

2019 Colorado Republican State Central Committee Meeting Report

I have conducted a post-election analysis after every election I have participated in. This has become standard procedure for me and has allowed me to improve my abilities in a contested race. I have done the same for the Colorado Republican Committee (CRC) State Central Committee (SCC) Meeting Chairman election held on March 30, 2019.

The results are troubling.

It is important that each of you be made aware of these issues and concerns. While the findings are specific to the Chairman election, this information affects all official business voted on that day.

I have broken down my finding into seven major issues. Each issue is explained in greater detail in the following pages of this report:

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ISSUE #1: More clicker voting devices activated than SCC members Credentialed.

It has been difficult to audit this election in a timely manner because of the resistance of the CRC leadership to sharing information, the “lost” sign-in credentialing and proxy documents and inaccurate, incomplete, inconsistent, and confusing documents. The focus of this report will be the issues of serious concern that raise questions about the integrity of the process.

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The SCC votes on the number of credentialed, eligible voting members. There were three different credential reports voted on at the meeting.

The first credential report, quoted from a video of the meeting at 8:40 am: *"Thank you, Mr. Chairman--- the initial credential report shows that out of 459 central committee members there are 304 voting central committee members present this morning therefore the total number of eligible voting members is 304 of that there are 53 proxies. I respectfully request the adoption of the initial report on the central committee."* The CRC Chairman declared a Quorum at this time.

The second credential report was presented and voted on at 9:40 am, citing a total of 393 credentialed delegates including 80 proxies (27 additional proxies). The report was once again amended and voted on at 9:46 am to add two individuals who "forgot to get the clickers" for the proxies they carried an additional individual who was late to the meeting. A total of 394 eligible voting members were officially credentialed.

The meeting voting process used clickers rather than ballots. Each eligible voting member should have received a clicker. The clickers were activated, and a test vote on a sample question was taken to assure the clickers were in working order.

After the test vote, results were given and on the bottom corner of the screen it was revealed that **412** clickers had been activated and voted. This was a difference of an additional 18 voting members greater than what the final credentialed number of **394** eligible voting members reflected.

ISSUE #2: Teller Committee changed number of voting members without amending credentials. CRC leadership failed to bring the matter of additional members not in the credential report to the attention of the SCC.

During the meeting the 412 clicker activation inconstancy was brought the attention of the Teller Committee and CRC leadership. When notified by the Teller committee of the discrepancy between 412 operational clickers and the SCC adopted final count of 394, CRC leadership failed to bring the matter to the attention of the SCC.

The 394 credentialed eligible voting members report was never amended. Per Bylaws, the SCC members are required to approve the final credential report if a Roll Call vote is not taken.

ISSUE #3 Proxies accepted after meeting Called to Order. Twenty-seven Proxies were accepted in violation of Rule and Bylaws after the Call to Order by CRC Chairman at 8:00am.

The meeting came to order with the Chairman at the front of the stage and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The published agenda has the CALL TO ORDER at 8:00 am.

State Central Committee Meeting
Englewood High School
3800 S. Logan St.
Englewood, CO 80113

Saturday March 30, 2019

Englewood, CO

7:00 AM	Credentialing & registration begins
8:00 AM	<u>State Central Committee Meeting – Call to Order</u> ROOM: Auditorium Call to Order Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance Reading of the Call – Brandi Meek Introduction of Officers & Appointments – <i>Chairman Jeff Hays</i>
8:10 AM	<u>Consideration of Credentials Report – Marla Reichert</u> Adoption of Standing Rules Adoption of Agenda Chairman Hays Remarks
8:30 AM	<u>Remarks by Statewide & Congressional Elected Officials (5 min each)</u> Sen. Cory Gardner Congressman Scott Tipton Congressman Ken Buck Congressman Doug Lamborn
8:50 AM	<u>Remarks by Senate / House Leadership & Republican Candidates (2 min)</u> Senate Minority Leader Chris Holbert House Minority Leader Patrick Neville
9:00 AM	<u>Consideration of Final Credentials Report – Marla Reichert</u>
9:05 AM	<u>Officer Reports</u> Vice Chairman: Sherri Gibson Secretary: Brandi Meek Treasurer: Dick Elsner CRC Executive Directors Report: Shana Kohn Banberger Finance / Fundraising Report IEC Report

