



**2019 Honolulu County Republican Party Convention  
'Ilima Intermediate School  
March 30, 2019**

Call to Order: The 2019 Honolulu County Republican Party Convention called to order at 1:37pm by Brett Kulbis, Honolulu County Chair.

Invocation: Given by Bryan Jeremiah.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Noah and Seth Jeremiah of JROTC Program Punahou Schools

God Bless America: All participated

Welcome: Brett Kulbis, Honolulu County Chair

National Committeewoman Remarks: Miriam Hellreich

National Committeeman and House Minority Leader Remarks: Gene Ward

Recognition of Legislative Leaders and Trump 2020 Leaders: Gene Ward

Recognition of Coalition Groups: Brett Kulbis

- O'ahu League of Republican Women
- Hawaii Federal of Republican Women
- Turning Point USA
- Young Republicans
- New Institute Hawaii
- Hawaii Firearms Coalition

Preliminary Credentials Report: Celyn Chong Kee, County Convention Credential Chair

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| • 17 – 7 | • 29 – 0  | • 41- 7          |
| • 18 – 7 | • 30 – 1  | • 42 – 8         |
| • 19 – 3 | • 31 – 2  | • 43 – 4         |
| • 20 – 4 | • 32 – 0  | • 44 – 11D / 3 A |
| • 21 – 3 | • 33 – 2  | • 45 – 5         |
| • 22 – 6 | • 34 – 0  | • 46 – 1         |
| • 23 – 2 | • 35 – 3  | • 47 – 4         |
| • 24 – 3 | • 36 – 12 | • 48 – 2         |
| • 25 – 3 | • 37 – 6  | • 49 – 8D / 2A   |
| • 26 – 2 | • 38 - 0  | • 50 – 13        |
| • 27 – 5 | • 39 - 0  | • 51 – 13D / 4A  |
| • 28 – 0 | • 40 - 1  |                  |

Preliminary Total – 148D / 9 A

Total - 157

Hawaii Republican Party Chairman Remarks: Shirlene Ostrov, Chairman

House District 36 Representative Remarks: Val Okimoto

Senate District 19 Remarks: Kurt Fevella

Election for Temporary Honolulu County Convention Chair

- Nomination for Kathryn Henski moved and seconded.
- Request for other nominations announced
- No other nominations received
- Nominations closed
- Kathryn Henski as Temporary Convention Chairman passed by acclamation

Election for Temporary Honolulu County Convention Secretary

- Nomination for Amy Shiroma moved and seconded.
- Request for other nominations announced
- No other nominations received
- Nominations closed
- Amy Shiroma as Temporary Convention Secretary passed by acclamation

Introduction of Convention Committee: Kathryn Henski

Kathryn Henski announced the appointment of the Honolulu County Convention Committee

- Mele Songsong – Convention Committee Chairperson
- Celyn Chong Kee – Credentials Chairman
- Mark White – Elections Chairman
- Robert Camilleri – Parliamentarian
- Matt Darnell – Audio Visual Coordinator
- Peggy Regentine – Volunteer Coordinator
- John Kim - Treasurer

Recognition: Mele Songsong

- Mele Songsong provided a gift of recognition and thanks to Brett Kulbis for service as Honolulu County Chair 2017-2019.

Approval of 2017 Honolulu County Republican Party Convention Minutes

- Call for a motion to approve the 2017 convention minutes was given by Kathryn Henski.
- The motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded from the floor.
- Motion passed by acclamation.

Approval of 2019 Honolulu County Republican Party Convention Agenda

- Call for a motion to approve the 2019 convention agenda was given by Kathryn Henski.
- The motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded from the floor.
- Motion passed by acclamation.

Approval of 2019 Honolulu County Republican Party Convention Rules

- Call for a motion to approve the 2019 convention rules was given by Kathryn Henski.
- The motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded from the floor.
- Motion passed by acclamation.

Final Credentials Report – Celyn Chong Kee

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| • 17 – 7 | • 29 – 0  | • 41- 8                |
| • 18 – 8 | • 30 – 1  | • 42 - 8               |
| • 19 – 3 | • 31 – 2  | • 43 - 4               |
| • 20 – 4 | • 32 – 0  | • 44 - 16              |
| • 21 – 3 | • 33 – 2  | • 45 – 5               |
| • 22 – 6 | • 34 – 0  | • 46 – 1               |
| • 23 – 2 | • 35 – 3  | • 47 – 4               |
| • 24 – 3 | • 36 – 12 | • 48 – 2               |
| • 25 – 3 | • 37 – 6  | • 49 – 9 / 1 Alternate |
| • 26 – 2 | • 38 - 0  | • 50 – 14              |
| • 27 – 5 | • 39 - 0  | • 51 – 18              |
| • 28 – 0 | • 40 - 1  |                        |

