

**STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019
ENLOE HIGH SCHOOL, RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA**

State Chair Wayne Goodwin called the meeting to order at 12:10PM.

Janice Covington led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The entire audience said the Salute To The Flag of North Carolina.

A Moment of Silence was conducted by the State Party Chair.

Deputy Executive Director Doug Wilson declared that a Quorum was present. 240 Members had registered and registration was still ongoing.

Chair Goodwin moved to re-order the Agenda of the meeting. He moved the following two changes:

1 – Move Section 12A Approval of 2020 Delegate Selection Plan to immediately after the State Chair’s report

2 – Add to Unfinished Business as “A” the report from the Auxiliary Bylaws Committee.

Betsy Wells moved to approve the changes recommended by the State Chair. Chris Hardee seconded her motion. This motion was approved by a voice vote.

Cliff Moone made a motion to approve the Proposed Rules Of The Day. Wendy May and Dr. Lavonia Allison seconded his motion.

Randy Voller asked a question about Rule 7.

The motion to approve the Rules was approved by a voice vote.

Secretary of State Elaine Marshall spoke to the body about electing Democrats and unity.

She then said she was proud to represent the Governor of North Carolina as she presented the Order Of The Long Leaf Pine to a very surprised Tenth Congressional District Chair Betsy Wells. Betsy was further surprised when her daughter, Kellene, came onto the stage to participate in the presentation.

Betsy gave an emotional and heartwarming talk expressing her appreciation for this award and congratulating everyone in the Party who has been a blessing to her.

State Chair Goodwin recognized the State Party Officers and NCDP Parliamentarian Sybil Mann.

Action on Minutes of the January 26, 2019 SEC meeting in Charlotte: Benjamin Spencer suggested a correction on page nine of the Minutes. Janice Covington made a motion to approve the Minutes. Her motion was seconded by Stephanie Collins. The Minutes as amended were approved by a voice vote.

State Chair Wayne Goodwin congratulated everyone for the work they are doing for the Democratic Party.

He reported that he has asked the Presidential Candidates to let the NCDP know when they are going to be visiting North Carolina so Democrats can attend.

Our 2020 goal: Take back the majority in the General Assembly.

Wayne encouraged Democrats across the state to call the NCDP Officers and invite them to speak at your events. He said: "We want to go where you are."

Wayne reported that the DNC has rejected calls for a Presidential Candidates debate on climate change. The State Chairs are banding together to push for that debate.

He and First Vice Chair Bobbie Richardson will be going to the Association of Democratic State Chairs meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico next week.

He said it has been an "absolute delight" to work with retiring Executive Director Kimberly Reynolds and the audience gave Kimberly a loud ovation.

MATT HUGHES' REPORT ON HIS ACTIVITIES AND ON THE DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN FOR 2020 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes gave a report on the work of the Delegate Selection Plan produced by the committee which he and First Vice Chair Bobbie Richardson co-chaired.

He emphasized that all Precinct, County, and District Conventions must be held on the same date in 2020.

He talked about the committee's Affirmative Action Plan including how non-binary Delegates will be selected.

The Delegate Selection Committee also passed motions to insure that people who are Presidential Electors will have to vote for the Democratic Party's candidates.

Matt Hughes and Bobbie Richardson made a motion to adopt the 2020 Delegate Selection Plan. Their motion was seconded by Cliff Moone.

Randy Voller brought up the topic of Delegates being pledged to specific Presidential Candidates.

From the discussion that followed SEC Members learned that people who run to be Delegates will file as pledged to a specific Presidential Candidate. The Presidential campaigns will then have the option of approving or disapproving each person who wants to be a Delegate.

SEC Members also learned that a Presidential Candidate must receive 15% of the vote in a Congressional District to qualify to have Delegates from that district. A Presidential Candidate must receive at least 15% of the vote statewide to qualify for Delegates elected at the 2020 State Convention.

Matt Hughes predicted that only 3 or 4 candidates will probably receive 15% of the vote at either the district or state level.

Dr. Lavonia Allison reminded SEC Members that it was about 25 years ago that she worked for a requirement that Delegates must be divided equally by gender. SEC members applauded Dr. Allison.

Matt Hughes said that people who have filed to be Delegates will be notified one week before the State Convention as to whether their names will be on the ballot at the State Convention. The Delegate Selection Committee will select those names. Nominations from the floor will not be allowed at State Convention.

Matt reminded everyone that the committee's Delegate Selection Plan would not become official until the DNC approves it.

