

**MINUTES
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC PARTY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019
MALLARD CREEK HIGH SCHOOL, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA**

While SEC Members completed the registration process, State Chair Wayne Goodwin invited the following Democratic stars to address the crowd:

Secretary of State Elaine Marshall

Judge Toby Hampson

Frank McNeill, 2018 8th District Candidate for Congress

Congresswoman Alma Adams

Ninth District Congressional Candidate Dan McCready

Keith Sutton, Candidate for Supt. of Public Instruction

Rep. Yvonne Holley, Candidate for Lt. Governor

Jen Mangrum, Candidate for Supt. of Public Instruction

Cal Cunningham, Candidate for Lt. Governor

Michael Maher, Candidate for Supt. of Public Instruction

By 12:45PM most of the SEC Members had completed registration and found seats. State Chair Wayne Goodwin called the SEC meeting to order.

The Color Guard entered and presented the flags.

97 year-old NCDP Sustaining Fund Co-Chair Charles Johnson of Nash County led the SEC in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes led the SEC in the Pledge to North Carolina.

Third Vice Chair Nida Allam led the SEC in a Moment of Silence.

The Chair then called the following candidates to address the SEC:

Eva F. Lee for US Senate

Senator Terry van Duyn for Lt. Governor

James Barrett for Supt. of Public Instruction

County Commissioner Trevor Fuller for US Senate

Senator Erica D. Smith for US Senate

Secretary Melvin Williams announced that a Quorum had been established for the meeting.

Chair Goodwin read a welcoming letter from Mayor Vi Lyles

County Commissioner Vilma Leake made a motion to adopt the Agenda for today’s meeting. Hoke County Chair Jim Davis seconded her motion. The motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote.

The next item of business was to consider the Special Rules of the Day for today’s SEC meeting. John Brooks made a motion to adopt the Special Rules of the Day. Ginger Walker seconded his motion.

Bob Hyman proposed an amendment to change the wording of Rule 10 (e.) Cliff Moone seconded his amendment. Abe Jones of Wake County stated that an explanation of this amendment was needed. After hearing an explanation, Bob Hyman’s proposed amendment was adopted by a voice vote.

Donna Luckey of Lincoln County made a motion to make changes in Section 9 (C) of the Special Rules of the Day so that it would allow:

- **No member to speak longer that one minute**
- **No member to speak more than twice on the same motion**

Several SEC Members spoke about this amendment.

The SEC then voted by a voice vote to defeat this amendment

Rockingham County Party Chair Roxanne Griffin presented an Alternate Plan of Precinct Organization which would only apply to Rockingham County.

The following people spoke about this amendment: Cliff Moone, Randy Voller, Linda Simowitz, Brian Fitzsimmons, Bob Hyman, Dr. Lavonia Allison, and Maria Cervania.

Cumberland County Chair Roberta Waddle made a motion to adopt this Alternate Plan of Precinct Organization for Rockingham County. An unidentified Member seconded her motion.

The SEC approved the Alternate Plan of Precinct Organization by a voice vote.

State Chair Wayne Goodwin called for people from the following groups to stand and be recognized:

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| Precinct Chairs | State Legislators |
| County Chairs | Auxiliary Presidents |
| School Board Members | County Commissioners |
| City Council Members | |

Wayne Goodwin presented the STATE CHAIR’S REPORT which was printed in the Program of the SEC meeting.

ELECTION OF NCDP STATE CHAIR

The floor was opened for nominations for State Party Chair for 2019-2021.

Senator Floyd McKissick made a talk nominating Wayne Goodwin.

Hoke County Chair Jim Davis seconded this nomination.

Cliff Moone made a motion to close the nominations and to elect Wayne Goodwin unanimously. Surluta Anthony of Union County seconded his motion.

The motion was passed unanimously by a voice vote. SEC Members applauded Wayne Goodwin on his re-election.

ELECTION OF NCDP SECRETARY

Ryan Watts of Alamance County spoke to the SEC to nominate Melvin Williams.

Duplin County Chair Vernon Moore seconded his nomination.

Carteret County Chair Tina Rodriguez made a motion to close nominations and to elect Melvin Williams unanimously. Several people seconded her motion.

This motion was passed unanimously and Melvin Williams was re-elected.

ELECTION OF NCDP FIRST VICE CHAIR

Veleria Levy of Rowan County nominated Dr. Bobbie Richardson.

Franklin County Chair Lucy Allen seconded the nomination. Dr. Bobbie Richardson addressed the SEC

Durham County Sheriff Clarence Birkhead nominated Brenda Pollard. Tenth District Chair Betsy Wells seconded the nomination. Brenda Pollard addressed the SEC.