The Credentials Committee was called to make the first report at 8:40 am. It was reported there were 53 proxies. At 9:40 a.m. the Credential Committee reported the number of proxies is stated as 80. These additional 27 proxies came in after the meeting had started and are not valid per the CRC Bylaws and Rules that state a proxy of a member absent at Roll Call shall be submitted before the meeting is “Called to Order”.

For proxies, the CRC Bylaws provide amplifying information:

ARTICLE VIII: VOTING AND PROXIES
Section D. Proxies

Any voting member desiring to vote by proxy shall designate his proxy in writing which shall specify the meeting and be dated, signed, witnessed and submitted to and approved by the Credentials Committee.

1. The proxy shall apply to a single meeting.

2. The individual designated as a proxy shall be a Republican elector, shall reside in the constituency or county which his principal represents, and may vote only if the principal is absent at the time of the vote. For example, a county chairman may be designated as a proxy for any of his county's state bonus members and for any senator or representative in whose district the chairman resides.

3. A proxy of a member absent at roll call shall be submitted before the meeting is called to order.

4. A proxy of a member present at roll call who subsequently leaves the meeting may be submitted at any time during the meeting, but the proxy may be voted on a particular ballot only if submitted before voting commences on that ballot.

5. Any member of the CRC shall have the right to examine the proxies prior to any particular vote.

This is also confirmed in the Colorado Republican Committee Standing Rules for the Conduct of Meetings Rule #12:

MEETING RULE 12. A proxy of an absent member must be submitted by the proxy holder in person to the Credentials Committee before the meeting is called to order. (Art. VIII, § D3.) A proxy of a member present who subsequently leaves the meeting may be submitted to the Credentials Committee at any time during the meeting, but the proxy may be voted on a particular ballot only if the proxy is submitted before voting commences on that ballot. (Art. VIII, § D4.)

Twenty-seven proxy votes were credentialed illegally, after the Call of the Meeting to Order. All vote totals for each round of voting exceeded the number of legally credentialed votes.

ISSUE #4: Total SCC voting membership calculated incorrectly. The maximum number of votes possible at the meeting was calculated incorrectly by the Colorado Republican Committee leadership.

The credentialing and record keeping was done carelessly or was unavailable following the. My campaign team was assured that we would be able to review all proxy forms, credentialing sign-in sheets and the official vendor clicker report. My team had asked in writing prior to the election, verbally in the teller area when the first discrepancy of clickers was noted, and again in writing immediately after the election.

For example, below is one page of information provided to me explaining why the credentialing report, 394 eligible member present was changed by the Teller committee to 412 eligible voters present. It is full of errors. It is just a sample of what I have found.

People Eligible To Vote In Election	469		
Total Votes Possible (with fractional votes)	439.5		
Voters present, including proxies	412	87.8% turnout	
Whole Voters Present/Proxy	383	25 missing proxies would come from this pile	
Fractional Voters Present	29		
Clickers Issued	412		
	People	Votes	
Whole Voters Present	383	383	
Fractional Voters Present	29	12.97	
	412	395.97	
Total Votes Possible Broken Down By Vote Type	Votes	People	
	4	12	1/3 votes
	11.5	23	1/2 votes
	351	361	County Whole Votes
	64	64	Elected Whole Votes
	? => 9	9	Exec Committee
Total Eligible	439.5	469	
Things Shana is working still working on:			
Finding the 25 missing proxies			
Supplying volunteer names that helped credential.			
Shana will give us the emailed proxies			
We will get some additional reports from the clickers.			

Incorrect information in this document has been circled and the 25, actually 27, proxies are the ineligible proxies. The definitions in Bylaws is clear. Credentialing and proxies always apply to people/members/delegates; never votes. These people/members/delegates are also never fractional. There is no mention or reference anywhere in the Bylaws for "credentialing votes." Also, the maximum number of people that can vote is 458 as shown below. I have no idea where the 469 people that can vote number comes from. Here is the worksheet.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Membership Defined.