Savannah Waters of New Hanover County asked if age diversity was included in the Delegate Selection Plan. Matt replied: "Yes."

The SEC then approved the proposed Delegate Selection Plan unanimously by a voice vote.

Matt asked all members of the Delegate Selection Committee to stand. They received a strong round of applause.

Matt reported on the many counties in which he has spoken this year and about his role on the Executive Director Search Committee.

Scott Huffman spoke about his campaign for Congress in the Eighth Congressional District. He said Eighth District voters are ready for "a new set of tires!"

State Chair Goodwin brought greetings from State Auditor Beth Wood who had attended the Unity Breakfast that morning and who was attending a funeral during the hours of today's SEC meeting.

REPORT OF FIRST VICE CHAIR DR. BOBBIE RICHARDSON

Dr. Richardson presented a long list of counties to which she has visited and in which she has spoken. She is helping to organize the "Women Of Color" event which will be held at North Carolina Central University on August 10th. She said she is looking forward to going to the ASDC meeting in Santa Fe next week.

REPORT OF THIRD VICE CHAIR NIDA ALLAM

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Nida Allam reported on her recent speaking engagement with the Craven County Senior Democrats. She said she is eager to speak in more counties and she opened the door for Democrats across the state to give her an invitation.

Nida is working with the NAACP to help open free legal advice clinics.

REPORT OF NCDP TREASURER ANNA TILGHMAN

Anna said that everyone can see the work she has been doing when they read the NCDP reports to the State Board of Elections and to the Federal Elections Commission.

REPORT OF NCDP SECRETARY MELVIN WILLIAMS

The Secretary invited more people to open GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS when they receive it because the State Headquarters keeps a detailed record of what percentage of the GOOD NEWS emails are opened. He also invited people to keep sending pictures and short articles about their activities.

The Secretary said that the SPECIAL FEATURE about Jonah Garson of Orange County in the most recent edition had drawn a great deal of interest from readers across the state. He called on Jonah to stand and SEC Members gave him an enthusiastic round of applause.

REPORT OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CHAIRS

Orange County Chair Marilyn Carter gave the report of this organization. She recognized outgoing State Association Richard Poole who received a round of appreciative applause.

She reported the following results of that morning's election of new Officers of the State Association of County Chairs:

President – Jeff Rose, Buncombe County

Executive Vice President – Jane Whitley, Mecklenburg County

Eastern Vice President – Jimmy Cochran, Lenoir County

Piedmont Vice President – Marilyn Carter, Orange County

Western Vice President – Howard Larsen, Mitchell County

Secretary – Ken Jordan, Rutherford County

Treasurer – John Kirkman, Lee County

The “Democrats After Dark” event was promoted. This event is being sponsored by the Young Democrats of North Carolina and will be held at the State Headquarters following the Unity Banquet.

DNC Member Shelia Huggins gave a report from the Auxiliary Charter Review Committee which she chairs.

She said the Coastal Caucus, the LGBT Caucus, and the Labor Caucus had made charter changes her committee had requested. Therefore, these three caucuses are now fully charter by the NCDP.

Her committee recommended that the SEC approve the Charter of the Transgender Caucus. Janice Covington talked about the importance and purposes of this new caucus. She pointed out that North Carolina will be the first State Party in the nation to have a Transgender Caucus. Wendy May paid tribute to a transgender person who was recently killed in Robeson County. Angela Bridgman expressed appreciation to Wake County Democrats who have supported the establishment of the Transgender Caucus.

Randy Voller made a motion to approve the Charter of the Transgender Caucus. Leslie Cohen of New Hanover seconded the motion. State Chair Goodwin requested that the motion to approve the Charter of the Transgender Caucus be approved by unanimous consent. The motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote.

REPORT OF THE POO REVIEW COMMITTEE

(It is assumed that SEC Members kept their meeting packets so they can refer to each part of the POO Review Committee's report.)

Cliff Moone, Chair of the POO Review Committee, presented the report of his committee.

Cliff saluted Betsy Wells and new Catawba County Chair Ric Vandett.

Cliff said some of the amendments that his Committee is presenting today were first presented at the January 26, 2019 SEC meeting in Charlotte. These amendments were referred to the June 2019 SEC meeting agenda by the SEC membership at that January 26th meeting.

He reported that the POO Review Committee met on March 17th and on May 5th.

Cliff made a motion to approve the Report of the Subcommittee of Auxiliaries and Caucuses.

Dr. Grace Galloway made a motion to go through this report paragraph by paragraph. A lady whose name was unclear seconded this motion.

This motion was defeated by a voice vote.

