

MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 19 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: August 9, 2025

LOCATION: Kino Conference Center, Quail Creek, Green Valley AZ

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman and the Secretary being present, the meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

The invocation was given by Chairman Louis Gasper.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ed Wozniak.

Chairman Gasper recognized elected officials from Cochise, Pima, and Santa Cruz; State Senator Gowan, Representative Griffin, Chair Dellinges, 1st VC Montgomery, Chair Smith, and Council Member Priola.

A credential report was provided; quorum was met.

II. CREDENTIAL REPORT

COUNTY	PRESENT	PROXIES	TOTAL
Cochise	40	74	114
Graham	4	0	4
Greenlee	0	0	0
Pima	21	12	33
Santa Cruz	0	0	0
Total	65	86	151
Guests	4		155

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

A motion to approve the meeting Agenda was made and seconded. Approved unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF JULY 2025 MINUTES

The minutes of the July 2025 meeting were accepted without amendments.

V. Chairman's Report

Chair Gasper invited VC Ron Hale to the podium to discuss the bylaws. VC Hale gave an update on the bylaws committee and discussed revising the bylaws emphasizing a focus on town hall style meetings with legislators. He clarified that the group does not recruit or train precinct committeemen. That is a function of the counties. The committee is working on two versions of the bylaws for review. Questions were raised and addressed regarding rules of the legislative district.

Chair Gasper stated that Eileen Wilson had resigned as the Pima LD 19 representative and that Bobby Wilson stated that he was the newly elected representative of LD 19. The Chair explained the functions of the county and the legislative district and pointed out that District 19 Republican Party Committee is sovereign in its functions. Discussion continued about the role of the county and LD in multi-county districts.

Chair Gasper expressed a desire to resolve any conflict between the county and the legislative district. He clarified that the recent dismissal of a lawsuit was a stipulated agreement and not a judgment, and he confirmed his authority to appoint a representative of the Pima Caucus in LD 19.

VI. TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer reported the current bank balance of \$3,069.83 with badge sales contributing \$70. All financial reporting is available at AZSOS.gov for the legislative district.

Detailed Finance reports on file with Secretary of State at <https://seethemoney.az.gov>

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

State Senator Gowan discussed his efforts in pushing for the aggravated unlawful flight bill with support from Sheriff's Associations and County Attorneys Associations. He is also working on getting the Uniform Services Income Tax Exemption bill passed. Senator Gowan explained the budget process for the State of Arizona and outlined some of what happened in this year's process.

State Representative Griffin discussed many of the House bills and initiatives included in the budget as a follow on to Senator Gowan's discussion:

- \$100 million less in revenue enhancing gimmicks
- \$200+ million in road and infrastructure projects
- 5% pay increase for state law enforcement and firefighters.
- Fully funding Arizona prisons and a new stipend for correction officers
- Property tax exemption for 100% disabled, low-income veterans
- \$1 million for Veteran Mental Health Pilot programs
- \$2 million for veteran homelessness support services
- Securing the border

She also discussed many of the water issues that face the state and gave the LD 19 Precinct Committeemen and guests the raw data on how much water there is in Phoenix/Tucson/Wilcox.

Chair Gasper thanked our Senator and Representative for their information and encouraged the audience to take the Legislative Updates provided by Representative Griffin on the side table.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am

Submitted by: _____
Shelley Kais, Secretary Date _____

Approved: _____ Initials: Approved: _____