Membership of the CRC shall be composed of voting and nonvoting members.

1. The voting members shall be:

- a. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary of the CRC;
- b. The chairman, vice-chairman and secretary of each of the Republican county central committees;
- c. The elected Republican United States senators and representatives in Congress;
- d. The elected Republican state officials including governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, and members of the General Assembly, the state board of regents, and the state board of education;
- e. The Republican National Committeeman and National Committeewoman for Colorado; and
- f. Two additional ("bonus") members from each county that polled ten thousand votes at the last preceding general election for the Republican candidate for governor of Colorado or president of the United States, and two bonus members for each additional ten thousand votes or major portion thereof so polled in such county.

- h. The elected Republican District Attorneys.
- i. The chairman of each congressional district central committee.

I have determined the following:

Maximum Number of Possible Votes

1a	CRC State Officers		3
1b	64 counties		192
1c	US Senators and Reps		4
1d	elected state GOP Rep/Senators		47
1e	RNC committee		2
1f - Bonus Members			
ADAMS	69,465		14
ARAPAHOE	106,833		22
BOULDER	38,423		8
BROOMFIELD	13,582		2
DENVER	60,151		12
DOUGLAS	99,123		20
ELBERT	10,859		2
EL PASO	155,006		32
FREMONT	12,574		2
GARFIELD	11,436		2
JEFFERSON	127,038		26
LARIMER	75,002		16
LA PLATA	11,727		2
MESA	41,193		8
MONTROSE	12,466		2
PUEBLO	29,545		6
WELD	72,886		14
1h	elected GOP Das		13
1i	Cong district chair		7
Total =			458

It is important to note that there may be more SCC members than the maximum number of possible votes. In the case of a county position identified for one officer, but held by multiple officers, these members vote would be split into fraction votes. The fraction would be reduced for empty positions within the county structure or if bonus member slots went unfulfilled.

ARTICLE VIII: VOTING AND PROXIES

Section C. Votes by Multiple Officers.

No county shall increase its voting strength by electing multiple officers. If a county has more than one vice-chairman, the county must either inform the Chairman within thirty days of any county organizational meeting which vice-chairman is entitled to vote, or the vote will be split proportionally among all the vice-chairmen.

As you can see, 458 was the maximum possible votes that can be cast at any meeting for the election of CRC officers. The CRC document provided to me states that a maximum of 439.5 votes were possible. A fraction is not possible. Whole votes may be parsed out with several people in an office, but no county ever gets a portion of a vote assigned.

ISSUE #5: Vote totals reported in percentages, not number of votes. Immediately, following the test vote, and with concern, the SCC members requested to have voting numbers posted on the screen for all votes and asked for the total vote count to be shown in addition to the **percentage** vote weight cast. These requests were acknowledged by the Chairman who advised it would be dealt with later. The request was subsequently ignored. Chairman election results were displayed showing only vote number percentages and not vote numbers (weighted and unweighted). In previous election with clickers votes have been shown.

Chairman Election		Chairman Election	
2. Susan Beckman	44.4%	3. Ken Buck	51.3%
3. Ken Buck	40.7%	2. Susan Beckman	47.7%
4. Sherrie Gibson	14.3%	1. Stephen Barlock	1.0%
1. Stephen Barlock	0.5%		
3rd Round	(Weighted)	4th Round	(Weighted)

The percentage of votes cannot be determined without first knowing how many votes were cast - it is mathematically impossible.

ISSUE #6: Meeting records requested by Beckman campaign prior to Meeting were “lost”.

The Beckman campaign requested in writing and verbally to the State GOP leadership for preservation of the data, official printout of clicker activation, actual vote counts, and proxy verification both paper and email forms. The records including all sign-in lists and proxy forms were “lost” immediately after the election. With the election documents gone it has been hard to recreate who carried the proxy, who gave the proxy, and which proxy votes were valid.