Ted Benson of Durham made a motion to consider this report section by section. This motion was seconded by Dr. Grace Galloway.

This motion was passed by a voice vote.

The POO Committee recommended approval of proposed Section X.00 and Section X.01. The sections were approved by 2/3 vote of the members.

The POO Committee recommended approval of proposed Section X.02. Chris Telesca moved to cross out “replace” and insert “to serve one year term.” His motion was seconded by Elizabeth Davis.

Prior to the motion being stated by the Chair, Wendy May proposed an amendment to change the terms to “two-year terms.”

Chris Telesca said he would accept Wendy May’s amendment to make all terms two-year terms. Chris Telesca withdrew his motion.

Chris Telesca moved to substitute all terms in this section to “two-year terms.” A member whose name was not made clear seconded the motion.

The amendment to change to two-year terms was passed by a voice vote.

A motion was then made to adopt Section X.02 as amended. It was passed by a two-thirds vote of the body.

The meeting then moved to consideration of X.03 entitled “Process To Request Affiliation, or Reaffirm Affiliation, or Submit By-Laws.”

Dr. Grace Galloway rose to a point of information: would the Asian American Pacific Islander Caucus (AAPI) still be authorized under the proposal. State Chair Goodwin said the AAPI is grandfathered in.

In Section X.03 # 1 – DNC Member Shelia Huggins moved to add, “or as may be reasonable for review” so that the section reads “90 days or as may be reasonable for review prior to an SEC meeting by the Affiliated Organizations Committee.” Her amendment was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

Dr. Grace Galloway moved to strike X.03, Section 2, Subsection 4. Maria Cervania and Jesse Goslen spoke in favor of this motion. Chris Hardee moved to indefinitely postpone consideration of Section X amendments. His motion was seconded by Chris Telesca.

Andy Millard of Polk County spoke in opposition to this motion.

A motion was made to call for the previous question. The Parliamentarian announced it would take a 2/3 majority to call the question. Debate ended and the motion to postpone indefinitely came before the body. The motion failed.

A motion was made to adopt the recommendation of the committee as to what should be stricken from the “Replace” section with the written section labeled as “With” in Section 4.08 of the POO. This motion was passed by two-thirds vote.

A motion was made to adopt the recommendation of the committee to remove the section labeled “Replace” with the section labeled as “With” in Section 4.10 of the POO. This motion was passed by two-third’s vote.

A motion was made to adopt the recommendation of the committee to remove the information in the section labeled “Replace” with the section labeled as “With” in Sections 8.01, 8:02, and 10.04 of the POO. This motion was passed by two-third’s vote.

The SEC next considered an amendment by Chris Telesca to add “State President or a dispute resolution committee” to the proposed changes recommended by the committee to Section 9.02 of the POO. Randy Voller seconded the motion. The amendment was passed by a majority vote of the body.

The body then voted on Section 9.02 as amended. The motion to approve this POO amendment was passed by a two-thirds vote of the body.

Sharon Castleberry submitted a motion on behalf of Cliff Moone and Donna Luckey to substitute “a different gender identity” for the current term “the opposite gender” in Sections: 1.03, 2.03, 3.04, 4.02 in the Party Plan of Organization.

Terry Legrand of Forsyth County moved to amend Sections 1.03 and 2.03, to add the words, “where possible,” stating that it is hard to achieve the makeup currently required of Officers at the precinct and county level.

Chairman Wayne Goodwin ruled that this amendment could not be considered at today’s meeting as it substantially changed the POO amendments that had been noticed for a vote 14 days in advance of the SEC meeting. The change proposed by Terry Legrand would require a 14 days’ notice.

Terry Legrand appealed the ruling of the chair. Her motion was seconded. The members upheld the State Chair’s ruling by a majority vote.

Sharon Castleberry’s motion to substitute “a different gender identity” for the current term “the opposite gender” in Sections 1.03, 2.03, 3.04, and 4.02 in the POO was passed by a voice vote.

Deandre Corniffe of New Hanover County asked what can he do if a county party is not following the POO. Cliff Moone said Mr. Corniffe could file a petition to the COR.

Carl Newman made a motion to consider the remaining six pages of motions from the POO Review Committee as a whole. This motion covered recommended changes to Sections

2.06	8.01	9.02	6.01
12.01	8.02	3.11	3.04
8.03	8.04	1.05	11.05
9.02	9.00	3.06	

This motion required a 2/3 vote. It was passed by a 2/3 vote.

