

State Republicans Elect First African-American Party Chairman

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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - State Republicans will be led into the 2016 election cycle by Hasan Harnett, the first African-American to hold the chairmanship of the state GOP.

Harnett is a favorite of the conservative wing of the party. He defeated two other candidates, A.J.

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and Craig Collins. Collins had the endorsement of Gov
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McCrory
and
Sens
. Richard Burr and Thom
Tillis
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Harnett ran the congressional campaign of Vince Coakley, who lost the 12th District race to Democrat Alma Adams.

Reaction from political leaders is below.

Governor Pat McCrory: "I just called Hasan Harnett to congratulate him on being elected chairman of the North Carolina Republican Party, and I look forward to working with him to grow our party and bring it to new heights."

House Speaker Tim Moore: "I'd like to extend a sincere congratulations to Hasan on becoming our new State Party Chair. I look forward to collaborating with him to help grow our Republican majority in the House of Representatives, because conservative principles are what propels North Carolina to a brighter future."

Senate President Phil Berger: "I congratulate Hasan Harnett on his history-making election as Chairman of the Republican Party," Berger said. "I look forward to working with Chairman Harnett to protect our majority and elect Republicans up and down the ticket in 2016."