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**SPECIAL RULES OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

**June 8, 2019**

RULE 1. *Chair.* The State Chair shall have general direction of the meeting and shall be authorized to take such action as is necessary to maintain order. The Chair, with the guidance of the Parliamentarian, designated at the convening of the meeting by the Chair, shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal by any member. The order of priority of Rules shall be (a) the Plan of Organization, (b) the Rules of the Day adopted by the State Executive Committee, and (3) Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised, 11<sup>th</sup> Edition). Courteous respect for one another will be the standing order of the day.

RULE 2. *Obtaining Recognition.* Except in the case of physical challenge (when a microphone will be brought to the member), any member who is about to address the Chair, shall rise and approach a microphone and await recognition by the Chair. The Chair shall inquire the purpose for which the member rises. If the member's purpose is in order, the Chair will recognize the member. Upon recognition, the member shall state that member's name and county or, where appropriate, that member's position in the party.

RULE 3. *Limitations on Debate.* No member shall speak in debate more than once on the same question, or longer than one (1) minute, without a motion by a member, seconded and passed by a majority vote, without debate. *Ad hominem* arguments will not be tolerated by the Chair, who may curtail the remaining time of the speaker.

RULE 4. *Credentialed Voting.* Credentialed members or proxies may vote, only if present in the room and physically casting a ballot prior to the time when ballots are collected by the election marshals. No member or proxy may vote *in absentia* and such practice or attempt to engage in such practice shall be grounds for discipline by the State Executive Committee (hereinafter "SEC"), which may include removal by the Council of Review. The Chair may take voice votes, standing votes, or ballot votes for any or all votes, unless specified in the Party Plan of Organization.

RULE 5. *Agenda Modifications and Rules Modifications.* The Agenda shall be followed as adopted by the SEC. While pending, the Agenda may be amended by majority vote. After adoption, the Agenda may be amended by a two-thirds vote. As for the Rules of the Day governing the SEC meeting, while pending, they may be amended by majority vote. After adoption, the Rules may be amended by a two-thirds vote.

**RULE 6. *Plan of Organization (“PoO”) Review Committee Report.***

- (a) The Chair of the Plan of Organization Committee shall report the Committee’s report and recommendations regarding proposed amendments for consideration by the SEC. A motion to approve an amendment is made by the Chair of the Plan of Organization Committee and does not require a second. The body shall consider one amendment at a time. When the amendment is presented, it shall be displayed to the body.
- (b) After the motion is made to approve the amendment, the floor shall be open for debate on that amendment, with the State Chair presiding. The PoO Review Committee Chair has the right to the floor first in debate.
- (c) The total time to debate each amendment is five (5) minutes. During this time, the Chair shall alternate between members in favor and members opposed to that amendment. Debate shall be timed and when it expires, the State Chair will move to a vote on the amendment. Once the amendment is adopted or rejected, the PoO Review Committee Chair will proceed to the next recommendation of the Committee.
- (d) All approved amendments shall be effective upon the adjournment of the June 8, 2019 meeting unless otherwise specified as provided by Section 12.01 of the Plan of Organization.

**RULE 7. *Resolutions.***

- (a) The Resolutions and Platform Chair (RPC) will report the proposed resolutions for consideration by the SEC.
- (b) Resolutions referred to the SEC by the District Convention shall be considered first, along with the proposed amended language. Discussion and debate shall be limited to the proposed amendments. Additional amendments are disallowed.
- (c) When the resolution is presented, it shall be displayed to the body. Upon reporting a resolution, the floor shall be open for debate on that resolution.
- (d) Discussion and debate shall be limited to the proposed amendments. Additional amendments are disallowed. The debate period for a resolution shall be five (5) minutes. After the time for debate has ended for a resolution, the State Chair will entertain a vote on the resolution. Once the resolution is voted up or down, the RPC Chair will proceed to the next resolution.

**RULE 8.** Pursuant to the Party Plan of Organization Section 11.03, forty percent (40%) of the persons constituting the voting membership of the SEC shall constitute a quorum. Once quorum has been established, the continued presence of a quorum is presumed to exist. If a lack of a quorum is suggested by a member, (a quorum call), and after a standing count, the Chair is unable to determine if there is a quorum, each SEC Member will sign and submit a pre-printed form for a quorum count. Proxies will print and sign their own name, as well as print the name

of the SEC Member for whom they have a proxy. The pre-printed forms shall be forwarded to the Chair. The time the Chair rules that quorum is present shall be noted and no quorum call may be made by a member for one (1) hour after that time. Time spent by guest speakers or elected officials, unless part of actual debate on motions or reported matters or other official business, shall not be included in calculating the one (1) hour limitation.

*RULE 9. Adjournment of the State Executive Committee.*

The State Executive Committee will adjourn or move into announcements no later than 5:00PM pursuant to the contract with Wake County Public Schools.