

MINUTES
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – VIRTUAL MEETING
10:00AM – 12:30PM, SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2020

State Party Chair Wayne called the meeting to order. After making emotional and meaningful remarks, AAC Caucus President Felita Donnell led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and in the Salute to the flag of North Carolina.

The Chair called for a Moment of Silence.

The number of members needed for a Quorum was 240. 342 Members had already registered. Therefore, a Quorum was declared.

Dr. Bobbie Richardson made a motion to adopt the Agenda of the meeting and Matt Hughes seconded her motion. The motion was passed by a vote of 242 to 3.

Matt Hughes made a motion to adopt the Special Rules of the Day. Brenda Pollard seconded his motion.

Chris Telesca made a motion which would be made into a “new number 9.” His motion stated that if the PoO is amended today, the amendments will have to be ratified again at the next SEC meeting.

Elizabeth Goodman made a motion to call for the question. Ray McKinnon seconded her motion. This motion was adopted by a vote of 226 to 0.

The SEC then voted on Chris Telesca’s main motion about amendments to the PoO. The “Aye” votes were 70. The “Nay” votes were 167. This motion was defeated. Therefore, PoO changes made at today’s meeting will not have to be ratified at the next SEC meeting.

Chris Hardee made a motion to close debate on the Special Rules of the Day. Cliff Moone seconded his motion. The motion to close debate was adopted by a vote of 227 to 8.

The SEC then voted to adopt the Special Rules of the Day by a vote of 216 to 11.

The SEC moved to approval of the Minutes of the 2/29/20 SEC meeting in Charlotte.

Note from Secretary Melvin Williams: I joined Zoom for this SEC meeting at 9:32AM that morning. I could hear what was being said for the entirety of the SEC meeting. However, about 10:15AM my computer started flashing a sign which said “Signal not consistent.” From that time on the SEC Members could not hear anything else which I was saying. You can be sure I was talking during the time there was a discussion on the Minutes, but no one in the SEC meeting could hear

me. I am glad you extended the vote of the approval of the 2/29/20 Minutes until our next SEC meeting.

Chris Hardee made a motion to put off the vote on approval of the Minutes of the 2/29/20 SEC meeting until the next SEC meeting. Kennis Wilkins seconded his motion. It was passed by a vote of 199 to 26.

At this point State Chair Wayne Goodwin gave the official welcome to the SEC meeting.

The meeting moved to consideration of the material on page 13 of the SEC Booklet which dealt with Proposed Amendment to the PoO.

PoO Committee Chair Chris Hardee read the entire Resolution which was entitled "EMERGENCY POWERS."

Chris Hardee then made a motion to adopt this Resolution. No second was needed.

Angela Bridgeman said negative things against the Resolution.

Cliff Moone said six months may be too long.

Chris Telesca said negative things against the Resolution.

Diane Pahl raised a question about the Resolution.

Betsy Wells spoke in favor of the Resolution.

Nazim Uddim spoke against the Resolution and made a motion to lay this motion on the table.

Parliamentarian Sybil Mann explained why a "lay upon the table" motion was out of order in this situation.

Nazim Uddim rescinded his tabling motion and made a motion to re-commit this Resolution to the PoO Committee.

Nazim then announced that he will withdraw all his motions to allow other amendments to be made. He said he would then make his motion again.

Joshua "Fox" Brown made a motion to add a sunset clause to the motion. Tony Huckleberry seconded his motion.

Then someone (unidentified) made a motion that the sunset clause will be in force unless it is extended by the January, 2021 SEC meeting.

Matt Hughes substituted an amendment which stated that the Resolution will sunset after 30 days and can be renewed four times for 30 days each. His amendment was seconded by Pat LeGrand.

The SEC voted in favor of substituting Matt Hughes' motion for Fox Brown's motion by a vote of 176 to 46.

Matt Hughes made a motion to end debate on his amendment. Chris Hardee seconded this motion to end debate. Matts' motion to end debate was passed by a vote of 216 to 17.

The SEC then voted to adopt Matt's sunseting motion which will be melted into Matt's original motion which was entitled "EMERGENCY POWERS" by a vote of 198 to 19.

A motion was made by an unidentified Member to add language to make this "EMERGENCY POWERS" resolution retroactive to the beginning of the current emergency.

The SEC then voted on the main question: Whether to add this "EMERGENCY POWERS" Resolution as amended to the PoO. It was adopted by a vote of 215 to 14. Therefore, it met the requirement of a 2/3 vote and was adopted.

State Chair Goodwin made some announcements.

State AAC Caucus President Felita Donnell announced that the AAC was carrying on a drive to organize more African American precincts and to organize more AAC chapters.

The State Chair then adjourned the SEC meeting at 12:30 PM.

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