The regular meeting of the Harris County Republican Party Ballot Security Committee was called to order February 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via conference call, due to inclement weather. Committee Chairman Alan Vera (HCRP Chairman Appointed) was present. A quorum was present for the vote to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2021 meeting.

The Minutes of the January 20, 2021 meeting were approved as submitted.

Alan Vera led a discussion regarding the current status of criminal charges for poll watcher obstruction in Harris County.

Alan Vera led a discussion regarding the Public Information requests submitted in follow up to the Election Judge/Poll Watcher problems reported to BSC.

Alan Vera led a discussion regarding new legislation:

Better, real-time enforcement of election laws.

Overhaul of the voter registration process with new checks on citizenship.

Overhaul of Early Voting Ballot Board & Central Count procedures and processes.

Tougher enforcement of performance standards of electronic poll books for early voting and countywide voting.

Statewide standardization of voting hours and methods.

Alan Vera reported on delays in planning the election worker appreciation event.

Alan Vera relayed reports from BSC members Neal Richard and Brenda Estis, who head the data analysis and recruiting sub-committees, respectively. .

Alan Vera reported on the EVBB/Central Count briefing held on February 10 at HCRP HQ, attended by 110 HCRP precinct chairs and election workers.

Alan Vera reported that the Brazoria County Republican Party had formed a ballot security committee and were looking to HCRP BSC for assistance. All BSC members were invited to remain on the call after adjournment to answer questions from the BCRP committee.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.