- Final: 161 Delegates / 1 Alternate = Total of 162 Delegates

Election for Permanent Honolulu County Convention Chair

- Nomination for Kathryn Henski moved and seconded.
- Request for other nominations announced
- No other nominations received
- Nominations closed
- Kathryn Henski as Permanent Convention Chairman passed by acclamation

Election for Permanent Honolulu County Convention Secretary

- Nomination for Amy Shiroma moved and seconded.
- Request for other nominations announced
- No other nominations received
- Nominations closed
- Amy Shiroma as Permanent Convention Secretary passed by acclamation

Election Procedures: Mark White, Convention Elections Chair

- Mark reviewed procedures for nominations and voting for county elections

**Election for Honolulu County Chair**

- Nominations for Henry Vincent III and Brett Kulbis were received from the floor.
- All nominations seconded.
- All nominees accepted their nominations
- Close of nomination moved and seconded.
- All nominations passed by acclamation.

- Nominees allowed 5 minutes to address delegates
  - Remarks by Henry Vincent III.
  - Sam Slom spoke in support of Brett Kulbis. Remarks by Brett Kulbis.
- Voting – 10 minutes allotted for delegate voting
- Question raised regarding voting process
  - A question raised from the floor from House District 51 on voting process. A delegate in their district needed to leave due to emergency illness but left their ballots with another delegate in their district. Question was asked if their delegate votes can be counted even though they had to leave due to emergency. Parliamentarian advised that rules state that the delegate must be present to vote. If there are alternates available in the district they can be designated forward as a delegate.
- Voting Closed by Kathryn Henski
- Observer for Vote Tally: Robert Camilleri, Parliamentarian, advised that each candidate is required to designate one person who will be an observer to oversee the vote counting. Designated observers were called forward.
- Guest Speaker: Jay St. John Payne, Turning Point USA
- Election Results: Robert Camilleri and Kathryn Henski
  - Henry Vincent – 72
  - Brett Kulbis – 82
  - Brett Kulbis declared winner

### **Election for Honolulu County Vice-Chair**

- Nominations for Jaime Padilla, Al Frenzel and Henry Vincent III received from the floor.
- Nominations were seconded.
- Jaime Padilla and Henry Vincent III accepted their nominations. Al Frenzel declined.
- Close of nomination moved and seconded.
- All nominations passed by acclamation.
- Nominees allowed 5 minutes to address delegates
  - Brett Kulbis spoke in support of Jaime Padilla. Remarks by Jaime Padilla.
  - Andria Tupola spoke in support of Henry Vincent III. Remarks by Henry Vincent III.
- Voting – 10 minutes allotted for delegate voting
- Voting closed by Kathryn Henski. Observers for the candidates were called to observe tally process.

- Election Results
  - Jaime Padilla - 58
  - Henry Vincent III – 83
  - Henry Vincent III declared the winner

### **Election for Honolulu County Secretary**

- Nominations for Boyd Ready and Kai Lorinc received from the floor.
- Nominations were seconded.
- All nominees accepted their nominations.
- Close of nomination moved and seconded.
- All nominations passed by acclamation.
  
- Nominees allowed 5 minutes to address delegates
  - P.M. Azinga spoke for Kai Lorinc. Remarks by Kai Lorinc.
  - Henry Vincent III spoke for Boyd Ready. Remarks by Boyd Ready.
  
- Voting – 10 minutes allotted for delegate voting
  
- Voting closed by Kathryn Henski. Observers for the candidates were called to observe tally process.
  
- Election Results
  - Kai Lorinc - 56
  - Boyd Ready - 64
  - Boyd Ready is declared the winner

### **Election for Honolulu County Treasurer**

- Nominations for John Kim and Steve Holck received from the floor.
- Nominations were seconded.
  
- Question from the floor regarding eligibility
  - A question was raised from the floor regarding eligibility of John Kim as a nominee for Treasurer because John Kim was not present at the time of the nomination. A delegate from the floor affirmed that John Kim has accepted the nomination. Clarification of the rule of eligibility was asked.
  - Parliamentarian, Robert Camilleri, requested a 2-minute recess to review rules. An additional 3 minutes was provided for review.
  - Parliamentarian, Robert Camilleri advised that Hawaii State Republican Party Rules, Honolulu County Republican Party Rules and Roberts Rules of Order were silent on this matter of eligibility. Mr. Camilleri posed the vote to the delegates to decide whether John Kim may be included as a nominee for Treasurer.
  - Vote was challenged by delegate Nathan Paikai. Challenge was ruled out of order.

