

MINUTES
NCDP EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CONFERENCE CALL
SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018

State Party Chair Wayne Goodwin called the Conference Call to order at 7:32PM. The entire group rendered the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. This was followed by a period of meditative silence.

Secretary Melvin Williams called the roll during which the following Council Members answered:

Wayne Goodwin	Charles Johnson
Matt Hughes	Vinod Thomas
Nida Allam	Luis Toledo
Melvin Williams	Linda Wilkins-Daniels
Anna Tilghman	Ginger Walker
Dee Jones	Darren Janz
Senator McKissick	John Easterling
Don Davis	Anne Evangelista
Chris Hardee	Dave Nelson
Lamanda Pryor (Proxy for Wes Tripp)	Jan Nichols(Proxy for Randy Voller)
Charlie Wallin	Jesse Goslen
Cynthia Wallace	Colby Moore
Axia Wilson(Proxy for Betsy Wells)	
Kathy Sinclair	Joyce Mitchell
Cozzie Watkins	Cliff Moone
Richard Poole	John Verdejo
Shelia Huggins	DD Adams
Ray McKinnon	Aisha Dew

A Quorum was declared because 35 of the 47 Council Members were present.

NCDP Executive Director Kimberly Reynolds, NCDP Building Committee Chair Julia Lee, and Council of Review Chair/Parliamentarian Sybil Mann were welcomed.

The Council then considered approval of the Agenda for this conference call. Chris Hardee made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, including the discussion of the Six Constitutional Amendments. Ginger Walker seconded this amendment. The motion to approve the Agenda was passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Joyce Mitchell made a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 9th Executive Council meeting. Charles Johnson seconded her motion. The Council voted by a voice vote to unanimously approve the Minutes.

Executive Director Kimberly Reynolds presented a report on renovation plans for the State Party Headquarters. She reported that a donation of \$250,000.00 has been received for the NCDP Building Fund.

Kimberly Reynolds reported on the repairs that are needed on the outside of the Headquarters including the columns. She told the Council that bids had been sought from several construction firms. The best bid was \$85,000 from Sigmon Construction of Raleigh. They have extensive experience in repairs of historical buildings and they have excellent references.

Chris Hardee made a motion to accept the bid of Sigmon Construction. Cliff Moone seconded the motion.

Cynthia Wallace asked if bids had been sought from minority-owned firms.

NCDP Building Fund Committee Chair Julia Lee said that several minority-owned firms were contacted about the Headquarters repairs that were performed two years ago. Several of them declined to make a bid. This time the Committee did not make a specific effort to contact minority-owned firms.

NCDP Chair Wayne Goodwin said the Party will actively seek bids from minority-owned firms for the interior repairs that will be made.

Ginger Walker expressed thanks to Kimberly Reynolds and Julia Lee for their work on planning for the renovations. Then Ginger called for the question on Chris Hardee's motion to accept the bid of Sigmon Construction.

Cliff Moone congratulated Kimberly and Julia and reminded the Council that the Party is obligated to keep the Headquarters in good condition because of its historical status. Cliff suggested that a committee be set up to supervise the renovations.

Wayne Goodwin said he will set up a diverse committee and will "get back to the Council before the next Council meeting."

(It was not made clear how this new committee would relate to the NCDP Building Committee which is headed by Julia Lee. There was no suggestion that the new committee would replace Julia Lee's committee.)

Cozzie Watkins suggested that the Party get ahead of this matter of seeking minority bids and establishing a diverse committee to supervise the renovations.

John Verdejo asked if we have a process to ensure that 15% of Party business goes to minorities.

Kimberly Reynolds replied that there is no formal process to ensure 15% of the Party's business will go to minorities but she will be sure to follow this suggestion in bids for interior work on the Headquarters.

DD Adams said she will have the Winston-Salem city government send minority language to Kimberly. She also knows an expert in this field that she will contact.

Melvin Williams asked if anyone was going to tell the Council who donated the \$250,000.00 which made all these renovations possible.

Wayne Goodwin said it was made by a firm named Eli Global in Durham.

Kimberly said Wayne had personally obtained this donation and that he should get all the credit for it.

(Secretary's note: Internet information shows that Eli Global is owned by Greg Lindberg. This year he paid the highest price ever paid for a home in Raleigh: \$5,500,000 for the home at 1624 Morning Mountain Road, Raleigh which has 12,000 square feet.

(Public records show that Greg Lindberg gave \$1,000,000 to Truth and Prosperity, a super-PAC that supports Lt. Governor Dan Forest. He also gave \$1,400,000 to the Republican Council of State Committee that Forest chairs. For both entities, Lindberg was the sole donor in 2017.

(Greg Lindberg also gave the State Republican Party \$890,000 in 2017.)

Cliff Moone discussed a document about state party auxiliaries. Executive Council members will receive this document in the future.

The Council then moved to a discussion about the six Constitutional Amendments. Chris Hardee made a motion to oppose all six. Kathy Sinclair seconded his motion.

Jesse Goslen raised a question about the wording of the hunting and fishing amendment. Wayne Goodwin said he has received information that this amendment might overrule city ordinances such as Bird Sanctuary ordinances and might allow hunting in State Parks.

Matt Hughes discussed questions he has been asked about these six amendments. He said everybody needs talking points. He said we should oppose all six.

By a voice vote, the Council unanimously voted to approve Chris Hardee's motion to oppose all six amendments.

The Council then moved to a discussion of archiving of Democratic records. Wayne Goodwin reminded everyone that they had received a copy of a letter from Joyner Library at East Carolina University offering to accept Democratic records. This library already has the records of US Senator Robert Morgan and several other Democrats.

Melvin Williams encouraged the Council to respond positively to Joyner Library's offer because all the universities in the Triangle had refused to accept them. The State Department of Archives and History has also refused to accept them. John Brooks told the Council that libraries at all universities in the entire UNC system had refused to accept our historical records except East Carolina.

Matt Hughes expressed disappointment that the Southern Collection at UNC-Chapel Hill had refused to accept our historical records.

John Brooks told the Council that 40 boxes of the State Party's historical records were delivered to Joyner Library last year.

Wayne Goodwin suggested that the Council should wait until our September 15th meeting to vote on accepting Joyner Library's offer. This will give him time to talk with the library officials before an official vote is taken.

Jesse Goslen expressed congratulations to John Brooks for his multi-year efforts to find a good home for the State Party's historical records.

Cozzie Watkins said that the Democratic Women of North Carolina have been working with Joyner Library on their historical records.

Dave Nelson urged the Council to go forward with securing our historical records at East Carolina as soon as possible. He also said the breath and scope of records that are saved should be wide.

The Executive Council conference call was adjourned at 8:55PM.

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