

Sons of Confederate Veterans



General Executive Council Meeting Minutes

10 July 2019
Pre Reunion, Mobile, Alabama

Approval: October 2, 2019

Called to Order by Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling, Jr. at 3:03 PM CDT.

Invocation given by Chaplain-in-Chief Dr. Herman White.

Pledge to the U. S. Flag lead by Chief of Staff Charles Lauret.

Salute to the Confederate Flag lead by AOT Commander Jason Boshers.

Charge recited by ANV Commander Ronnie Roach.

Roll Call Was Conducted by Adjutant-in-Chief Doug Nash, Jr.

The Roll was called by Adjutant-in-Chief Doug Nash, reporting 15 of 16 members present thereby establishing a quorum. (8 are *required*)

Paul Gramling, Jr.	Commander-in-Chief	Kelly Barrow	Past Commander-in-Chief
Larry McCluney, Jr.	Lt. Commander-in-Chief	Doug Nash, Jr.	Adjutant-in-Chief
Ronnie Roach	ANV Commander	Jack Marlar	ANV Councilman
Jason Boshers	AOT Commander	Jimmy Hill	AOT Councilman
Darrell Maples	ATM Commander	J. C. Hanna	ATM Councilman
Charles Lauret	Chief of Staff	Scott D. Hall	Judge Advocate-in-Chief
Thomas V. Strain, Jr.	Past Commander-in-Chief	Walter "Donnie" Kennedy	Chief of Heritage Operations
Michael Givens	Past Commander-in-Chief	Dr. Herman White	Chaplain-in-Chief

* Not present.

Note: Past CIC's are not obligated to attend GEC meetings and therefore, if absent, are not counted as part of the required quorum (Reference Section 7.5.3 of the SCV Constitution). The actual quorum is based on 13 members.

Non-voting members: Executive Director Adam T. Southern, Kirk Lyons, Lee Millar, George Gremillion, Frank Powell, Conor Bond, Eric Previtti, Joe Ringhoffer, Matthew McGuigan and Chuck Rand.

First Order of Business:

Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling, Jr. presented appreciation gifts to members of the GEC.

Second Order of Business:

Upon the motion of AOT Commander Jason Boshers and the second of Chaplain-in-Chief Dr. Herman White the GEC voted, without objection, to approve the GEC Minutes of 3/23/2019 (Elm Springs), 4/30/2019 (Electronic Mail Vote), 5/13/2019, 5/15/2019, 5/16/2019, 5/20/2019 and 6/7/2019 (Teleconferences).

Third Order of Business:

Past Commander-in-Chief/Interim Executive Director Thomas V. Strain, Jr. gave HQ report including the proposed budget.

Upon the motion of Lt. Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney, Jr. and the second of AOT Councilman Jimmy Hill the GEC voted, without objection, to recommend approval of the budget by the General Convention.

Fourth Order of Business:

Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling, Jr. introduced Executive Director Adam T. Southern to the GEC. Standing ovation given to Past Commander-in-Chief Thomas V. Strain, Jr.

Fifth Order of Business:

Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott Hall gave report including the Marra statue issue.

Upon the motion of Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott Hall and the second of Past Commander-in-Chief Thomas V. Strain, Jr. the GEC voted, without objection, to approve the proposed final contract with Marra with payment from the Building Fund.

Upon the motion of Adjutant-in-Chief Doug Nash, Jr. and the second of Chief of Staff Charles Lauret the GEC voted, without objection, to allow the St Augustine Camp to enter litigation, if necessary, concerning the St. Augustine Confederate Monument.

Kirk Lyons discussed Texas issues. Issue tabled until the Post Reunion GEC to allow members of the Texas Division/A. H. Belo Camp to appear.

Sixth Order of Business:

Adjutant-in-Chief Doug Nash, Jr. presented a Budget and Finance recommendation to approve a request from the Alfred A. Mouton Camp 778, Opelousas, Louisiana for \$975.00 to replace the Battle of Opelousas Historic Marker damaged by hit and run from the Heritage Defense Fund. Upon the motion of Past Commander-in-Chief Thomas V. Strain, Jr. and the second of Chief of Heritage Operations Walter "Donnie" Kennedy the GEC voted, without objection, to approve the request. Note: Adjutant-in-Chief Doug Nash, Jr. was schooled on the pronunciation of Opelousas. It is Op as in Operation vice Op and in Open.

Seventh Order of Business:

Chief of Protocol Chuck Rand discussed banquet seating.

Eighth Order of Business:

Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling, Jr. recently tasked the Cadet Committee to revamp the Cadet membership issue and a recommendation was forthcoming. Upon the motion of Lt. Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney, Jr. and the second of ATM Commander Darrell Maples the GEC voted, without objection, to set Cadet dues as a one-time charge of \$10.00 with a certificate and lapel pin.

Ninth Order of Business:

Lt. Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney, Jr. introduced Conor Bond as the newly elected Mississippi Division Commander.

Tenth Order of Business:

Upon the motion of Adjutant-in-Chief Doug Nash, Jr. and the second of Chief of Heritage Operations Walter "Donnie" Kennedy the GEC voted, without objection, to enter Executive Session with Frank Powell and Adam Southern present at 4:24 PM CDT to discuss a procedural issue.

Returned to Open Session at 4:40 PM CDT.

Meeting adjourned at 4:41 PM CDT with the benediction by Chaplain-in-Chief Dr. Herman White.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Douglas W. Nash, Jr." in a cursive script.

Douglas W. Nash, Jr.
Adjutant-in-Chief