County Commissioner Vilma Leake nominated Aisha Dew. Larken Egleston seconded her nomination. Aisha Dew addressed the SEC.

Several Member made motions to close the nominations. Several Members seconded the motion. The motion to close nomination was passed by a voice vote. SEC Members then cast paper ballots.

The State Chair called on NCDP Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes to give the report of the Resolutions Committee. Matt brought forth the Resolutions which had been pulled for further discussion at the 2018 State Convention.

Matt made a motion to accept the report of the Resolutions Committee by adopting the Resolutions contained therein. Surluta Anthony seconded the motion. The entire report of the Resolutions Committee was then passed on a voice vote. 4

Bob Hyman made a motion to reconsider each Resolution separately. His motion to reconsider each Resolution separately was passed.

(It is assumed that each SEC Member kept their copy of the SEC Member Packet and can refer to the Program in that packet to read the full text of each Resolution. That will avoid having to write out the entire text of every Resolution in these Minutes.)

The SEC then began consideration of Resolution # 1 on page 14 of the SEC program. A motion was made to adopt the Substitute Motion for the “Resolution To Reduce Pesticide Misuse And Ensure Pollinator Safety.” This substitute motion is also printed on Page 14. The motion was seconded.

The SEC then voted to pass the substitute for Resolution # 1.

RESULTS OF ELECTION FOR FIRST VICE CHAIR

The following results were posted on the big screen on stage:

Dr. Bobbie Richardson – 59%

Aisha Dew – 30%

Brenda Pollard – 10%

Disqualified Ballots – 1%

Newly elected First Vice Chair, Dr. Bobbie Richardson thanked the SEC Members for their votes and expressed optimism about the two years ahead.

Brenda Pollard addressed the SEC thanking them for their friendships and pledging to continue supporting all Democrats.

Aisha Dew addressed the SEC thanking Members for the opportunity to serve as First Vice Chair for the past two years.

All three candidates for First Vice Chair then joined hands and raised their arms in a show of unity and harmony.

ELECTION OF SECOND VICE CHAIR

DNC Member Ray McKinnon nominated Matt Hughes. Buncombe County Chair Jeff Rose seconded the nomination.

Gabriel Sherwood of Catawba County made a motion to close nominations and re-elect Matt Hughes unanimously. Several Members seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously. Matt Hughes expressed his appreciation to the SEC.

DNC Member Ray McKinnon nominated Nida Allam. Matt Hughes seconded her nomination.

Surluta Anthony made a motion to close the nominations and elect Nida Allam unanimously. Several Members seconded her motion.

The SEC voted by a voice vote to pass this motion thereby unanimously re-electing Nida Allam. Nida thanked the SEC Members.

Resolutions Chair Matt Hughes came back to the podium to continue discussion and voting on Resolutions.

Resolution # 2 on Page 14 was brought forward. It was entitled “Resolution Calling For Prohibition Of The Practice Known As ‘Rolling Coal’ Within 20 Feet of Pedestrians, With Increased Penalties For Repeated Violations By An Individual On A Single Day.”

A motion to adopt the “Proposed Amendment from the State Convention” was passed by the SEC. This Amendment was on Page 15.

Resolution # 2 was then passed as amended.

Consideration of Resolution # 3 “A Resolution To Move North Carolina To 100% Clean Renewable Energy and Oppose New Fossil Fuel Projects” on Page 15.

Tyler Beale moved to amend this Resolution to change the date from 2050 to 2030 in the first resolved clause. His motion was seconded and was passed by the SEC.

The SEC then passed Resolution # 3 as amended.

Resolution # 4 - “A Resolution In Support of Clean, Renewable Energy” on Page 15 was passed unanimously without amendment.

Resolution # 5 - “ Resolution To Call For Money To fight Sex Trafficking on Pages 5 and 6 was considered. A motion to suspend the rules to allow amendments was passed by more than the required 2/3 majority.

This Resolution was amended to say “a commercial sex act or forced labor” in the second Whereas clause.

This Resolution was also amended to change all references to sex trafficking to human trafficking.

The amendment from the State Convention found on Page 16 was also passed. The Resolution as amended was then passed.

Resolution # 6 – “Resolution In Support Of Empowering People To Stand Up Against Sexual Harassment And Assault In The Workforce” found on Page 16.

This Resolution was amended in the first Whereas clause to change “every man, woman, and child” to “every person.”

This Resolution was also amended so that all references to “men and women” was changed to “people.”

This proposed Amendment from the State Convention was also adopted: “and to stop all bullying and all harassment that contributes to a hostile workforce environment.” Resolution # 6 as amended was passed on a voice vote.

