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Dear Mr. Grimball:

Mr. McLeod has referred your recent letter to me for reply. As Chairman of the Republican Party for the City of Charleston, you have inquired if the reorganization meeting for a political party can meet and then adjourn to a later date to conclude the meeting.

South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 7-9-50 requires a notice to be given notifying, the public that a reorganization meeting will be hold. The law is silent as to any provisions for adjournment. 59 Am. Jur. 2d Parliamentary Law § 14 provides in part that

A meeting may be adjourned and reconvened on the adjourned date without notice other than that given for the original meeting. However, there may be cases where actual notice to members absent from an adjourned meeting is required by action taken at such meeting, as where the adjourned meeting adopts a resolution requiring future acts by such absent members, in which case the absent members must be notified before they can be held for not so acting.

In Roberts' Rules of Order Newly Revised (1970) at page 79, adjourned meeting is defined as

. . . a meeting in continuation of the session of the immediately preceding regular or special meeting. The name adjourned meeting means that the meeting is scheduled for a particular time (and place, if it is not otherwise established) by the assembly's 'adjourning to' or adjourning until' that time and place. If a regular meeting or special meeting is unable to complete its work, an adjourned meeting can be scheduled for later the same day or some other convenient time before the next regular session . . .

See also page 373 concerning the procedure for adjourning a meeting if an election of officers is incomplete.

Therefore, parliamentary law recognizes that a meeting can be adjourned and in most instances notice of the adjourned meeting would be met by the oral notice given at the meeting.

Very truly yours,

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