

DISTRICT 15 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE
SPECIAL ELECTION MEETING

Phoenix Elk Lodge #33

14424 N 32nd St

Phoenix, AZ 85032

July 20, 2021 6:30 pm

I. Call to Order

Election Chair, Michelle Rugloski called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

The Election Chair then called on Paul Carver to give the invocation, followed by Michelle Mills leading the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Recognition of Elected Officials

Election Chair Rugloski recognized the elected officials in attendance at the meeting including State Senator Nancy Barto, State House Representative Steve Kaiser, Maricopa County School Superintendent Steve Watson, and Phoenix City Councilman Jim Waring. She also introduced Joe Neglia, parliamentarian and Lezlee Alexander, timekeeper.

III. Verification of Quorum

Per the LD15 bylaws, 25% of the LD 15 PCs constitute a quorum for an Election Meeting. From the Maricopa County Recorder, the total number of PCs in LD15 are 272. Therefore, a minimum of 68 PCs in attendance are required to establish a quorum and conduct business. Credentials were closed and preliminary totals were given. The credentials committee reported 99 precinct Committeemen in attendance in person and 14 in attendance by proxy for a total of 113. With quorum established, credentials were closed at 6:45 pm as final.

IV. Adoption of Agenda

Jose Borrajero made a motion to move the Bylaws Committee update up on the agenda to be the next item and to approve the agenda with this amendment. Motion was seconded and the agenda was passed as amended.

V. Bylaws Committee Update

Archie Dickson thanked the members of the committee for their work and reported that several meetings were held. He also explained that updates to certain Arizona statutes meant there are automatic updates to the current bylaws; specifically, ARS Title 16, Section 102 regarding proxies and ARS Title 16, Section 821-B on when the criteria to establish a precinct committeeman vacancy.

Paul Carver moved to accept the automatic amendments of the bylaws to conform to state statutes. The motion was seconded, a discussion followed, and the motion passed overwhelmingly

VI. Meeting Rules

Meeting rules were approved as amended to conform to the amended bylaws.

VII. Minutes

Election Chair, Michelle Rugloski moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The Motion passed.

VIII. Report of Nominating Committee

Andy Mersiowsky thanked those who were on the Nominating Committee. He then gave the names of those who were vetted: On the ballot are:

Chairman: Joe Abrahamson and Linda Brickman.

First VC: Robert Brickman.

Second VC: Annabella Gomez, Valerie Grosso, and Shawn Rohr.

Secretary: Alexis Monet Bacs.

Treasurer: Ana Sanchez-Navarro and Greg Westphal.

IX. Nominations from the Floor and Candidate Changes

After several changes and withdrawals, the final slate of candidates was:

Chairman: Joe Abrahamson and Linda Brickman

First VC: Annabella Gomez and Robert Brickman

Second VC: Valerie Grosso unopposed

Secretary: Monet Bacs unopposed

Treasurer: Greg Westphal unopposed

Archie Dickson introduced a motion to elect all three unopposed candidates by acclamation. The motion passed.

Candidates were allowed to speak for three minutes, after which voting took place.

In accordance with district bylaws, election chair Michele Rugloski instructed the Tally Committee to accept only one ballot per person.

X. Legislative Update

While PC's were voting and the votes were being tallied, the three state legislators from LD15 gave legislative updates. They were Senator Nancy Barto and Representatives Justin Wilmeth and Steve Kaiser.

XI. Election Results

Election Tally administrator, George Teegarden, issued the following report:

Eligible voters 99, ballots cast 96

Chairman:	Joe Abrahamson	76 (winner)
	Linda Brickman	20

First VC: Annabella Gomez 80 (winner)
Robert Brickman 16

The oath of office was administered by Senator Nancy Barto to the newly elected executive board as follows:

Chairman: Joe Abrahamson
First VC: Annabella Gomez
Second VC: Valerie Grosso
Secretary: Monet Bacs
Treasurer: Greg Westphal

These officers are scheduled to serve for the remainder of the two-year terms vacated by the sudden resignation of all members of the previous executive board.

XII. Adjournment

With there being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Valerie Giramberk, Acting Assistant Secretary

Amended, to better conform to the facts, by
Jose Borrajero, LD15 PC.