

**MINUTES
STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC PARTY
FEBRUARY 29, 2020**

First Vice Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM in the Cone Building on the campus of UNC-Charlotte.

The Council Members rose and said the Pledge of Allegiance and saluted the flag of North Carolina.

Wendy May moved to approve the Agenda of the Meeting. Cliff Moone seconded the motion.

The Roll Call revealed these Council members were present:

David Salazar	Debra (Dee) Jones
Chris Hardee	Brenda Pollard
Jesse Goslen	Diane Robertson
Charles Wallin	Cliff Moone
Dave Wils	John Verdejo
Sonya Bennetone	Shelia Huggins
Dylan Frick	Bobbie Richardson
James Davis	Floyd McKissick
Douglas Auer	Sybil Mann
Valeria Levy	Felita Donnell
Trent Turk	Allie Akers
Tom Rothrock	Randy Voller
Ginger Walker	Kristi Talley
Jeff Rose	Daryl Bonaparte
Janice Covington	Matt Hughes
Melvin Williams	Vinod Thomas

This Roll Call showed 32 Members present. A Quorum was declared.

Dr. Bobbie Richardson asked for a moment of silence.

By a voice vote, Wendy May's motion to approve the Agenda was passed.

Wendy May made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 19, 2019 Council meeting. The motion was seconded. The motion was then passed by a voice vote.

NCDP Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes brought forward the Code of Conduct for discussion. He recommended that the Code of Conduct be moved forward to that day's State Executive Committee meeting.

Cliff Moone reported that the Executive Council had earlier suggested amendments to the POO regarding the Code of Conduct. He said the POO Rewrite Committee had spent an entire afternoon considering making POO changes to be in line with the Code of Conduct.

He said that it was not necessary for each member of the POO Rewrite Committee to sign the recommended changes.

He said the changes to the POO will require that every Democrat must abide by the Code of Conduct.

OLD BUSINESS

NCDP Executive Director Meredith Cuomo reported that the State Party has opened offices in Fayetteville and Durham. She said the Party's goal is to open offices in Greenville, Wilmington, and Asheville.

She announced that the Party is looking to hire a Rural Director.

NEW BUSINESS

Meredith Cuomo presented the suggested NCDP Budget for 2020. Every Council Member was given a numbered copy of this budget. Every Member was required to give their copy back to Meredith at the end of the meeting.

This budget contained a 28% percent increase from 2019. She reported that 2020 is not a year in which a NCDP audit is scheduled.

This budget contains a \$9,000.00 increase to provide a stipend for DNC Members.

Meredith reported that there has been a significant increase of donations through the Party's direct mail fundraising. Scott McConnell is doing the NCDP direct mail fundraising. Meredith said Scott is producing "phenomenal" results!

Our Executive Director reported that there are now 26 staff members on the ground working through the Coordinated Campaign.

Chris Hardee made a motion to approve the proposed 2020 NCDP Budget and that the Council recommend its approval to the SEC. His motion was seconded by many Members. It was passed by a voice vote.

Dr. Bobbie Richardson promoted the 2020 Women Of Color event which is scheduled on April 4, 2020 in Rocky Mount.

The Council then voted unanimously to adjourn.

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