

MINUTES – SEC MEETING, JANUARY 27, 2018
Dennis Wicker Civic Center, Sanford, North Carolina
By Parliamentarian Sybil Mann & First Vice Chair Aisha Dew

Aisha reported that a quorum was present with 299 SEC members or proxies registered as of 1:00 p.m. The Chair declared that a quorum was present.

The Chair introduced the Honorable Lt. Governor Dennis Wicker, who received a standing ovation. Lt. Governor welcomed the SEC to Lee County, where the county and city governments and the school board are majority Democratic. Lt. Governor Wicker told Democrats that we are the party of the workers. He said, “We should be proud to represent that single working mother with two children who needs Medicaid help. We want to work for the working people of North Carolina.” He closed with the words of Senator Ted Kennedy, “the work goes on, the cause endures, the hope still lives, and the dream shall never die.”

The Honorable Representative Robert Reeves of N.C. House District 54 also welcomed the SEC, saying, “This room full of Democrats looks like North Carolina.” He stated, “I am a Democrat because the Democrats are all about the ‘us’ and the ‘we.’”

The Honorable Mayor of Sanford Chet Mann welcomed the SEC to Sanford.

The Honorable Representative Deborah Butler of N.C. House District 118, addressed the body. She told the attendees that she felt so good about today that she wanted to hashtag “Blue Tsunami.”

Rules of the Day: District Chair Chris Hardee moved to approve the Rules of the Day. Keith Thompson of Buncombe County seconded the motion. There was no debate or amendments. The Chair advised the body that a 2/3 vote was required to pass the Rules. The Rules were approved by unanimous vote.

Brenda Pollard of Durham County moved to approve the 2018-2019 State Democratic Party Budget. Richard Poole of New Hanover seconded the motion. Jesse Goslin of Wake County moved to amend the budget to allocate \$4000.00 to fund the N.C. Democratic Party booth and materials for the North Carolina State Fair in October 2018. The motion was seconded by Mike Dill of Wake County. The motion was debated. James Parker of Orange County moved the Previous Question. District Chair Chris Hardee seconds the motion. The motion passes on a 2/3 vote. The motion to amend the budget passes. District Chair Chris Hardee moved the Previous Question on the amended budget. John Clark of Cabarrus County seconds the motion. The motion to move to a vote on the amended budget passes by a 2/3 vote. The motion to approve the 2018-2019 State Democratic Party Budget passes.

Third Vice-Chair and Resolutions and Platforms Committee Chairperson, Matt Hughes presented the resolutions to the body approved by the Resolutions and Platform Committee and moved their adoption. Adrianna Freeman of Durham County seconded the motion. Dr. Lavonia Allison of Durham County rose with a technical correction to a resolution containing the name of

U.S. Congressman John Conyers. She moved to correct the title to former Congressman Conyers. Matt Hughes said he would correct the error.

Cliff Moone, chair of the N.C. Democratic Party Plan of Organization Review Committee presented amendments to the Plan of Organization recommended by the Committee. The proposed 2018-2019 Wake County Alternative Plan of Organization was recommended. With no discussion, the proposed Alternative Plan of Organization is approved by a 2/3 standing vote.

Committee Chair Moone presented the proposed amendment to clarify Section 2.01 No. 4 and Section 3.01 to explicitly include Democratic National Committee members on County Executive Committees and District Executive Committees in the county and district where they reside. This amendment was recommended for passage by the Committee. Members debated the proposed amendment. There were no amendments to the proposal. The Chair called for a standing vote. The proposed amendment passed by a 2/3 standing vote.

Committee Chair Moone presented the proposed amendment to Sections 2.03 and 3.04 to add language to allow the elected officers of a county or district executive committee to temporarily appoint an active Democrat to serve until 30 days after the statutory due date for the purpose of completing and submitting the campaign finance report. Donna Lucky of Gaston County moved to amend to add the requirement set by N.C. General Statutes that the treasurer's vacancy be filled within ten days. N.C. Senator Don Davis seconded the motion. The motion to amend to add the 10-day requirement passed by majority vote. The amended amendment to Sections 2.03 and 3.04 was passed by a 2/3 standing vote.

Committee Chair Moone presented the proposed amendment to Section 8.01 Resolutions and Platform Committee, which would add language that resolutions may be proposed from the floor and approved by the state convention or meeting, whether or not they have been considered by the Committee. The Committee recommended passage. Jeff Van Hort (?) moved to strike 2/3 vote and substitute majority vote. Jesse Goslen seconded the motion. The motion was debated. Ray McKimmon of Guilford County moved the previous question, which was seconded by Kathy Sinclair of Buncombe County. The previous question passed by a greater than 2/3 vote. The body then voted on the amendment, which required a majority vote. The amendment failed to receive a majority vote and failed. The proposed amendment to Section 8.01 was then considered by the body and passed by over a 2/3 standing vote.

Committee Chair Moon presented the proposed amendment to Section 4.05 of the Party Plan of Organization to add to the Duties of the State Party Chair that the State Party Chair may amend set dates for meetings. The Committee recommended passage. Debate occurs. Ray McKimmon moves the Previous Question, which was seconded by _____. The motion passes by greater than 2/3 vote. The body moved to a vote and the amendment to Section 4.05 passes by greater than a 2/3 standing vote.

Committee Chair Moon presented the proposed amendment to Section 10.02 of the Party Plan of Organization to add procedures relating to removal of precinct officer, precinct committee member or other SEC officers or members such that respondents receive a copy of the petition and opportunity to respond. The amendment passes by over a 2/3 standing vote.

Under New Business, John Brooks of Wake County moved that the N.C. Democratic Party refrain from charging any candidate for the use of Vote Builder service. Robert Hyman of Wake County seconded the motion. Debate ensued. Robert Hyman of Wake County moved that the matter be referred to a committee composed of officers of the SEC and the staff of the N.C. Democratic Party to investigate, research and report back to the SEC at the next meeting about charging candidates for Vote Builder. Ted Benson of Gaston County seconded. Debate ensued. A motion was made to Call the Previous Question and seconded. The motion passed by greater than a 2/3 vote. A vote was then held on the Motion to Refer to Committee which passed on voice vote.

Announcements were made

The Chair, hearing no objection adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.