State Party staff has tried to recreate the credentialing report. To identify who was at the meeting, who carried proxies and who the proxies were given to by sending out this email to select SCC members.

Good morning K [REDACTED],

We are currently doing an audit of the SCC meeting held on 3/30 and just need to verify whether you attended the meeting in person or if you sent a proxy? If you did vote by proxy, who carried it for you? If you have any questions please let me know and I look forward to hearing from you. –

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Even though some of the information was recaptured, I have received no complete or accurate record of the credentialing or Teller process and the remaining proxy forms missing. Of most concern is the incomplete or non-existence of the 27 illegally credentialed proxy forms. They were never completely documented on any credential form.

In addition, the Final Credential Form 3-3—2019 is full of inaccuracies. For example, Representative Soper was not in attendance, he did not send a proxy form in for that day. He is marked present and voting.

Initial Proxy	Updated proxy	Final Credential	Vote	District	Title	FName	LName
		1	1	Adams	Bonus Member #1	Clark	Bolser
		1	1	Adams	Bonus Member #10	Tamara	Pierce
		1	1	Adams	Bonus Member #11	Austin	Rollison
1	1	1	1	Adams	Bonus Member #12	Josh	Silva

		1	1	HD 15	Elected Official	Dave	Williams
		1	1	HD 16	Elected Official	Larry	Liston
		1	1	HD 19	Elected Official	Tim	Geitner
		1	1	HD 20	Elected Official	Terri	Carver
		1	1	HD 21	Elected Official	Lois	Landgraf
		1	1	HD 22	Elected Official	Colin	Larson
		1	1	HD 38	Elected Official	Susan	Beckman
		1	1	HD 39	Elected Official	Mark	Baisley
		1	1	HD 43	Elected Official	Kevin	Van Winkle
		1	1	HD 44	Elected Official	Kim	Ransom
		1	1	HD 45	Elected Official	Patrick	Neville
		1	1	HD 48	Elected Official	Stephen	Humphrey
		1	1	HD 54	Elected Official	Matt	Soper
		1	1	HD 55	Elected Official	Janice	Rich
		1	1	HD 56	Elected Official	Rod	Bockenfeld

ISSUE #7: Relevant documents withheld from Beckman campaign until after SOS filing deadline. Both current and past CRC leadership withheld relevant documents, until April 11th. This was after the deadline for the CRC to file the election with the Secretary of State.

CRS 1-3-30 ten days after the adjournment of the organization meeting of the State Central Committee shall file under oath with the secretary of state a full a complete roll of the membership of the State Central Committee.

Both before during and after the election I requested documents that would have allowed me to do an audit of this election. Regardless of the major confusion and the request by the Beckman campaign in writing and verbally that all document be preserved, records including sign-in lists and proxy forms were “lost” immediately after the election.

The clicker report that I finally received on April 11, two weeks after the meeting, (past the CRS 1-3130 deadline) included a letter from Jeff Hayes, Former State Chairman stating:

*From: Jeff Hays <jeff@cologop.org>
Subject: Post-election Synopsis
Date: April 10, 2019 at 4:00:25 PM MDT
To: susan.beckman@comcast.net, electsusanbeckman@comcast.net
Cc: mail@kenbuck.net, Shana Kohn <shana@cologop.org>, Steve House Seh2016@gmail.com*

“The nature of these types of meetings is that once they are completed and the final gavel falls, they are over. There are no stipulations in statute, in our bylaws, standing rules, or in Roberts Rules of Order to retain or re-examine election data after the meeting is over. Once the election is done, its done.” -----And “The inadvertent, early disposal of a number of proxy forms was an unfortunate accident.”

Yes, it was unfortunate.

This report addresses a sampling of the errors I have found in my post-election analysis.

It is important to note that during the election day there is a great deal of responsibility placed on the non-establishment candidate to watch for anomalies that would cause the campaign to challenge the election--on the spot. I never did expect, nor did I have the capacity to stop such flagrant abuse and violation of CRC Bylaws, Standing Meeting Rules, best practices and transparency.

Respectfully,



Susan Beckman