

# RULES OF THE DAY

## THE NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC PARTY | 2021 SUMMER SEC MEETING

**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 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) Special Rules of the Day adopted by the State Executive Committee, (SEC), and (3) Robert's Rules of Order, (Newly Revised, 12th Edition).

**RULE 2. Obtaining Recognition.** To obtain recognition from the State Chair, a member will use the Zoom Chatbox feature, which will be set up to alert the State Chair and NCDP Staff, by typing, "motion" or "second," or "amendment," or "debate," or "close debate" to obtain recognition. Members using the Zoom platform must use the Chatbox feature to obtain recognition. A member who is not using Zoom and is dialing from their phone, shall dial \*9, (star/pound 9) to obtain recognition.

**RULE 3. Limitations on Speaking and Debate.** All members will be muted until recognized by the State Chair. No member shall speak in debate more than once on the same motion, resolution, or amendment. Debate is limited to two minutes per person on any item, motion, resolution, or amendment before the SEC. Five minutes shall be the total amount of debate on any item, motion, resolution, or amendment.

**RULE 4. Privileged Motions.** A "Point of Order" should only be made if the Party Plan of Organization, Rules of the Day, or Robert's Rules of Order are being violated by the State Chair or another member. "Point of Order" should be typed out in the Chatbox to alert NCDP Staff and the State Chair. A member must be prepared to state immediately the Point of Order being violated when recognized. A "Question or Point of Personal Privilege" should only be made if it concerns the rights of the assembly or the individual's ability to hear or otherwise participate 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. "Point of Order" and "Question or Point of Personal Privilege", should be typed out in the Chatbox to alert NCDP Staff and the State Chair. Members using Zoom must only use the Chatbox to be recognized.

**RULE 5. Meeting Registration and Credentialed Voting.** Only SEC members and designated proxies may participate in the SEC meeting. All registrations will be verified prior to the start of the meeting. Only verified members and proxies will be provided access to the 2021 Summer SEC Zoom meeting. Only members or proxies in attendance may vote. Registration and proxies must have been received by Thursday, August 5th, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Registered Democrats who are not members of the SEC or proxies will be able to watch a live feed of the meeting on the NCDP's YouTube Channel.



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**RULE 6. Types of Voting.** The State Chair may take voice votes, use Zoom’s “raise hands” feature or “\*9” feature, use Zoom polling, Google forms, or other electronic voting methods, unless prohibited by the Party Plan of Organization.

**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 8. Plan of Organization (“PoO”) Review Committee Report.** The Chair of the Plan of Organization Review Committee will report on proposed amendment(s), which will be displayed to the members. For each section of the Party Plan to be amended, debate time shall conform to Rule 3 above. When debate time expires all debate will stop, and the State Chair will move to a vote on the pending amendment(s) without a motion to close debate. All approved amendments to the Party Plan of Organization shall be effective immediately upon the adjournment of the August 7, 2021 meeting, unless otherwise specified, as provided by Section 12.01 of the Plan of Organization.

**RULE 9. Resolutions.** The Resolutions and Platform (RPC) Committee Chair will report on resolutions which will be displayed to the SEC. Resolutions shall be approved by a majority vote. The Committee Chair may use a “Consent Agenda”. Individual debate limitations shall conform to Section 3 above. When debate time expires, all debate will cease and the State Chair will move to a vote on the pending resolution without a motion to close debate.

**Rule 10. Quorum.** Section 11.03 of the Plan of Organization establishes quorum as forty percent (40%) of persons constituting the voting membership of the SEC. If a quorum question is raised, the Chair will 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.

**RULE 11. Adjournment.** The time set for adjournment is 4:00 p.m.. At 3:50 p.m., or immediately after conclusion of a pending vote, the Chair will make brief announcements. At 4:00 p.m., the Chair shall declare the meeting adjourned.



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