



New Kent County Republican Committee (NKCRC)
Business Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 30, 2026, 7:00 P.M

Call to Order

Chair Chris Kelm called the meeting to order at approximately 7:02 p.m.

Opening

Invocation was offered by Isaac Hyde.

The Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair Chris Kelm

The Republican Creed was recited by Aaron Hawkins

Welcome and Recognition

The Chair welcomed attendees and recognized elected officials in attendance, including:

Thomas Evelyn, Board of Supervisors

Amy Pearson, Board of Supervisors

Jordan Stewart, Board of Supervisors

Heather Mae Donbrosky, School Board

The Chair thanked local elected officials for their volunteer service and encouraged members to support them amid increasing public criticism.

Quorum

A quorum was confirmed by Pat Bell.

Fundraising Report

Highlights:

- No fundraisers are currently scheduled.
- Committee efforts are shifting toward campaign activities for the upcoming general election.
- The recent Second Amendment Sunday fundraiser was considered successful:
- Raised funds for the committee.
- Provided firearms education and training.
- Well received by attendees.

The Chair noted:

- Focus will now shift to supporting Congressman Rob Whitman's reelection campaign.
- No August meeting will be held.

- Campaign organization and volunteer assignments will begin immediately.
- Churches and faith-based outreach were identified as important opportunities for voter education, particularly regarding the upcoming constitutional amendments.

Treasurer's Report

George McBeath presented the Treasurer's Report.

Financial Summary:

Opening Balance (June 16): \$8,879.84

Receipts: \$2,120.00

Expenditures: \$764.70

Closing Balance: \$10,235.14

Additional updates:

Audit Committee: Laura Ecimovic (Chair), Beth Trivett, Barrett Jones

Budget Committee: Laura Ecimovic, Lenny Erquiza, Pat Bell

Membership Report

Ginny Kelm reported:

- Current membership: 137 members
- Four to six prospective members are currently being vetted for September approval.
- Betty Wallace Memorial Scholarship
- Ginny Kelm reported that considerable research has been completed regarding scholarship programs.

Key points:

- A Scholarship Committee is being formed.
- Volunteers are requested.
- Estimated commitment is approximately 2–3 hours per month.
- The committee will develop recommendations before presenting a formal proposal.
- Ginny Kelm emphasized the importance of developing a sustainable scholarship program rather than rushing the process.

Community Outreach

- Ginny Kelm discussed plans for increased community engagement through the upcoming Jenna Bash event.
- Goals include:
- Meeting residents outside the committee.

- Promoting civic engagement.
- Inviting community members to future meetings.
- Distributing patriotic materials and committee information in a welcoming, non-partisan manner.

Motions

Scholarship Committee

A motion was made to establish a Scholarship Committee to develop a memorial scholarship proposal.

Outcome: This motion had been made and approved at a previous meeting.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The June meeting minutes were presented.

Motion to approve.

There being no discussion, the minutes were approved.

Old Business

Electoral Board Appointment

The Chair announced:

- Donna Temple has resigned from the Electoral Board.
- Debbie Anderson has been appointed as the Republican representative to fill the vacancy.
- Corresponding Secretary Vacancy
- Donna Temple has also resigned as Corresponding Secretary.
- The Chair thanked Donna for her service, particularly her work growing the committee's Facebook presence.
- Sarah Detruit has assumed responsibility for maintaining the Facebook page.
- Volunteers are being sought to permanently fill the Corresponding Secretary position.

First District / State Party Update

- The Chair summarized updates from the recent First District meeting.
- Highlights included:
- Congressman Rob Whitman reported continued legislative work in Congress.
- Republican Party of Virginia leadership expressed optimism regarding Virginia's competitiveness in upcoming elections.

- Additional national resources and campaign funding are expected to support Virginia races.
- Committee donations to candidates remain subject to Republican Party of Virginia rules and contribution limits.

Jenna Bash Community Outreach

Ginny Kelm presented additional details regarding the committee's participation.

Committee plans include distributing nearly 950 patriotic giveaway items, including:

- Inflatable balls
- Patriotic necklaces
- Temporary tattoos
- Stickers
- Face paint
- Lapel pins
- Fans
- Bookmarks
- Pens
- American flags

Additional decisions:

- A donation box will be available.
- Committee merchandise will not be actively sold.
- Fifty percent of donations received during the event will be donated back to Jenna Bash.
- Financial results will be reported at the next meeting.

Campaign Update

Representatives from Congressman Rob Whitman's campaign provided an update.

Topics included:

- Significant increase in door-to-door voter contact.
- Growth in volunteer and intern recruitment.
- Distribution of campaign signs throughout the district.
- Launch of Congressman Whitman's first television advertisement of the year.
- Continued volunteer opportunities.
- Tentative plans were announced for Congressman Whitman to attend the October NKCRC meeting.

- Bill Wood inquired about coordination between Congressman Rob Whitman's campaign and Turning Point USA regarding college campus voter outreach. Campaign representatives explained that Turning Point USA does not coordinate directly with political campaigns.

Constitutional Amendment Education

Discussion centered on educating voters regarding the constitutional amendments appearing on the November ballot.

Plans include:

- Producing educational literature before September.
- Partnering with organizations such as the Family Foundation.
- Organizing neighborhood engagement efforts.
- Providing literature and volunteer assignments at the September meeting.

Communications Initiative

Ginny Kelm requested volunteers with:

- Writing experience
- Marketing experience
- Newsletter production experience
- The goal is to produce regular committee communications and educational materials prior to the November election.

Members also discussed:

- Publishing educational articles.
- Increasing outreach through local media.
- Responding to misinformation with factual communication.
- Jack Westbrook volunteered to assist with marketing and communications, particularly in educating the public about the November 2026 ballot amendments.

Announcements

- No August meeting will be held.
- Next meeting: September 8, 2026.
- Volunteer recruitment for campaign activities will begin in mid-August.

Volunteers are still needed for:

- Scholarship Committee
- Corresponding Secretary
- Newsletter/communications team
- Campaign outreach

Adjournment

Following a motion, the meeting was adjourned.

Follow-Up / Action Items

Action Item	Responsible	Target Date
Form Scholarship Committee	Ginny Kelm	Before September meeting
Recruit committee volunteers	Ginny Kelm	Ongoing
Recruit Corresponding Secretary	Chair	Ongoing
Complete Audit Committee review	Laura Ecimovic & committee	Upcoming
Finalize committee budget	Budget Committee	Before campaign expenditures
Staff NKCRC booth at Jenna Bash	Outreach Team	Event date
Prepare educational literature on constitutional amendments	Outreach Team / Family Foundation collaboration	September meeting
Organize neighborhood engagement teams	Executive Committee	Before September meeting
Recruit newsletter/communications volunteers	Ginny Kelm	Mid-August
Prepare campaign signs and distribution plan	Executive Committee	Before October 1
Begin campaign volunteer activities	All volunteers	Mid-August