

**STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION
MCKIMMON CENTER, NC STATE UNIVERSITY
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA
JUNE 9, 2018**

State Democratic Party Chair Wayne Goodwin called the 2018 State Democratic Convention to order at 1:17PM on Saturday, June 9, 2018.

Everyone rose for Moments of Silence.

Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Rhonda Bond of Wake County sang the “Star Spangled Banner.”

Former Governor Martin O’Malley of Maryland gave an inspiring oration which drew repeated cheers and applause.

Secretary Melvin Williams gave the Quorum Report which showed that Delegates from 82 counties were present. The State Chair reported that more than 750 Delegates had registered.

The draft Agenda on Page 6 of the Convention Program was considered. Brenda Pollard of Durham made a motion to approve the Agenda. German de Castro of Mecklenburg seconded the motion. The motion was pass unanimously by a voice vote.

The Special Rules of the State Convention on Pages 7 & 8 of the Convention Program were brought to the floor. Scott Huffman of Mecklenburg made a motion to adopt the Special Rules of the State Convention as written in the Program. Mile Gould of Wake seconded the motion. The Special Rules were passed unanimously by a voice vote.

The Minutes of the July 11, 2018 State Convention found on Pages 10-15 were brought forth for consideration. Senator Floyd McKissick of Durham made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Cumberland County Chair Roberta Waddle seconded the motion. The motion to approve the Minutes was passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Kathy Manning, our Democratic candidate for Congress in the 13th District addressed the Convention.

Attorney General Josh Stein gave a speech.

All NC legislative candidates were asked to stand and receive applause.

All NCDP State Officers were recognized.

Secretary of State Elaine Marshall addressed the Delegates.

The Convention gave a prolonged standing ovation to State Representative Mickey Michaux of Durham who is completing 45 years of service in the General Assembly this year.

State Chair Wayne Goodwin told the Convention that our slate of 2 candidates in the 2018 General Election represents our diversity. He called on North Carolina to be the next state to ratify the ERA.

Anita Earls, our Democratic candidate for the Supreme Court of North Carolina, addressed the Delegates.

NC Court of Appeals candidates Allegra Collins and John Arrowood gave speeches to the Convention.

Tom Macon of Cumberland County asked if any of our Democratic candidates for NC Court of Appeals are running against each other. The State Chair assured him that they are not.

It was announced that attorney Abraham Jones of Raleigh was not going to run for a statewide judicial position this year.

Our Democratic candidate for Congress in the Eighth Congressional District, Frank McNeill made an oral presentation to the Convention.

NC College Democrats President John Easterling spoke as a proxy for Ninth District Congressional candidate Dan McCready.

NC Court of Appeals candidate Toby Hampson addressed the Convention.

The Chair of the Committee on Credentials and Appeals, Lorna Barnett of Jackson County, gave the report of her committee.

(ALL ACTIONS & DISCUSSIONS OF RESOLUTIONS ARE GROUPED TOGETHER LATER IN THE MINUTES)

10th District Congressional candidate Phillip Price gave an excellent speech to the Convention.

Linda Coleman, Democratic candidate in the Second Congressional District, delivered an inspiring message to the Convention.

The youngest congressional candidate in the nation, Sixth District Congressional candidate Ryan Watts, enlivened the Delegates with a knowledgeable and well-delivered speech.

David Wilson Brown spoke about his exciting campaign in the Tenth Congressional District.

Convention Delegates sang “Happy Birthday” to Seventh Congressional District candidate Dr. Kyle Horton as she came on stage. They responded enthusiastically to her speech.

Senator Floyd McKissick of Durham delivered a lively report on the actions of the 2018 General Assembly.

Guilford County Chair Nicole Quick requested that a representative from “March For Our Lives” be given an opportunity to speak.

Angela Bridgeman of Wake asked if the 5:00PM deadline for ending the Convention could be extended. 3

DISCUSSIONS & ACTIONS ON RESOLUTIONS

The extensive report of the Committee on Resolutions and Platform was presented by the Committee's Chair, NCDP Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes.

Matt recognized the members of his Committee:

Vice Chair Betsy Wells

Matthew Stafford

Chaz Beasley

Dov Rosenberg

Randy Voller

Bob Hyman

Ray McKinnon

Natasha Green

Committee Chair Matt Hughes told the Delegates that his Committee had carefully considered more than 300 Resolutions which they had received.

