

MINUTES
STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
ZOOM MEETING
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021

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State Party Chair Wayne Goodwin called the meeting to order at 9:06AM. Chair Goodwin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll call showed the following Members: Those attending included Wayne Goodwin, Bobbie Richardson, Floyd McKissick, Matt Hughes, Nida Allam, Melvin Williams, Jeff Rose, Anna Tilghman, Diane Robertson, DD Adams, Jenny Marshall, Sheila Huggins, Jon McLamb, Mack Paul, Chris Hardee, Jesse Goslen, Charlie Wallin, Dave Wils, Dylan Frick, Jim Davis, Doug Auer, Kathy Sinclair, Cozzie Watkins, Veleria Levy, Felita Donnell, Emily Hogan, Julia Buckner, David Salazar, Tom Rothrock, Ginger Walker, Kevin Lin, Gracie Galloway, Vinod Thomas, Randy Voller, Lee Nackman, Crystal Cavalier, Wendy Ella May, Kristi Tally, Angela Bridgman, Kennis Wilkins, Kimberly Reynolds, Betsy Wells, Dee Jones, Brenda Pollard, Linda Wilson, and Sybil Mann.

A Quorum was declared because 47 of the 53 Council Members were present.

Ginger Walker made a motion to approve the Agenda. Jeff Rose seconded the motion. It was approved by a voice vote.

Matt Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes of the last Council meeting on January 11, 2021. Crystal Cavalier seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was passed unanimously.

The NCDP Officers reported on their activities and achievements in the following order: Wayne Goodwin, Bobbie Richardson, Matt Hughes, Nida Allam, Jeff Rose, Melvin Williams, and Anna Tilghman.

DNC Member attorney Shelia Higgins delivered a detailed report on approving the charters of NCDP auxiliaries for the next two years.

Her report is as follows:

- 1. Recommend approval of the following auxiliaries: AAC, AAPI, Coastal, Democratic Women, Interfaith, Labor, LGBTQ, Native American, Progressives, Seniors, Small Business, Transgender, YDNC, Veterans, and Rural Caucus that fully met the requirements**
- 2. Recommend approval of the following auxiliaries (substantially met the requirements, noting that they may want to consider clarification on one requirement): Hispanic and Disability Issues**

**3. Recommend approval with the condition that certain changes are made to the bylaws or that approval be granted because the bylaws are in substantial compliance with national requirements and any needed changes be made in accordance with 11:03 of the PoO (if necessary):
College and Teen**

Reports were made by the following District Chairs:

- First District Chair Don Davis**
- Second District Chair Mack Paul**
- Third District Chair Chris Hardee**
- Fourth District Chair Jesse Goslen**
- Fifth District Chair Charlie Wallin**
- Sixth District Chair Dave Wils**
- Eighth District Chair Dylan Frick**
- Ninth District Chair Jim Davis**
- Tenth District Chair Doug Auer**
- Eleventh District Chair Kathy Sinclair**
- Twelfth District Chair Cozzie Watkins**
- Thirteenth District Chair Valeria Levy**

During their reports Dylan Frick, Kathy Sinclair, and Veleria Levy said they will not be seeking re-election at the 2021 District Conventions.

Reports were made by the following NCDP caucuses by leaders who frequently did not say their names:

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| Democratic Women | Disability Issues Caucus |
| Young Democrats | Native American Caucus |
| College Democrats | Hispanic American Democrats |
| Teen Democrats | Progressive Caucus |
| African American Caucus | Senior Democrats |
| Asian-American Pacific Islander Caucus | |
| Interfaith Caucus | Small Business Caucus |
| Labor Caucus | Transgender Caucus |
| LGBTQ Plus | Veterans Caucus |
| Rural Caucus | |

Then the meeting turned to consideration of extending the effective date of the resolution entitled “Resolution on 2021 North Carolina Democratic Party Meetings in Response to Ongoing COVID-19 State of Emergency.”

By a vote of 46-1 the Council voted to extend the date of the COVID-19 resolution until March 21, 2021.

Executive Director Meredith Cuomo reported that Raleigh police are no longer being employed to guard the State Party Headquarters.

NCDP Treasurer Anna Tilghman who had chaired a committee to study compensation for the State Party Chair presented the following motion on behalf of her committee:

“Motion in consideration of the personal sacrifices made by the Chair in service to the North Carolina Democratic Party, we recommend a stipend in the amount of \$25,000.00 annually, which is in addition to eligible reimbursable expenses, such as travel and accommodations. The Chair shall have the discretion to utilize these funds in any manner for their benefit.

“We further move that upon the election of a new Party Chair, a committee be established, independent of the Personnel Committee, to continue the evaluation and study of compensation for the NCDP Chair position.

And further, we move that the Executive Council authorize the Chair to appoint a committee including member of the Personnel Committee and PoO Review Committee to evaluate possible changes to the PoO related to a stipend for the current and future Chairs.”

Julia Buckner seconded the motion.

Lee Nackman said \$15 per hour would be about \$30,000.00 and that the Chair should be paid at least that amount.

NCDP attorney John Wallace said the Council should go into Executive Session.

Chris Hardee made a motion for the Council to go into Executive Session. Julia Buckner seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a voice vote.

After a lengthy period of discussion Chris Hardee made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Brenda Pollard seconded his motion. The motion to come out of Executive Session was passed by a voice vote.

At the end of the Executive Session, State Chair Wayne Goodwin reported that the Council had voted to make adjustment to the 2021 State Party Budget by adding a \$25,000.00 stipend for the State Chair and compensation for the Chair’s gas and hotel bills.

He said the Council had authorized the State Party Chair to appoint a committee to study compensation and report back at future meetings. He specified that the members of this new compensation committee should not include Democrats who are on the Personnel Committee.

Chris Hardee made a motion to approve the 2021 State Party Budget as presented. Angela Bridgman seconded the motion. It was passed by a vote of 34 - 0.

Chair Goodwin discussed a complaint from Chris Telesca and the Party's response to it.

Chris Hardee made a motion to adjourn. Julia Buckner seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a voice vote. Chair Goodwin adjourned the meeting at 12:20 PM.

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