

MINUTES
STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL – JANUARY 27, 2018
DENNIS WICKER CENTER, SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA

State Chair Wayne Goodwin called the meeting to order at 11:06 AM.

Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

An extended Moment of Silence followed.

As Secretary Melvin Williams called the roll, Michael Barnhill gave each member a numbered copy of the Proposed Budget for 2018. The roll call showed that 43 of the 48 Council Members or Proxies were present. A Quorum was declared.

Executive Director Kimberly Reynolds talked about items in the Proposed Budget. Wes Tripp made a motion to adopt the Budget and Charlie Wallin seconded his motion.

This motion to approve the 2018 Budget was passed by a voice vote.

Jesse Goslen brought up consideration of archiving Party records.

The State Chair ruled that this matter should be considered when the Council reached the New Business section of the Agenda.

Chris Hardee made a motion to approve the Minutes of the last Council meeting on 10-14-17. Those Minutes were recorded by College Democrats President John Easterling. Several people seconded the motion to approve.

Randolph Voller asked how we could keep a record of matters which were discussed but not voted on at Council meetings. DD Adams and several other members made suggestions.

Matt Hughes proposed two small corrections to the October 14th Minutes.

The motion to adopt the Minutes of the October 14th meeting as corrected were approved by a voice vote.

STATE PARTY CHAIR'S REPORT

State Chair Wayne Goodwin said “A Blue Wave Is Coming!” He congratulated everyone on all the good work they are doing. He emphasized that “We have to do more than rely on history.”

- We need to have a candidate for every legislative race.

- The State Chair keeps office hours in the State Headquarters on Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays.

- After the State Chair praised the State Headquarters team, Council Members gave them a strong round of applause.

- “We need more resources.”

- The State Chair vocalized the Party’s Calendar of Upcoming Events including the Unity Dinner, the Sanford Hunt Frye Breakfast (some years it is a

lunch or dinner), and the State Convention, all of which have had contracts signed where needed.

- The 2018 Unity Banquet will be held in Reynolds Coliseum. Our goal is to sell 1,000 tickets!

John Easterling made a motion that the Council accept the dates, location, and events (Unity Dinner, Sanford Hunt Frye Breakfast, State Convention) as presented. Several people seconded his motion which was passed by a voice vote.

REPORTS OF OTHER NCDP OFFICERS

NCDP First Vice Chair Aisha Dew gave a report on her activities.

NCDP Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes reported on his activities which included:

- Platform and Resolutions Committee met in early January for consideration of Resolutions passed by the District Conventions in May, 2017. Some of the Resolutions were reaffirmed (but not presented to the SEC as they have already been passed by the SEC or State Convention, or contained within our Platform and did not constitute a significant change to the Party's position), referred to another committee within the NCDP, or sent back to their county of origin for further discussion/revision. The Resolutions passed by the Committee will be presented to the SEC for consideration as a packet**
- Worked with staff and caucuses on recruitment of candidates for the House and Senate.**
- Brought together District Chairs and auxiliary Presidents in October. It was the first time District Chairs were brought together in a long time. First time auxiliary Presidents have met. We'll continue with conference calls every month and an in-person meeting every six months.**

NCDP Third Vice Nida Allam reported on her activities.

Secretary Melvin Williams congratulated everyone who has sent information to "GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS." He invited Council members to nominate Democrats under age 36 to star in the YOUTH FEATURE of the newsletter.

Treasurer Anna Tilghman said she will make her Treasurer's Report at the SEC meeting which will start at 1:00PM today.

DNC member Cliff Moone talked about the \$10 million which the DNC has started distributing to the State Parties. He announced that the next DNC meeting will be in Washington on March 8th – 10th.

Richard Poole, President of the State Chairs Association, said his goal is to empower the County Chairs. He and Meredith Cuomo conducted a training session earlier this morning on fundraising and other topics.

OLD BUSINESS

Kathy Sinclair repeated a request she had made at a previous meeting: That messaging be sent to Third Vice Chairs of County and District parties.

Robert Howard said weekly messaging is going to SEC members, County Chairs, and District Chairs. He emphasized that this messaging is for internal Party use only. He said he will be glad to start sending messaging to the Third Vice Chairs as Kathy requested.

Kimberly Reynolds said more people will be placed in the Party's Communications department.

Jesse Goslen asked what has happened about the "GrassBoots" program since it was announced at a previous meeting. Michael Barnhill talked about the progress that has been made on the "GrassBoots" program and said the planning stage of that program will be completed next week.

NEW BUSINESS

Jesse Goslen discussed archiving of Party history and records. He made a motion that the State Chair appoint an Archives Committee. His motion was seconded by Kathy Sinclair and was passed by a voice vote.

Senator Floyd McKissick made a motion that the meeting go into Executive Session. Ray McKinnon seconded the motion which was passed by a voice vote.

After the Executive Session ended, the meeting returned to Open Session status.

The Council approved by a voice vote all actions taken during the Closed Session.

These actions included:

- Passage of NCDP's 2018 Budget with a stipulation that future Annual Budgets include listings of projected revenues for the upcoming year and comparisons of each Budget item with the same items in the previous year's budget.

- **Passage of a motion for the State Chair to appoint a committee to study stipends for State Party Chair, DNC Members, and for young Delegates to the Democratic National Convention**
- **Adoption of Strategic Plans for 2018, 2019, and 2020**
- **Announcement that a digital kit will be prepared for County Parties and candidates**
- **Defeat of a petition to change the name of the Sanford-Hunt-Frye event**

The meeting was then adjourned.

**Respectfully submitted,
Melvin Williams, Secretary
North Carolina Democratic Party**