He reported that the Committee had reaffirmed some Resolutions, forwarded some Resolutions to other bodies, postponed some Resolutions for consideration at the upcoming September SEC meeting, and that some Resolutions had been voted down.

Matt then led the Delegates through consideration of each Resolution on Pages 17 - 46 of the Convention Program asking if the Delegates wanted each Resolution pulled for further discussion or amendment.

RESOLUTIONS WHICH WERE NOT PULLED ARE WRITTEN IN BLUE

RESOLUTIONS WHICH WERE PULLED ARE WRITTEN IN RED

HONORARY RESOLUTION FOR DR. VIRGINIA K. NEWELL – PAGE 17

RESOLUTION HONORING COL. WILLIAM FRANKLIN – PAGE 17

**CALLING ON DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES TO REJECT FUNDS
FROM NRA AND NRA ASSOCIATES – PAGE 17**

REDUCE THE INFLUENCE OF BIG MONEY IN DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES – PAGE 17

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE WORK OF THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR
– PAGE 18**

Alex Lee of Wake said he wanted to amend this Resolution to remove the impeachment clause. This request failed because less than 10% of the Delegates voted to pull the Resolution.

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR MORE DISASTER AID TO PUERTO RICO – PAGE 19

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PRESERVING JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE – 20`

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PREPARATION FOR MAN-MADE
DISASTERS, ESPECIALLY DISRUPTION OF THE GRID**

**RESOLUTION TO KEEP BEE-KILLING PESTICIDES
OUT OF OUR AGRICULTURAL SYSTEM – PAGE 21**

**Nancy Kurul of Henderson County asked for this Resolution to be pulled.
By a raised hand vote, the Convention voted to pull it.**

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE ABATEMENT OF
INJURY DUE TO PFOA, PFOS AND PFASs – PAGE 21**

**A RESOLUTION TO INITIATE A PROGRAM FOR THE STATEWIDE INSTALLATION
OF CHARGING STATIONS TO FUEL ELECTRIC CARS – PAGE 22**

**A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PRODUCERS TO
THE STATE ELECTRICAL GRID TO “BANK” ANY ANNUAL EXCESS**

**Monica DeAngeles asked for this Resolution to be pulled. A standing vote
was taken. The required percentage of Delegates did not stand. Therefore, this
Resolution was not pulled.**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL
ALTERNATIVE ENERGY – PAGE 23**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RESTORING BALANCE AND FAIRNESS IN
MANAGEMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA MARINE FISHERIES RESOURCES – PAGE 23**

**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 –
PAGE 24**

**Trace DeAllesseo of Orange County wanted to pull this Resolution to amend
it to make all “rolling coal” illegal. Delegates voted to pull this Resolution.**

A RESOLUTION TO MOVE NORTH CAROLINA TO 100% CLEAN RENEWABLE ENERGY AND OPPOSE NEW FOSSIL FUEL PROJECTS – PAGE 24

Tyler Beale of Guilford County asked for this Resolution to be pulled so it could be amended to change the date in the Resolution from 2050 to 2040.

Delegates voted to pull this Resolution by a standing vote.

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CLEAN, RENEWABLE ENERGY – PAGE 24

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SMART GROWTH AND ZONING GUIDELINES FOR GROWING COMMUNITIES – PAGE 25

Franklin County Chair Lucy Allen asked for this Resolution to be pulled. Delegates voted to pull it by a standing vote.

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR MITIGATION FOR CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS - 25

RESOLUTION TO ENSURE NORTH CAROLINIANS HAVE ACCESS TO SAFE DRINKING WATER – PAGE 25

RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS INEQUITIES IN THE PRE-TRIAL RELEASE SYSTEM IN NORTH CAROLINA – PAGE 25

A RESOLUTION FOR THE INCREASED ADOPTION OF DIVERSION PROGRAMS – 26

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PARKLAND STUDENTS AND ALL OTHER STUDENTS “MARCHING FOR OUR LIVES” – PAGE 26

Dominic Patafie of Guilford County introduced an amendment for all those in office to act now.

Benjamin _____ said mention of assault rifle will become a loophole.

Mike Huttman spoke in agreement with Benjamin.

