

North Carolina Democratic Party Proposed Amendment to the Plan of Organization

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COUNCIL OF REVIEW
North Carolina Democratic Party

- Rule 1: All petitions filed shall be copied to each member of the Council and to each respondent by the chairman of the Council within seven days of receipt.
- Rule 2: Respondents shall be given ten days after the postmark on their copy of the petition in which to file a response to any petition which shall then be copied to each member of the Council by the chairman within seven days of receipt.
- Rule 3: No official response on behalf of the Council shall be sent to petitioners without polling all members of the Council prior to proposing a response, a copy of which shall be sent to each member of the Council for review and comment prior to being sent to petitioners.
- Rule 4: Any petition submitted to mediation shall be followed up with a full report on the results of the mediation mailed to each member of the Council within ten days of the conclusion of mediation.
- Rule 5: The Council shall meet a minimum of four times each year with two of the meetings being scheduled six weeks following the dates scheduled for the annual district conventions and the state convention and one meeting scheduled six weeks following the first meeting of the calendar year of the State
- Rule 6: Executive Committee unless petitions arising from these meetings have been submitted to mediation, in which cases the meetings thereafter of the Council shall be rescheduled two additional weeks later. All additional meetings shall be scheduled on a timely basis after the chairman consults with each member of the Council. The Council may invite any additional witnesses it deems appropriate to attend any hearing.
- Rule 7: All decisions of the Council shall be finalized in written form and signed by each Council member concurring in the decision within twenty days of each decision.
- Rule 8: All decisions of the Council shall be deposited in two permanent historical files, one kept at the State Democratic Headquarters and one provided the Party's historian for placement in the Party's permanent depository
- Rule 9: All decisions of the Council shall be publicized in the state Democratic Party's newsletters and website.

Rule 10: An annual written and oral report on all mediated and Council decisions shall be made by the Council chairman to the first meeting of the State Executive Committee held each calendar year.

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