Resolution # 7 – “Resolution In Support Of The Restoration Of Net Neutrality” on Pages 16 and 17.

An amendment was passed to remove the following words from the fifth Whereas clause: “is also the most hated company in the country.”

The following Amendment from the State Convention was also adopted: “RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Democratic Party urges the state legislature to adopt net neutrality regulations similar to California’s SB 822 and others adopted by the states of Oregon and Washington.”

Resolution # 7 was then passed as amended.

Resolution # 8 on Page 17 – “Resolution To Increase Percentage Of Funds From the Education Lottery Used To Further Public Education” was passed as written.

Resolution #9 on Page 17 – “Resolution For The Clean Repeal Of HB2 and The Adoption Of Anti-Discrimination Laws.”

Dennis Spencer made a motion to suspend the Rules to allow amendments. This motion was seconded by Kathryn Vandegrift. This motion was passed by a standing vote.

This Resolution was amended in the second Whereas clause to say “LGBTQIA+.”

This Resolution was also amended to change the word “citizens” to “persons” throughout.

Then Resolution # 9 was passed as amended.

The SEC moved to consideration of the following Resolution on Pages 19 and 20:

“A RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE OF TONY WAYNE OF HENDERSON COUNTY

“WHEREAS, Tony Wayne and his wife, Gayle, became actively involved with the Henderson County Democratic Party during the 2008 Obama campaign, spending every day out on the streets knocking on doors and offering to give rides for those needing to vote;

“WHEREAS, Tony Wayne and fellow Democrat Sam Stone were instrumental in remodeling the new HCDP Headquarters in 2011, working tirelessly every day for two and a half months to make the facility ready:

“WHEREAS, Tony and Gayle Wayne purchased air conditioners, a kitchen sink, some of the appliances, window blinds and kitchen curtains for the remodeling of the HCDP headquarters;

“WHEREAS, Tony Wayne diligently served as the HCDP Senior Democrats’ Chair from 2011 until his passing on August 6, 2018;

“WHEREAS, Tony Wayne was elected and served as an HCDP SEC Delegate from 2011 until his passing on August 6, 2018;

“WHEREAS, Tony Wayne gained access to the Cummings Cove Social Hall for precinct meetings for four years, helping with set up and other duties for the precinct chair, always being there as needed;

“WHEREAS, Tony Wayne diligently helped his wife with her duties as Treasurer of the 11th Congressional District Democratic Party, and purchased a sound system for the use of the 11th District during meetings;

“WHEREAS, Tony Wayne diligently attended Democratic precinct, county, Senior Democrats, district, and state meetings, and actively participated in discussion and decisions;

“WHEREAS, Tony Wayne always offered his help to fellow Democrats in time of need;

“WHEREAS, Tony Wayne was always there with a smile on his face and friendly chat to make everyone feel at ease and comfortable; and

“WHEREAS, Tony Wayne exemplified what a Democrat should be: loyal, compassionate, always finding the good, smiling, loving life, loving people, and working to make life better for others through party actions and hard work; now, therefore, be it

“RESOLVED, that the Henderson County Democratic Party, the 11th District Democratic Party, and the North Carolina State Democratic Party recognize the life of Tony Wayne, and his contributions to all the parties listed above; and

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all Democrats are urged to show love to others, keep smiling faces, love life at all times, and continue to fight for the

Democratic Party to make lives better through their hard work and actions, and to do this in honor of Tony Wayne and others who display the same actions for the Democratic Party and its members.”

This motion was passed unanimously as Gayle Wayne was asked to stand and SEC Members from all over the state gave her a standing ovation.

NINTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT RESOLUTION

A resolution entitled “A Resolution In Support Of Complete Investigation Of The 2018 General Election Of The Ninth Congressional District By The North Carolina State Board Of Elections” was then brought to the floor.

Several SEC Members moved for its adoption. Several Members seconded that motion.

This motion was passed by a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Cliff Moone made a motion to re-order the Agenda to go to New Business as required by the Plan Of Organization. His motion was passed by a standing vote.

2019 Annual Budget

Executive Director Kimberly Reynolds presented the Budget of \$1.3 million.

Surluta Anthony of Union County asked if SEC Members could get a copy of this Budget. Linda Simowitz also asked if Members could get a copy.

Chris Hardee moved that the 2019 Budget be adopted as presented. Scott Huffman seconded his motion.

An SEC Member said she would not vote for a Budget she could not see.

State Chair Wayne Goodwin said SEC Members can see the 2019 Budget at the State Party Headquarters.