- Kathryn Henski called for a rising vote of delegates for approval of John Kim's inclusion on the Treasurer ballot.
  - Kathryn Henski and Robert Camilleri conducted a count of votes
  - 61 – Yes to include John Kim's name on the Treasurer ballot
  - 32 – No to not include John Kim's name on the Treasurer ballot.
  - Vote passed that John Kim's name will be included on the Treasurer ballot.
  - Mr. Camilleri suggested that there should be consideration of a standing rule to be included in the county convention rules to address a situation such as this one.
  - Delegate Andria Tupola raised a question on why a vote by a delegate who was not present could not be included but a nomination for a position by someone not present would be allowed.
  - Chairman Shirlene Ostrov also requested for clarification.
  - Mr. Camilleri confirmed that Roberts Rules of Order requires that a delegate must be present to vote. Roberts Rules of Order does not address the nomination issue directly.
- Steve Holck accepted his nomination. John Kim accepted his nomination by phone with Kathryn Henski.
  - Close of nomination moved and seconded.
  - All nominations passed by acclamation.
- Nominees allowed 5 minutes to address delegates
    - Remarks by Steve Holck
    - Brett Kulbis spoke for John Kim.
- Voting – 10 minutes allotted for delegate voting
- Voting closed by Kathryn Henski. Observers for the candidates were called to observe tally process.
- Election Results
    - Steve Holck - 47
    - John Kim - 56
    - John Kim is declared the winner

### **Election for East Honolulu Region Chair**

- Nomination for Kai Lorinc received from the floor.
  - Nomination was seconded.
  - Kai Lorinc accepted her nomination.
  - Close of nomination moved and seconded.
  - Nomination passed by acclamation.
- Election Results
    - Kai Lorinc is declared the winner by acclamation

- One formal vote for Kai Lorinc was submitted by Amy Shiroma, Convention Secretary for record.

### **Election for West Honolulu Region Chair**

- Nominations for Celyn Chong Kee and P.M. Azinga received from the floor.
- Nominations were seconded.
- P.M. Azinga accepted her nomination. Celyn Chong Kee declined her nomination
- Close of nomination moved and seconded.
- Nomination passed by acclamation.
  
- Election Results
  - P.M. Azinga is declared the winner by acclamation
  - One formal vote for P.M. Azinga was submitted by Amy Shiroma, Convention Secretary for record.

### **Election for Leeward Region Chair**

- Nominations for Diamond Garcia and Marissa Kerns received from the floor.
- Nominations were seconded.
- Diamond Garcia accepted his nomination via telephone with Kathryn Henski. Marissa Kerns declined her nomination.
- Close of nomination moved and seconded.
- Nomination passed by acclamation.
  
- Election Results
  - Diamond Garcia is declared the winner by acclamation
  - One formal vote for Diamond Garcia was submitted by Amy Shiroma, Convention Secretary for record.

### **Election for Windward Region Chair**

- Nomination for Matt Darnell received from the floor.
- Nomination was seconded.
- Matt Darnell accepted his nomination.
- Close of nomination moved and seconded.
- Nomination passed by acclamation.
  
- Election Results
  - Matt Darnell is declared the winner by acclamation
  - One formal vote for Matt Darnell was submitted by Amy Shiroma, Convention Secretary for record.

### **Election for Central Region Chair**

- Nominations for Emil Svrčina and Jay St. John Payne received from the floor.

- Nominations were seconded.
- Question raised on eligibility for Jay St. John Payne
  - A question was raised regarding John St. John Payne's eligibility for nomination as he was attending the convention as a coalition attendee and not a vetted delegate.
  - Mr. Camilleri stated that rules are silent on this matter and does not stipulate that nominee must be a delegate of the convention. Kathryn Henski and Robert Camilleri confirmed that Jay St. John Payne is a registered voter in central region House District 37, Precinct 3 and is a registered member of the Hawaii Republican Party and therefore is qualified to be nominated.
- All nominees accepted their nominations
- Close of nomination moved and seconded.
- Nomination passed by acclamation.
  
- Nominees allowed 3 minutes to address delegates
  - Remarks by Emil Svrčina.
  - Remarks by Jay St. John Payne.
- Voting – 5 minutes allotted for delegate voting
- Voting closed by Kathryn Henski. Observers for the candidates were called to observe tally process.
- Election Results
  - Emil Svrčina - 5
  - Jay St. John Payne – 9
  - Jay St. John Payne is declared the winner

Adjournment:

- Kathryn Henski called for motion to adjourn the convention
- Motion made and seconded from the floor.
- Adjournment passed by acclamation
- Convention adjourned at 6:05pm

Minutes of the 2019 Honolulu County Republican Party Convention respectfully submitted by:  
Amy Shiroma

Approved by Honolulu County Committee on March 5, 2021.