County Executive Committee Meetings:

The County Chairman presides at all County Executive Committee meetings. The County Executive Committee meets at the call of the chairman, any three committeemen, or by ten percent of the Committee's membership, whichever is greater, at such time and place as he or they choose, but no meeting can be held without each member of the committee having been given at least twenty-four (24) hours written notice. The County Executive Committee can also meet and act by telephone conference upon twenty-four (24) hours written notice. "Written notice" in state party rules is defined as mail by the United States Postal Service, electronic mail, or private mail delivery service.

Agenda.

A sample call and agenda might read as follows:

"I, John Doe, Chairman of the County Republican Executive Committee, do hereby call for a meeting of the County Republican Executive Committee for Monday, August 2, 2025 at the Main Library, 1234 Main Street, beginning at 7 p.m.

The agenda shall be as follows:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance & Republican Creed
- C. Roll Call of Members
- D. Approval of Minutes from May 6, 2025 meeting
- E. Chairman's Report
- F. Treasurer's Report
- G. New Business
 - 1. Fundraiser on October 10th
 - 2. Election Day Activities
- H. Old Business
- I. Benediction
- J. Adjourn

KCGOP Executive Committee Meeting

June 05, 2025

American Legion Post 17

Attendance:

Chairperson A. Dunlap, **1st Vice Chair** E. Griffin-Ballew (V), **Secretary** L. McLallen-Wagner, **Antioch** B. Wilkes (V), **Camden 1** A. Knight (V), **Camden 5** T. Dunbar (V), K. Rykbost, **Cassatt** S. Fox (V), **Charlotte Thompson** R. Whitehead (V), **Doby Mills** J. Stone (V), **Elgin 1** N. Hawkins (V), **Elgin 2** D. Negron (V), **Elgin 3** D. Lybrand (V), B. Beville, **Elgin 4** C. Rich (V), **Elgin 5** M. Matthews (V), S. Desroches, **Elgin 6** L. Strickland (V), **Liberty Hill** F. White (V), **Lugoff 1** R. Jay (V), **Lugoff 3** K. Dunlap (V), **Lugoff 4** A. McKim (V), B. Wilson, **Malvern Hill** S. Titus (V), S. Marcinek, **Rabon's Crossroads** B. Ray-Dowey (V), **Shaylor's Hill** V. Dabney (v), **Springdale** P. Gustafson (V), **Westville** G. Sowell, **White Garden** J. Caldwell (V) & K. Torres, and **State EC** A. Outen (V)

(V) = eligible voter

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by Chairperson A. Dunlap at 6:01 pm

Invocation:

Invocation given by Chairperson A. Dunlap

Pledge of Allegiance and Republican Creed recited.

Credentials Roll Call:

22/30 precincts + **1st Vice Chair** + State EC = **24 Eligible Votes**. Quorum met.

Motion to adopt Credentials Roll Call made by A. Outen, seconded by A. McKim

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion to adopt the agenda, as presented, made by A. Outen and seconded by A. McKim.

Vote: 24 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Adoption of Minutes: (February 06, 2025)

Motion to approve and adopt the minutes of February 06, 2025, as presented, by A. Outen and seconded by A. McKim.

Kershaw County Executive Committee Meeting

August 07, 2025

American Legion Post 17

Attendance:

Chairperson A. Dunlap, 1st Vice Chair E. Griffin-Ballew (V), Secretary L. McLallen-Wagner, Camden 1 A. Knight (V) & M. Wooldridge, Camden 5 T. Dunbar (V) & K. Rykbost, Cassatt S. Fox (V), Charlotte Thompson R. Whitehead (V), Doby's Mill J. Stone (V), Elgin 1 N. Hawkins (V), Elgin 2 D. Negron (V) & A. Stephen, Elgin 3 D. Lybrand (V) & B. Beville, Elgin 4 C. Rich (V) & R. MacElderry, Elgin 6 J. Strickland (V) & L. Strickland, Liberty Hill B. Webb (V) & F. White, Lugoff 1 R. Jay (V) & R. Bozard, Lugoff 2 M. Hardin (V) & A. Dunlap, Lugoff 3 K. Dunlap (V), Lugoff 4 A. McKim (V), Malvern Hill S. Titus (V) & S. Marcinek, Rabon's Crossroads A. Bozard (Proxy) (V), Shaylor's Hill V. Dabney (V), Springdale P. Gustafson (V), Westville H. West (V), White Garden J. Caldwell (V) & K. Torres.

