

Dear Colorado Republicans:

The Republican National Committee (RNC) held our Summer Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee from August 10 to August 13, 2021.

Here is my report of the **Summer Meeting (8/10 to 8/13/2021)**:

TEMPORARY ELECTION INTEGRITY COMMITTEE:

The goal of this committee is to understand lessons from the 2020 Election, in order to implement in future elections, particularly in 2022 and 2024. The final report from this committee will be presented at the Winter Meeting in February, 2022.

Examples of items this committee are examining are:

- Past state legislatures, and their actions, to determine what has been effective and what can be expanded to other states.
- Analyzing Election Day Operations and how to improve it at every level, and
- Understanding voter technology and how voting machines operate.

GRASSROOTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The goal of this committee is to understand grassroots politics and will produce approximately twenty (20) strategic proposals focused on various outreach efforts. The final report from this committee will be presented at the Winter Meeting in February, 2022.

COMMITTEE ON THE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE PROCESS:

The goal of this committee is to better utilize the presidential debate process to ensure fairness and a level-platform.

The main concerns of this committee are:

- Timing of Presidential debates to ensure voters are informed before casting their ballot.
- Need for truly objective moderators.
- Determine whether participation is necessary if objectivity is absent.
- Engage the Federal Debate Commission.

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING:

Despite not controlling the White House or either Chamber of Congress, 2021 is off to a great start.

- During the first six (6) months of 2021, we raised over \$100 million dollars and closed with \$81.7 million dollars cash-on-hand.
 - In the same time period, the DNC raised \$87 million dollars and closed with \$63.7 million dollars cash-on-hand.
- In 2021, the RNC is \$25 million dollars ahead of this year's revenue projections. Moreover, on the expense side of the ledger, we are \$26 million dollars under budget.
- In 2021, we gained 800,000 new members through direct marketing.

- In 2021, online donations have increased individual donations by 75%.

The RNC is very optimistic about the future of our Republican Party. Voters are particularly energized and are more willing than ever to get involved as they can see and experience how devastating the policies are coming out at all levels of Washington D.C.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS:

Nine (9) Resolutions were submitted and all nine (9) were approved during the General Session.

- [Resolution Against Anti-Semitism](#)
- [Resolution Celebrating Former Senator Robert J. Dole's 98th Birthday and Honoring His Ongoing Service to His Country](#)
- [Resolution Honoring the Life of Margaret Metcalfe](#)
- [Resolution Honoring the Life of William "Bill" Brock](#)
- [Resolution in Support of the Cuban People and Their Freedoms](#)
- [Resolution on Critical Race Theory](#)
- [Resolution Opposing Biden Administration's Actions Regarding the Iran Deal and Sanctions Against Iran](#)
- [Resolution Urging Congress and The President to Evacuate and Protect Interpreters, Their Families, and Other Afghan Nationals Who Assisted U.S. and NATO Forces Before U.S. Withdrawal from Afghanistan](#)
- [Resolution Warning of the Encroaching Federal Regulatory State and Call to Reform](#)

RNC OUTREACH UPDATE:

This update involved recapping the 2020 Election cycle, and the expectations for 2021, but more importantly, the work that needs to be done to regain the House and the Senate in 2022. Better messaging and communication of what our party stands for are the keys. Moreover, the RNC team will work to make sure that future elections are fair, transparent, and build trust with the American people.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RULES:

The committee met to consider the adoption of ten (10) proposed rule amendments with all ten (10) being approved by a $\frac{3}{4}$ affirmative vote of the full RNC at the General Session. The following rule changes are routine updates to the previous rules, such as date changes, changes to allow electronic meetings, and other perfunctory provisions.

- Rule 2 – National Committeeman and National committeewoman
- Rule 5(a)(2) – Term for Vice Chairmen
- Rule 6(a) – Executive Committee membership
- Rule 6(d) – Executive Committee
- Rule 7(c) – Proxies for regional meetings
- Rule 7(g) – Virtual Meetings
- Rule 10(a)(10) – Committee on the Presidential Nominating Process
- Rule 10(c) – Committee meeting minutes and meeting methods
- Rule 10(f) – Committee meeting minutes and meeting methods

- Rule 13 – Call of Next Convention

GENERAL SESSION:

Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel gave an incredible speech on the policies of President Biden and how his policies are destroying our country.

- She emphasized the horrific conditions of the southern border.
- She lamented the use of, and refused to be called a, “birthing person” since the job of “mom” is the most important job that she has ever held.
- She criticized the educational and masking policies of our kids.
- She spoke of how we need secure elections to rebuild faith in democracy.
- She expressed frustration and concern how calls to “defund the police” directly harms the safety and protection of our citizens.
- She openly wondered how Mr. Biden campaigned on “improving foreign relations,” yet if we look at what he has touched (e.g., Afghanistan, Cuba, China, Russia, etc.), he seems to make it worse. A lot worse.
- She ended with a scathing discussion regarding “Critical Race Theory.” She discussed teaching our children how “racist our institutions are” instead of explaining how, while improvements can be made, American institutions have brought us more equality than any people have ever experienced, ever. This intentional shaming of this great country of ours is quite upsetting to our parents, and particularly the moms, saying “...Democrats and their radical policies have awakened a sleeping giant: the moms of America.”

GUESTS WHO SPOKE AT THE MEETING:

- Senator Marsha Blackburn
- Senator Bill Hagerty
- Governor of Tennessee Bill Lee
- Congresswoman Michelle Steele
- Economist Arthur Laffer
- Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron

Here are my take-home messages:

The full RNC and I are optimistic of the future of the Republican Party, and more specifically, the future of our country. We have, and are developing, some incredible leaders who can't wait to show their stripes and are ready to take us away from the disastrous conditions that Mr. Biden has dealt us.

It is far too early to know what the 2022 election cycle is going to deliver, so we must work hard together by volunteering at the local levels, donating to your favorite candidate(s), and talking to your neighbors. If we work together, we can flip the House and the Senate in 2022 to help stop the massive spending coming out of D.C.

Once again, I want to thank each of you for allowing me to represent you at the RNC. It is a great honor and privilege to represent Colorado as 1 of the 168.

Respectfully submitted,

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