Jesse Goslen made a motion to change Section 3.04 of the POO by striking “No two officers shall live within the same county except the Chair and the Secretary” and inserting the words “No two officers shall live within the same county except the Chair and one other officer.” The Chair declared the motion failed. Division was called. A standing vote was held. The motion was defeated.

Chris Telesca moved to amend Section 9.02 of the POO. It was seconded by Viola Figueroa. The State Chair ruled that this motion was out of order.

Dewey Sheffield of Wilson delivered an impassioned plea for the State Party to install a staff member to answer the telephone at the State Headquarters. He said that the fact that we have no one to answer the phone creates a terrible impression on voters. Dewey stated that having a person to answer the phone would be a big step forward for our Party.

SEC Members responded to Dewey’s plea by erupting into a strong round of applause.

State Chair Godwin made a statement about why the Party does not have anyone to answer the phone at the Headquarters.

State Senator Erica D. Smith addressed the SEC promoting her campaign for United States Senator in 2020.

The SEC then considered the recommendation of the POO Committee to adopt the “Alternative County Plan to the County Plan of Mecklenburg County Democratic Party to lower the percentage needed to meet quorum at a County Executive Committee meeting from 40% to 35%. This motion was passed by a 2/3 standing vote.

State First Vice Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson was called forward to preside for the rest of the meeting as State Chair Wayne Goodwin needed to leave the meeting to carry out final preparations for the Unity Dinner.

NCDP Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes came to the podium to present the report of the Platform and Resolutions Committee which he chaired.

Matt went through the list of Resolutions asking if any Member wanted to pull any Resolutions for further discussion. The Resolutions that were pulled for further discussion were: #15, #35, and #38.

Wendy May made a motion to pass all Resolutions except the three that had been pulled. The motion was seconded and all those resolutions were passed by a majority vote.

The SEC moved to consideration of Resolution #15, which was entitled “Resolution in Support of Create Benefit Corporations in NC.”

Kristi Tally of Wake County, President of NCDP Small Business Caucus, moved to disapprove the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee and to defeat Resolution # 15. The motion was seconded by Blaine Perry. The motion to disapprove Resolution 15 did not pass.

Kristi Tally then moved to refer this resolution back to the Resolutions Committee. This motion was seconded. The motion passed and the resolution was referred back to committee.

The meeting considered Resolution # 35 which was entitled “Resolution Endorsing a ‘Green New Deal’ and Declaring a Climate Emergency.”

Elli Klein made a motion to disapprove the Committee’s recommendation to accept the Resolution. Angela Bridgman seconded the motion. The motion to disapprove of the motion was defeated by a majority vote.

Jesse Goslen made a motion to approve the Green New Deal Resolution. Pam Carver of Cumberland County seconded the motion. The Chair ruled that the motion to approve was passed; however, division was called. The resolution was passed by a majority vote with a show of cards.

The SEC moved to consider Resolution # 38, which was entitled “Resolution for The Application Of The Leahy Provisions To Military Aid For All Security Forces.”

Mike Schaul spoke in opposition to the resolution. He requested more time to think about this Resolution. Angela Bridgman made a motion to approve the Resolution. Several SEC Members seconded her motion.

Tom Craig of Buncombe County spoke about this Resolution. Matthew Sensi (sp?) made a motion to refer this Resolution back to the Resolutions Committee. The motion was seconded. The motion to refer was passed.

Jesse Goslen moved to allow the introduction of a resolution to honor North Carolina's legendary voting rights advocate Rosanell Eaton of Franklin County. His motion was seconded. The motion to allow the resolution to be introduced was passed unanimously. Then the resolution to honor Rosanell Eaton of Franklin County was passed unanimously.

NCDP Secretary Melvin Williams asked to speak to the SEC as a Point of Personal Privilege. His remarks referred to the motions which SEC Members had been bringing to the podium on pieces of paper during today's meeting. He wanted the SEC Members to know that none of those pieces of paper had been given to him after they had been read aloud and that those pieces of paper had apparently been misplaced or lost.

He said this meant that the full text of those motions could not be included in the Minutes of today's SEC meeting.

He wanted to be sure that everyone understood that none of those pieces of paper had been given to him.

He requested that at future meetings all pieces of paper containing motions be hand delivered to him.

Randy Voller was recognized by the Presiding Officer. Mr. Voller asked that the Rules be suspended so that a resolution requiring the NCDP to refund the Building Fund money that had been donated to the State Democratic Party by Greg Lindberg could be considered at today's meeting. The motion was seconded.

While the motion was pending but before a vote, a Motion to Adjourn was made and seconded. The Motion to Adjourn was passed.

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