Dominic Patafie pointed out that his original notion said “semi-automatic firing mechanisms.”

Roxanne Griffin said semi-automatic can include several types of weapons.

Dominic Patafie said he will agree to say “semi-automatic.”

Several Delegates called for the question.

Dominic Patafie’s amendment was passed by a voice vote.

German de Castro called for the question for the entire Resolution.

The Delegates approved the entire Resolution by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE ANTIDISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2017 – PAGE 26**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SUPPORT OF COMMON SENSE GUN REGULATION -27**

Gordon Campbell of Durham asked for this Resolution to be pulled because he feels it is “not strong enough.” Delegates voted not to pull this Resolution.

Then Paul Marshall of Wake County asked for this Resolution to be pulled because it did not include handguns. Delegates voted not to pull this Resolution.

Then Mike Huttman of Buncombe asked for this Resolution to be pulled. Delegates voted again not to pull this Resolution.

Then Bob Hyman of Wake County made a motion to pull this Resolution. His motion was ruled out of order.

**RESOLUTION TO END COURT FEES IMPOSED UPON INDIGENT
OR NEAR INDIGENT DEFENDANTS – PAGE 27****RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR MONEY TO FIGHT SEX TRAFFICKING – PAGE 28**

Sarah Fitch of Wake County made a motion for this Resolution to be amended so it would not further criminalize sex workers. Delegates voted to approve this amendment.

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR HEARINGS AND
RATIFICATION OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT – PAGE 28****A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE
INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT – PAGE 28****RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EMPOWERING PEOPLE TO STAND UP AGAINST
SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND ASSAULT IN THE WORKFORCE – PAGE 29**

Angela Bridgeman made a motion to pull this Resolution. Delegates voted to pull this Resolution.

FULLY FUND SNAP AND OTHER HUNGER PROGRAMS – PAGE 29

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RESTORATION OF NET NEUTRALITY-PAGE 30

Marsha Dettloff asked for this Resolution to be pulled so she could make an amendment. Delegates voted to pull this Resolution.

RESOLUTION PROMOTING FAIR AND AFFORDABLE URBAN HOUSING – PAGE 31**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATE FUNDING FOR BROADBAND INTERNET INFRASTRUCTURE IN RURAL AREAS – PAGE 32**

Tyler Beale of Guilford County introduced an amendment to include the entire state. His motion was ruled out of order.

Jocelyn Johnson of Hyde introduced an amendment. Her motion was ruled out of order.

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE REPEAL OF UNION BUSTING SO-CALLED “RIGHT TO WORK” LAWS – PAGE 32**A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT FOR DISPLACED FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY WORKERS – PAGE 33****A RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE RURAL ECONOMIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE – PAGE 33****A RESOLUTION FOR THE INSTITUTION OF A UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME PAGE 33****SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF SMALL AREA FAIR MARKET RENTS IN NORTH CAROLINA – PAGE 34****INCREASE STATE MINIMUM WAGE TO A LIVING WAGE – PAGE 34****END SALES TAX ON LABOR – PAGE 35****RESTORE THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT AND EXTENSION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS – PAGE 35****OPPOSITION TO THE NEWSPRINT TRADE TARIFF – PAGE 35****RESOLUTION ON INFORMATION SECURITY AND DATA – PAGE 36**

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PRIVACY RIGHTS IN THE DIGITAL AGE - PAGE 36

SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING – PAGE 37

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF SPLITTING COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS – PAGE 37**

**RESOLUTION TO INCREASE PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS FROM THE
EDUCATION LOTTERY USED TO FURTHER PUBLIC EDUCATION – PAGE 38**

Tyler Beale of Guilford County asked for this Resolution to be pulled so it can be amended to say that ALL proceeds from the Lottery be used for public education. Delegates voted to pull this Resolution.

Pam Cash Roper of Chatham County spoke about this Resolution also.

SUPPORT OF UNIVERSAL PUBLIC PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM – PAGE 38

VALUING QUALITY IN OUR CLASSROOMS – PAGE 38

EDUCATOR PAY AND BENEFITS – PAGE 39

Corey Dauderman of Orange County asked for this Resolution to be pulled. Delegates voted not to pull this Resolution.

