

**North Carolina Democratic Party
State Executive Committee
January 20, 2007
Moseley Center at Elon University in Burlington, North Carolina**

DRAFT MINUTES

The North Carolina Democratic Party's State Executive Committee Meeting was held on Saturday, January 20, 2007 at 12:00 noon, at the Moseley Center at Elon University in Burlington, North Carolina. The Chairman and other Party Officers were present. Chip Muller of the North Carolina Devout Democrats was recognized for the invocation and Montica Talmadge, First Vice Chair of the African American Caucus, was recognized to lead the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair declared a quorum present.

The Chair recognized Senator Tony Foriest for comments.

Chris Hardee of Dare County moved to accept the rules as proposed and that motion was seconded. The motion was approved.

The Chair recognized the North Carolina Democratic Party Treasurer, Muriel Offerman, for the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's report was approved.

The Chair recognized Lieutenant Governor Beverly Perdue for comments.

Kennis Wilkins of Martin County moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved with spelling corrections.

The Chair made general comments about the draft calendar for 2007.

The Chair recognized Congressman Brad Miller for comments.

The Chair recognized Dan Besse of Forsyth County, Pat Smathers of Haywood County and Hampton Dellinger of Wake County to speak regarding their candidacies for Lt. Governor.

The Chair recognized Dr. Lavonia Allison of Durham County who inquired about getting inactive voters off the rolls and asked for a moment of silence for the African American leaders that have passed.

The Chair turned the podium over to Delmas Parker of Forsyth County to preside over the election of the office of Chair.

Vice-Chair Parker recognized Commissioner Jim Long who nominated Jerry Meek for Chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party. Jeanette Council of Cumberland County seconded the nomination.

There was a motion from an unidentified person to close nominations. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

There was a motion by Doug Massengill of Wake County to declare Jerry Meek as Chairman by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Chair made some comments and recognized Senator Walter Dalton of Cleveland as a candidate for Lt. Governor, Representative Alice Bordsen of Alamance County, Senator Kay Hagan of Guilford County, Representative Paul Luebke of Durham County, Representative Jim Harrell of Surry County, Representative Larry Hall of Durham County, Senator Charlie Dannelly of Mecklenburg County, Senator Doug Berger of Franklin County, Representative Maggie Jeffus of Guilford County, Representative Grier Martin of Wake County, Representative Martha Alexander of Mecklenburg County, and Representative Verla Insko of Orange County.

The Chair recognized Larry Kissell of Anson County who nominated Dannie Montgomery as First Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Francis McDuffie of Scotland County.

The Chair recognized Representative Paul Luebke of Durham County nominated Stella Adams as First Vice Chair. Michael Lawson of Mecklenburg County seconded the nomination.

Jess Crowder of Burke County moved the nominations be closed. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Chair recognized Dannie Montgomery to speak on her nomination.

The Chair recognized Stella Adams to speak on her nomination.

The Chair gave instructions on voting and declared a recess to count ballots.

While counting continued the Chair brought the meeting back to order to continue elections.

The Chair recognized Hayes McNeil of Forsyth County to nominate Delmas Parker for Second Vice Chair. David Crawford of Stokes County was recognized to second the nomination.

The Chair recognized Hampton Dellinger and Senator A.B. Swindell of Nash County.

An unidentified had an inquiry of the Chair regarding rule number 5 and moved to suspend the rules so that voting could proceed. The motion was seconded and approved.

There was a motion to close nominations for the office of Second Vice Chair. The motion was seconded. There was a motion to accept Delmas Parker by acclamation and that motion was seconded. Delmas Parker was re-elected Second Vice Chair by acclamation.

The Chair recognized Tony McEwen of Iredell County to nominate Courtney Crowder for Third Vice Chair. Zack Hawkins of Durham County was recognized to second the nomination.

There was a motion to close nominations for the office of Third Vice Chair. The motion was seconded. There was a motion to accept Courtney Crowder by acclamation and that motion was seconded. Courtney Crowder was re-elected Third Vice Chair by acclamation.

Chris Hardee of Dare County nominated Roy Lucas as Secretary. Don Davis seconded the nomination of Roy Lucas. There was a motion to close nominations and that motion was seconded and passed. Joyce Mitchell of Pitt County moved to accept by acclamation. The motion was seconded. Roy Lucas was elected Secretary. Roy Lucas was recognized for comments.

The Chair read the results of the election for First Vice Chair. There were 484 votes cast. A majority would be 243. Dannie Montgomery has 246 votes and Stella Adams had 238 votes. Dannie Montgomery was declared the First Vice Chair and was recognized for comments.

The Chair made a request for funds for the NCDP Legal Fund and explained the 50/50 Partnership Program. The Chair requested e-mail addresses from everyone.

All outgoing officers were given plaques and thanked for their service.

The Chair recognized the counties that had met their Sustaining Fund Goals.

