

**Bexar County Democratic Party Special Called Meeting  
County Executive Committee – Corrected Minutes  
December 15, 2009**

- I. Call to Order & Quorum Report  
Chair Carla Vela called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. She announced a quorum of 125 Precinct Chairs was present with more still arriving. For a Special Meeting there is a set agenda and approval is not required.
  
- II. Opening Ceremonies
  - A. The Chair led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and followed with a moment of silence.  
*At this point the Chair suspended the order of business and made an announcement concerning the 2008 Primary Bank Account, the facts concerning it and the actions to be taken on Wednesday, December 16, 2009. She informed those present that, due to legal reasons, no questions were allowed and could not discuss the matter any further. She then read a prepared statement. The order of business resumed.*
  - B. Due to the number of elected officials and candidates present they were invited to come to the podium and briefly introduce themselves and state what office they are seeking in the March 2010 Primary.
  
- III. Resignation & Appointment of Temporary Chair
  - A. The Chair read her letter of resignation, effective immediately, and thanked everyone for the pleasure of serving as Chair for the past 3 ½ years. Her letter was given to the Party Secretary.
  - B. She appointed Ian Straus as Temporary Chair to conduct the election of the new Chair.
  
- IV. Election of County Chair (Interim)
  - A. Mr. Straus opened the floor for nominations. It was stated no speeches would be given during the nominations but the candidates would have an opportunity to speak for up to 5 minutes after nominations closed and before the vote. Mr. Gerald Flores (3041) moved that the voting be conducted by a roll call vote. There was a second. The vote was deferred until after nominations.
    - 1. Bobby Galvan (2001) nominated Mr. Fernando Contreras. There was a second.
    - 2. Bryan Gerard (3052) nominated Mr. Roberto Flores. There was a second.
    - 3. Lila Aguirre (3086) moved the nominations cease; Nancy Martinez-Garcia (2059) seconded. Motion is not debatable. Mr. Straus took a voice vote and the motion carried with few nays.
    - 4. Mr. Flores moved that only Precinct Chairs are to be seated in the front, all others present are to go to the back of the room. There was a second and the motion carried unanimously.
    - 5. Mr. Straus granted John Courage (3083) permission to speak on behalf of Roberto Flores. A total of 4 Precinct Chairs spoke on behalf of their candidate, 2 for Mr. Flores and 2 for Mr. Contreras. There was a motion and second to end debate. The motion carried with few nays.
    - 6. The vote on conducting the election by roll call was taken and carried by a voice vote with a few nays.
    - 7. Secretary Nancy Froment selected two Precinct Chairs – Bryan Gerard (Flores) and Jose Gallegos (1013) (Contreras) to assist with the vote tally. Each recorded a separate tally of the voting.
    - 8. Mr. Straus called the roll of Precinct Chairs indicated as present by their initials on the sign-in sheet. During the roll call it was discovered several Precinct Chairs were present but had not yet signed the sheet. They were afforded the opportunity to sign the sheet once the roll of those signed in was completed. Each stated their vote after signing the roll.
    - 9. The 3 tallies were counted and the totals were confirmed. Mr. Straus announced the results were Mr. Flores – 103; Mr. Contreras – 34. Mr. Flores was determined the winner and congratulated by Mr. Straus and Mr. Contreras. Mr. Straus relinquished the podium to Mr. Flores.
    - 10. Judge LaHood conducted the swearing in of Mr. Roberto Flores as County Chair.
  
- V. Election of new Precinct Chairs
  - A. Precinct Chair Recruitment Committee Chair Mark Camann reported there are Precinct Chair candidate currently recommended by the committee waiting to be elected to office. John Courage asked a point of information requesting the name and precinct number of each candidate. Mr. Camann emphasized the fact that the number of Precinct Chairs has now fallen from 253 to 243. A Precinct Chair asked if any of these precincts have more than one candidate and Mr. Camann said all the precincts in question have only one candidate. He then read the list of candidates and precinct numbers to the assembly. There was a motion and second to accept the committee's recommendation. The Precinct Chairs were elected by an almost unanimous vote. Ms. Angie Garcia moved the applications of those candidates not yet recommended by the committee not be accepted until the next meeting with a super quorum present. After a second the motion carried.
  - B. The new Precinct Chairs were sworn into office by Judge LaHood.
  
- VII. There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.
  - A. A drawing was held for the numerous gifts generously donated by several elected officials, candidates, and party members.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved as Corrected:

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Nancy T. Froment, Secretary  
Bexar County Democratic Party

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Roberto Flores, Chair  
Bexar County Democratic Party