

NCDP 2021 Winter SEC Meeting

Saturday, February 27, 2021 | Rules of the Day

RULE 1. *Chair.* The State Chair shall have general direction of the State Executive Committee meeting on the Zoom Application and shall be authorized to take such action as is necessary to maintain order. The State Chair is the Presiding Officer but may name an alternative temporary Presiding Chair of the meeting at his/her discretion. The Chair, with the guidance of the Parliamentarian designated at the convening of the meeting by the Chair, shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal by any member. Priority of meeting rules shall be (a) the Plan of Organization, (b) Rules of the Day adopted by the State Executive Committee, (SEC), and (3) Robert’s Rules of Order, (Newly Revised, 11th Edition).

RULE 2. *Obtaining Recognition.* If a member wishes to address the Chair, they will use the Zoom Chatbox which will be set up to alert the Chair. Members will type either “motion,” “second,” “amendment,” “debate-for,” “debate-against,” or “other” to obtain recognition. A member using the “dial-in number” method shall choose *9, (star/pound 9) to obtain recognition. All members will be muted until recognized.

RULE 3. *Limitations on Speaking and Debate.* All members will be muted until recognized by the Chair. No member shall speak in debate more than once on the same motion. Debate on a motion is limited to two (2) minutes per person. The Chair will attempt to alternate between members in favor or opposed to a motion. A “Point of Order” should be made only if the Party Plan of Organization, Rules of the Day, or Robert’s Rules of Order are being violated by the Chair or another member. A “Question or Point of Personal Privilege” should be made only if it concerns the rights of the assembly or the individual’s ability to hear, participate, etc. and is urgent in nature. Neither “Point of Order” or “Question or Point of Personal Privilege” shall be used to debate a matter that is before the body.

RULE 4. *Credentialed Voting.* Only SEC members and designated proxies may register for the meeting. All registrations will be verified prior to the start of the meeting. Only SEC members or their proxies in attendance at the meeting may vote. Pursuant to the emergency resolution previously adopted by the State Executive Council, proxies must have been received by February 25, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

RULE 5. *Types of Voting.* The Chair may take voice votes, use Zoom’s “raise hands” or “*9” feature, use Zoom polling, Google forms, or other electronic voting methods, unless prohibited by the Party Plan of Organization. The Chair shall announce the vote.



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RULE 6. *Viewing the SEC Meeting.* Registered Democrats who are not members of the SEC will be able to watch a live feed of the meeting on YouTube. They will not be able to participate in the meeting.

RULE 7. *Agenda and Rules Modifications.* The agenda, while pending, may be amended by majority vote. After its adoption, the agenda may be amended by two-thirds vote. The Rules of the Day, while pending, may be amended by majority vote. After adoption, the Rules of the Day may be amended by two-thirds vote.

RULE 8a. *Budget Amendments.* Any amendment to the proposed budget from the NCDP Executive Council increasing or decreasing proposed expenditure(s) must indicate from which line-item source of revenue or expenses the proposed expenditure(s) or reduction(s) will be made.

RULE 8b. *Motions about Contracts, Staff, or Compensation.* No motion from the SEC shall be in order if it (i) impairs or impacts a specific existing contract, or (ii) proposes new contracts or positions. Consistent with 4.06 of the NCDP Plan of Organization any Contract may be considered by the Executive Council, not the SEC. Consistent with 4.10 of the NCDP Plan of Organization all NCDP staff shall be employed by and under the supervision of the Executive Director. Further, (iii) before consideration by the SEC, any motion or amendment that proposes or expands individual compensation for any elected or appointed Party office that will result in additional or initial W-2 or 1099 tax documents, or otherwise creates an employment or independent contractor relationship shall be reviewed by the NCDP attorney, who shall advise the Chair, Executive Director, and a quorum of Executive Council members in a called meeting of the Executive Council on the legal, tax, administrative, labor, and employment law consequences of the motion of amendment.

RULE 9. *Presiding Chair during Elections.* The Presiding Officer or temporary alternate Presiding Chair shall not preside over his or her own election. If the Presiding Officer is nominated and accepts the nomination, the officer presiding shall be determined according to Section 4.02 of the Plan of Organization.

RULE 10. *Nominees for Office.* Prior to calling for whether there are any nominations from the floor, the chair shall announce the candidates in alphabetical order for that office who have previously submitted recorded videos. Receipt of these videos shall be considered an official nomination for that office. Further nominations for state party office, if any, are allowed from the floor and may be made by the candidate. Once nominations are closed, the total time for nomination and candidate's speech shall not exceed seven (7) minutes for the office of Chair and five (5) minutes for all other offices.



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Time shall be enforced by the Presiding Officer. During the allotted time, candidates may speak, have someone speak on their behalf, and/or may present a nomination video.

RULE 11. *Nominations and Elections.* If only one nomination for an office is received, a motion to elect that person by acclamation will be in order. If two nominations are received for an office, election shall be by majority vote. If three or more nominations are received for an office, and a nominee fails to receive a majority, the lowest vote-getter will be removed from the next round of voting.

RULE 12. *Plan of Organization ("PoO") Review Committee Report.* The Chair of the Plan of Organization "PoO" Review Committee will recommend adoption of any proposed amendment(s). All proposed amendments will be displayed to the members. The members may debate amendments. The Committee Chair will have the opportunity to debate first. Total debate time for each proposed amendment shall be limited to five (5) minutes. The Chair will attempt to alternate between members in favor and members opposed. When debate time expires, the Chair will move to a vote on the amendment without a motion to close debate. All approved amendments shall be effective immediately upon the adjournment of the February 27, 2021 meeting, unless otherwise specified, as provided by Section 13.01 of the Plan of Organization.

RULE 13. *Affiliated Organizations Committee Report.* The Chair of the Affiliated Organizations Committee will present the Committee's Report on new certification applications or renewal of certifications of affiliated organizations. All recommended renewal certifications shall be placed on a consent agenda. New organizations seeking initial approval, which receive a positive recommendation from the Committee, shall be considered individually. As to new organizations, the SEC may approve the organization's charter, reject the organization's charter as currently written; or refer the matter back to the Committee.

RULE 14. *Resolutions.* The Resolutions and Platform (RPC) Committee Chair will report on recommended resolutions for consideration by the SEC. Resolutions shall be displayed to the SEC. Resolutions shall be approved by a majority vote. The Committee may use a consent agenda. The debate period for an individual resolution shall be limited to five (5) minutes, not including the time to read the resolution aloud if the Committee Chair so determines. When debate time expires, the Chair will move to a vote on the resolution. Pursuant to Section 8.01 a proposed resolution may be proposed from the floor, only (a) if it is in writing and (b) after a motion to consider the proposed resolution from the floor passes by two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting.

RULE 15. *Quorum.* Section 11.03 of the Plan of Organization establishes quorum as forty percent (40%) of persons constituting the voting membership of the SEC. Once a quorum is established, continued presence of a quorum is presumed to exist.



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If lack of a quorum is raised (i.e., a quorum call), the Chair shall refer to the total persons present via the Zoom count report at that time. The Chair will note the time a quorum is present and no inquiry as to quorum may be made for a minimum of one (1) hour after that time. Time spent by guest speakers or elected officials, unless part of official business or debate on motions, shall not be included in calculating the one (1) hour limitation.

RULE 16. *Adjournment.* The time set for adjournment is 5:00 p.m. At 4:50 p.m., or immediately after conclusion of a pending vote, the Chair will make brief announcements. At 5:00 p.m., the Chair shall declare the meeting adjourned.



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