Dr. Lavonia Allison was recognized for a moment of personal privilege and requested a recount. The Chair recognized Stephen Gheen, the Parliamentarian, who explained how the votes were tallied. Dr. Allison withdrew her request.

Floyd McKissick of Durham County and Bea Holt of Alamance County thought their counties had met their sustaining fund goals.

The Chair spoke about the approval of by-laws for auxiliary organizations and recommended they be approved. Forest Gilliam of Lincoln County moved to approve the by laws for all auxiliary organizations. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Chair recognized Chip Muller to talk about Devout Democrats.

Keith Thomson of Buncombe moved to approve the 2007 budget. The motion was seconded.

Floyd McKissick of Durham County made an inquiry about the budget.

The motion by Mr. Thomson passed.

Chris Hardee of Dare County made a motion to approve referring the 2008 Delegate Selection Plan to the State Executive Council. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

Kennis Wilkins of Martin County made a motion to approve Amendment #1 to the Plan of Organization that would prohibit simultaneous office holding. The motion was seconded. Gail Gould of Harnett County spoke in favor of the amendment. The amendment passed.

Eugene Barufkin of Lee County moved to adopt Amendment #2 to the Plan of Organization that would clarify that the bylaws of each state auxiliary organization provide for a mechanism for electing representatives to the congressional district executive committee. The motion was seconded. T.E. Austin of Durham County made an inquiry of the Chair. Pete Leary of Wake County made an inquiry of the Chair. Jenny Edwards of Franklin County spoke in favor of the amendment. The amendment passed.

T.E. Austin of Durham County moved to adopt Amendment #3 that would streamline the process for the Party's implementation of a legislative policy agenda. The motion was seconded. John Brooks of Wake County moved that the amendment be tabled for later consideration. The motion was seconded. The motion failed. Mac Whatley of Randolph County spoke in favor of the amendment. P.R. Latta of Wake County spoke in favor of the amendment. Chris Lizak of Wake County moved to amend the amendment. Malcolm Kenton of Guilford County had a substitute amendment to the amendment. Jim Martin of Wake County spoke against the substitute amendment to the amendment. The substitute amendment failed. Chris Lizak's original substitute amendment was before the body. An unidentified person from Durham County spoke against the substitute amendment. Mike Schaul of Wake County spoke against the substitute amendment. John Brooks of Wake County spoke in favor of the substitute amendment. Chris Lizak tried to speak but was prevented by the rules from addressing the body again. Chris Hollingsworth moved to let Chris Lizak speak. The motion was seconded and passed. Diana Palmer of Durham County made an inquiry. The question was called, but there was objection. Malcolm Kenton had an amendment to the substitute amendment. The Parliamentarian was recognized and expressed concern that this would conflict with the new lobbying legislation. John Arrowood of Mecklenburg County made an inquiry of the Chair regarding lobbyist contributions. Ted Benson of Durham County moved to table the amendment in total. George Six moved to table the amendment until the next State Executive Committee meeting but it was clarified that if tabled it would automatically come up for consideration (with amendments) at the next meeting. Mike Schaul moved by special order for the Chair to create a committee to consider the amendment. The motion to table passed.

Wayne Goodwin was recognized to explain the Platform and Resolutions process and made a motion to approve all the proposed resolutions starting with the first resolution on the 1898 Race Riot.

George Green of Wake County moved to amend the resolution to change 1898 to 1900. The motion was seconded and passed. The motion passed unanimously.

Susan Ohler of Buncombe County spoke in favor of the resolution to support the withdrawal from Iraq. Rev. Floyd Johnson of Cumberland County spoke against the resolution. John Hollingsworth of Wake County spoke in favor of the

resolution. Phillip Gilfis of Cumberland County spoke against the resolution. Russ Becker of Burke County spoke in favor of the resolution. Don Davis of Green County spoke in favor of the resolution. Make Savitt of Wake County proposed an amendment to the resolution to support the troops. Jim Martin spoke against the amendment to the resolution. The amendment to the resolution failed. Bill Paige of Wake County moved to delete “by summer of 2007.” The motion was seconded. The question was called without objection. The Amendment to the resolution failed. The question was called. The resolution passed.

The third resolution was considered and passed.

Steve Eisner of Catawba County moved to consider a resolution regarding Inter Basin Transfers. The motion failed.

Dr. Lavonia Allison made an inquiry of the Chair regarding the delegate selection plan.

Jack Saunders of Orange County was recognized for a moment of personal privilege.

Mr. Hollingsworth moved to bring tabled amendments off the table for reconsideration. The motion failed.

Delmas Parker of Forsyth County moved to suspend the rules to approve a resolution regarding the NAACP historic thousand on Jones Street in March 2007. The motion to suspend the rules passed and Mr. Parker moved to approve the resolution. The question was called. The resolution passed.

There was a quorum call and there was no quorum.

After several comments and announcements, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Roy Lucas
Secretary