

Motion to Consider Censure of Kershaw County Republican Party (KCGOP)
Chairman Autumn Dunlap for Denying Valid Proxies

Whereas South Carolina Republican Party (SCGOP) Rule 8(a) states, "Proxies may be used by any county committeeman, state committeeman, and national committeeman;"

Whereas South Carolina Republican Party (SCGOP) Rule 8(d) states, "Proxies shall not be used or recognized in the Party at any level except as provided for in these rules;"

Whereas South Carolina Republican Party (SCGOP) Rule 8(f) states, "If a state committeeman does not attend scheduled meetings of the state committee and does not appoint a proxy in writing, the county chairman of his county first vice chairman, when the chairman is absent, shall be considered an automatic proxy at such meeting. This same provision applies in similar fashion at the county level;"

Whereas the KCGOP adopted a rule to allow the precinct presidents be an automatic proxy 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 7, "If a county committeeman does not attend scheduled meetings of the county committee and does not appoint a proxy in writing, the precinct president shall be considered an automatic proxy;"

Whereas KCGOP Chairman Autumn Dunlap made Rabons Crossroads Executive Committeeman Beverly Ray-Dowey's proxy Mr. Al Bozard for the June 5, 2025 meeting wait at the front of the room to ensure the Rabons Crossroads president would not be attending in an effort to deny Mrs. Dowey's proxy should the president attend; 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.

RULE 8

PROXIES

- (a) Proxies may be used by any county committeeman, state committeeman, national committeeman, and national committeewoman.
- (b) To be valid, a proxy must be in writing (written letter or electronic communication) dated, signed by the author (or apparent with electronic media who the sender is), give the full name and address of the person designated as proxy and specify the specific meeting for which the proxy is given. A duly executed copy of the proxy shall be given to the chairman or secretary of the group, committee or meeting at which the proxy attends.
- (c) Only members of the party from the same group represented by the author shall be appointed proxy. Such as, a county committeeman may appoint a proxy only from his own precinct; a state committeeman may appoint a proxy only from his own county.
- (d) Proxies shall not be used or recognized in the Party at any level except as provided for in these rules.
- (e) No individuals may have more than one (1) vote either in his own right or by reason of any proxy he may hold. A proxy can only be used by an individual actually in attendance at the meeting for which the proxy is given. Attendance at the meeting for which the proxy is given by the author of the proxy shall terminate the proxy, unless the author should leave prior to the termination of the meeting and announce prior to his leaving whom he has designated as his proxy.
- (f) If a state committeeman does not attend scheduled meetings of the state committee and does not appoint a proxy in writing, the county chairman of his county or his county first vice-chairman, when the chairman is absent, shall be considered an automatic proxy at such meeting. This same provision applies in similar fashion at the county level.
- (g) The State Chairman and the state vice-chairman may designate any member of the party in the state as proxy for their vote only, at a scheduled meeting, provided that such proxy shall not apply to the proxy presiding or acting with other authority.
- (h) The state executive committee may provide for the use of proxies within a party organization created by it under the provisions of the Party Rule 3, but such use is to be limited to the pattern authorized elsewhere in this Rule, and, in any event, the use of proxies so authorized shall be limited to meetings of or at the organization created by the state executive committee and shall not extend to the use of such proxies at state executive committee meetings.
- (i) No proxy shall be authorized to designate a substitute or successor proxy. However, an author of a proxy may designate successive proxies in the event the proxy first designated does not attend.

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

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The exact format and level of detail is more a matter of preference, style and custom than any formal requirement. However, several suggestions are strongly urged:

1. Be exact as to the date, time and place of the meeting.
2. Include proxy information requirements. This facilitates members who cannot attend but wish to recruit someone else to go in their place.
3. Give notice of important votes or business expected at the meeting. For example, if the committee must approve a budget, state so in the agenda and include a copy of the proposed budget. If an election to fill a vacancy on the committee will be held, state the position(s) to be filled.

Parliamentary Procedure:

County Executive Committee Meetings should be conducted in accordance with recognized parliamentary procedure. This protects all members and generally helps move along decisions in an orderly fashion. While the County Chairman does not need to be an expert in parliamentary procedure, it is helpful to be familiar with the basics. Some counties specify that the County Executive Committee shall have a Parliamentarian appointed by the Chairman, but this is not required by the State Party Rules. The Chairman of a smaller county may simply wish to have someone to turn to for advice and can do so without the formal authority in the local bylaws.

The established source of parliamentary authority is *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*. This is a widely available source that will help Republican leaders understand what to do when a question arises where there is no guidance in either the State Party Rules, state law or the local party bylaws.

Keep in mind, however, that the **State Party Rules must be observed at all times.** The State Party Rules specify that whenever a conflict exists between the State Party Rules and the local bylaws or *Robert's Rules of Order*, the State Party Rules shall prevail. The same is true when a convention adopts a rule that is contrary to the State Party Rules: the State Party Rules always prevail. Please note that no adopted or proposed rules may violate state or federal law.

Proxies:

When a voting member of the County Executive Committee cannot attend a meeting in person, the member is entitled to send a proxy. The holder of the proxy must be someone who is not already a voting member (because no person may cast more than one (1) vote at a meeting). In addition, if the absent member is a county committeeman, the proxy holder must reside in the same precinct. Proxies are only permitted for Committee meetings. If a county committeeman does not attend scheduled meetings of the county committee and does not appoint a proxy in writing, the precinct president shall be considered an automatic proxy. Requirements for a proper proxy are provided at the end of this document.

I, Cindy Titus, am a member of the Kershaw County GOP as the precinct Secretary for Malvern Hills. On Tuesday October 21, 2025 my husband Scott Titus who is a Kershaw County GOP Executive Committeeman for Malvern Hills gave me his proxy for the special called meeting held at the Robert Mills Court House at 6:30pm. Autumn Dunlap would not accept the proxy as she stated that since the president was there Scott did not get to appropriate a proxy.

Signature: C Cindy Titus Date: 10/29/2025

I, Nicholas Hawkins, am a member of the Kershaw County GOP Executive Committee and do hereby testify that I observed Rabon's Crossroad's Executive Committeeman Beverly Ray-Dowey's proxy Al Bazard be forced to wait in the front of the room before credentialing him as her proxy in case the Rabon's Crossroad's President was attending the meeting, thereby denying the authority of Mrs. Dowey's proxy.

Signature: Nicholas Hawkins Date: 28 October 2025