Guests include 5th District Chair S. Few and B. Wilkes (Antioch)

Invocation by B. Webb.

Pledge of Allegiance and Republican Creed recited.

Credentials Roll Call report

21/29 Precincts + 1st Vice Chair + State EC = 23 Total Eligible Votes

Quorum met

Adoption of the Agenda:

State EC Outen made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented and seconded by K. Dunlap.

J. Strickland made a motion to amend the agenda to include all four positions to be voted on again because of the voter irregularity. Motion seconded by E. Griffin-Ballew.

P.O.O. by D. Lybrand for corrections to be made to minutes; Under Committees Motion #2, his objection to the motion was not specifically named and State EC rules were not quoted to give the 1st Vice Chair's eligibility to vote, and Under Committees Motion #3, there is no documentation of the State EC Rules clarifying the proxy delineation. State EC A. Outen stated that the 1st Vice Chair was approved to get a vote at the County EC meeting last term and State Rule 8F states clearly delineates the Proxy order as stated in the minutes of the Motion made and passed.

Chairperson Dunlap stated there was an error in the minutes of the Representative that made the motion for adjournment.

Motion made to table the approval of the minutes of February 06, 2025 until the next EC meeting, seconded by A. Outen.

Chairperson's Report:

Chairperson Dunlap thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting. She also stated that the July 03, 2025 open Monthly meeting will be a public event and will be held on the first Thursdays thereafter. August 11th will also be a community event. POC – S. Titus asked for a calendar to be distributed. Chairperson A. Dunlap stated they will be mailed out in the next email.

Old Business:

Antioch EC arrived. Credentials Roll Call changed to 23 + 2 = 25 Eligible votes.

There was no Old Business

New Business:

Election of remaining Executive Board positions.

2nd Vice Chair:

V. Dabney made a motion to nominate S. Fox for 2nd Vice Chair and was seconded by J. Stone.

A. Knight made a motion to nominate A. McKim for 2nd Vice Chair and was seconded by K. Dunlap

State EC A. Outen made a motion to close nominations and seconded by K. Dunlap.

Votes taken using the **neon yellow** post it note, but was invalid due to incorrect number of votes. Second vote was taken using the **white** post it note.

Election results: S. Fox = 15 votes

A. McKim = 9 votes

Elections (cont'd)

I, Beverly J. Ray-Dowey, am a member of the KCGOP Executive Committee and do hereby testify that I objected on more than one occasion to Chairman Dunlap allowing 1st Vice Chair Sissy Ballew to vote because she is not a county committeeman.

Signature: _____

Beverly J. Ray-Dowey

Date: _____

10-29-25

I, Nicholas Hawkins, am a member of the KCGOP Executive Committee and do hereby testify that I objected on more than one occasion to Chairman Dunlap allowing 1st Vice Chair Sissy Ballew to vote because she is not a county committeeman.

Signature: Nicholas Hawkins Date: 28 October 2025

I, Deni Neaton, am a member of the KCGOP Executive Committee and do hereby testify that I objected on more than one occasion to Chairman Dunlap allowing 1st Vice Chair Sissy Ballew to vote because she is not a county committeeman.

Signature: Deni J. Neaton Date: 10/29/2005

I, Tiffanie C. Lee, am a member of the KCGOP Executive Committee and do hereby testify that I objected on more than one occasion to Chairman Dunlap allowing 1st Vice Chair Sissy Ballew to vote because she is not a county committeeman.

Signature:

Tiffanie C. Lee

Date:

10/30/2025

I, Hollie S West, am a member of the KCGOP
Executive Committee and do hereby testify that I objected on more than one
occasion to Chairman Dunlap allowing 1st Vice Chair Sissy Ballew to vote because
she is not a county committeeman.

Signature: _____

Date: 10/30/2025

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: Cindy Titus <cinfree1968@gmail.com>

Thu, Oct 30, 2025 at 1:08 P

I, __Scott Titus__ of Malvin Hills Precint, am a member of the KCGOP Executive Committee and do hereby testify that I objected on more than one occasion to Chairman Dunlap allowing 1st Vice Chair Sissy Ballew to vote because she is not a county committeeman.

Handwritten signature or scribble.