Janice Covington asked for a 5 minute recess so Member could go up to the front of the auditorium to try to see the Budget which was displayed on a large screen.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to have a 10 minute recess so Members could review the 2019 Budget.

At the end of the recess Nancy Rorie of Union County made a motion to adopt the 2019 Budget as presented. An unidentified Member seconded her motion.

The motion to adopt the 2019 Budget as presented was adopted.

The Chair then called DNC Member Shelia Huggins to the podium to give a report of the NCDP Auxiliary Review Committee.

Shelia introduced the members of her committee:

Buncombe County Chair Jeff Rose who was Secretary of the committee

Wake County Democratic Party Chair Rebecca Llewelyn

Ninth Congressional District Chair Cynthia Wallace

Seventh Congressional District Chair Francisco Rivas-Diaz

Shelia then called out the name of every NCDP Auxiliary and asked the Presidents of every Auxiliary to stand. They were:

African American Caucus – Linda Wilkins-Daniels

Asian American Pacific Islander Caucus- Dr. Grace Galloway

Progressive Caucus – Dave Nelson

Small Business Caucus – Jesse Goslen who announced that

Kristi Talley will be the incoming President

Veterans Caucus – Janice Covington

Democratic Women – Julia Buckner

Hispanic American Democrats – Leader was not present

Young Democrats – Anne Evangelista

College Democrats – Leader was not present

Labor Caucus – Randy Voller

LGBTQ Caucus – Ginger Walker

Teen Democrats – Leader was not present

Coastal Caucus – Tina Rodriquez

Senior Democrats – Tom Rothrock

Native American Caucus – Leader was not present

Shelia Huggins continue her report by saying the Doug Wilson and Stephanie Wooley were their State Party contacts and advisers.

Shelia discussed the process used by her committee to review the Bylaws of every caucus.

Shelia then gave her committee's Chartering and Bylaws recommendations. It was divided into three groups.

1 – They recommended the approval of the following auxiliaries because the Bylaws of these auxiliaries substantially follow the checklist requirements including language regarding disputes, and includes language stating they will follow the Plan Of Organization:

African American Caucus	Small Business Caucus	10
Asian American Pacific Islanders Caucus		
Progressive Caucus	Veterans Caucus	
Small Business Caucus	Native American Caucus	

2 – They recommended approval of the following auxiliaries because they substantially follow the checklist requirements and include language regarding disputes:

- Democratic Women**
- Hispanic American Democrats**
- Young Democrats**

3 – Recommended approval with the condition that changes are made to the ByLaws that include dispute resolution language and that those changes be made by the next SEC meeting in June and the ByLaws submitted for approval at the next SEC meeting in June. These auxiliaries substantially follow the checklist requirements but need to add or amend dispute language:

- College Democrats**
- Labor Caucus**
- LGBTQ Caucus**
- Teen Democrats Caucus**
- Senior Democrats**
- Coastal Caucus**

Shelia Huggins then made a motion to adopt the report of the NCDP Auxiliary Review Committee. Chris Hardee seconded her motion.

This motion was passed by a voice vote.

Angela Bridgman of Wake County made a motion that a Transgender Political Caucus be recognized as a separate entity from the LGBTQ+ Caucus. This motion was seconded. Angela Bridgman, Dr. Grace Galloway of Cabarrus County, and Stacey Pietsche of Wake County spoke in favor of the motion.

Chris Hardee made a substitute motion that the Bylaws of a Transgender Political Caucus be submitted to Shelia Huggins' NCDP Auxiliaries Bylaws Committee and be reported back at the June SEC meeting.

State Chair Wayne Goodwin stated that he will add a Transgender Democrat to the Shelia's Auxiliaries Bylaws Committee.

Ginger Walker, President of the LGBTQ+ Democrats, addressed the body for the purposes of clarifying recent actions the LGBTQ+ Democrats had taken in support of the transgender community.

Chris Hardee moved the previous question (on his motion to refer the Bylaws of a Transgender Political Caucus to Shelia Huggins' Auxiliaries Bylaws Committee and be reported to the SEC meeting in June.) His motion on the previous question was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

The SEC then voted on Chris' main motion to refer the Transgender Auxiliary Bylaws to Shelia Huggins' committee.

The motion was passed by a voice vote.

Chris Hardee made a motion to refer the rest of the items on the Agenda to the June SEC meeting. His motion was seconded.

The items which his motion would refer to the June SEC meeting include:

- Resolutions 1-5 on Pages 17-19**
- Proposed Amendments to the POO on Pages 8-14**

This motion was passed by a voice vote.

The State Chair then declared the meeting was adjourned.

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