ELIMINATE TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR PAY FOR PERFORMANCE – PAGE 39

A person from Davidson County who did not say their name clearly asked for this Resolution to be pulled. Delegates voted not to pull this Resolution.

**STEM AND HUMANITIES PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS
– PAGE 39**

**PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS & PRIVATE SCHOOLS
– PAGE 39**

OPPOSITION TO SCHOOL VOUCHERS – PAGE 40

EXPAND WORK STUDY PROGRAMS – PAGE 40

MINIMIZE PUBLIC UNIVERSITY TUITION – PAGE 40

James Spencer of Forsyth County asked that this Resolution be pulled so it will call for tuition to be reduced to \$0 by 2020. The Delegates voted against pulling this Resolution.

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR EQUITY IN FUNDING IN PUBLIC EDUCATION - 41

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS AGAINST RUSSIA FOR ITS ASSAULT ON US ELECTION AND VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEMS - 41

CONCERNING THE UNITED STATES FOREIGN SERVICE – PAGE 41

CALLING FOR REMOVAL OF US ARMED FORCES FROM YEMEN – PAGE 42

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR LOW INCOME NORTH CAROLINIANS TO ASSIST IN ADDRESSING THE ONGOING OPIOD CRISIS - 42

Angela Bridgeman of Wake County made a motion to amend this Resolution to include all low income North Carolinians. She later withdrew this amendment.

A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE MENTAL HEALTH SPENDING – PAGE 43

EXPAND MEDICAID – PAGE 43

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FAMILY-BASED IMMIGRATION – PAGE 43

IN SUPPORT OF THE DREAM ACT – PAGE 44

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO REPEAL LITERACY TEST PROVISION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION – PAGE 44

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ELECTING MORE WOMEN TO PUBLIC OFFICE – PAGE 45

A RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PROVIDE AVAILABILITY TO EACH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES NATIVE TO ITS CITIZENS, AS FOUND IN SAID COUNTIES – PAGE 45

**A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE ANY RE-INTRODUCTION OF VOTER 10
SUPPRESSION LEGISLATION IN NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE – PAGE 46**

**IN SUPPORT OF FREE AND OPEN ACCESS TO THE
FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO VOTE – PAGE 46**

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE INCUMBENT PRESIDENT AND ALL
FUTURE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES TO RELEASE THEIR PERSONAL INCOME
TAX RETURNS TO THE PUBLIC FOR SCRUTINY PRIOR TO BEING ELIGIBLE
TO APPEAR AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES ON ANY NORTH CAROLINA BALLOT – PAGE 46**

ACTIONS CONCERNING WHAT TO DO WITH THE RESOLUTIONS

Randy Voller of Chatham County made a motion for the Convention to approve all Resolutions which were not pulled. Jesse Goslen of Franklin County seconded the motion. This motion was approved by a voice vote.

Bob Hyman of Wake County made a motion that all pulled Resolutions should be moved to the next SEC meeting. DNC Member Cliff Moone seconded the motion.

A lady who did not give her name said this motion should include all Resolutions not yet presented at the State Convention.

It was agreed that this motion would include all Resolutions that would be emailed to Matt Hughes by the end of the State Convention.

German de Castro of Mecklenburg County called for the question on the motion. Cliff Moone seconded the motion to call for the question. Delegates passed this motion to call for the question by a standing vote.

By a 2/3 vote the Convention then passed Bob Hyman's motion to move all pulled Resolutions to the next SEC meeting.

Matt Hughes made a motion to extend the State Convention by 10 minutes. Terrance Jones of Vance County seconded the motion. This motion was approved by a 2/3 standing vote.

Angela Bridgeman made a motion to pass a Resolution calling for the clear repeal of HB2. The Convention voted by a voice vote to carry her motion to the next SEC meeting.

Jerry Makatos of Chatham County made a motion to pass a Resolution to apply the Leahy amendment to all military personnel. The Leahy amendment forbids military aid to human rights abusers. This motion was passed by a voice vote.

Catherine Evangelista of Wake County told the Convention that we need a blitz campaign to pass the ERA. She asked would the State Chair initiate a blitz campaign? State Chair Wayne Goodwin committed to this ERA campaign.

Matt Hughes promoted the “Democrats After Dark” event which will begin at the State Headquarters at 7:30PM tonight.

The Convention was then adjourned.

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