

MINUTES
NCDP EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
AUGUST 30, 2021

State Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson called the virtual meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The Roll Call showed the following Council Members were present:

Dr. Bobbie Richardson	Valencia Handy
Floyd McKissick	Jim Davis
Matt Hughes	Doug Auer
Shannon Auer	Cozzie Watkins
Melvin Williams	Al Heggins
Anderson Clayton	Carl Newman
Anna Tilghman	Jon McLamb
Diane Robertson	Felita Donnell
Denise Adams	Elke Weil-Millan
Jennifer Marshall	Tina Marshall
John Verdejo	Taylor Beckett
Shelia Huggins	Herb Harton
Rebecca Llewellyn	Lee Nackman
Chris Hardee	Paul McAllister
Jesse Goslen	Michael Evola
Charlie Wallin	Jarrett Patrick
David Wils	Betsy Wells
Sonya Bennetone	Marilyn Carter
Veleria Levy	Everett Ward

Number of Members of the Executive Council – 54

Number Needed For a Quorum – 32

Number of Members Attending This Meeting – 38

A Quorum Was Declared

Kevin Leder made an audit report on the State Party's recent audit 2 by the accounting firm of Clifton Larson Allen. The State Chair announced that the audit report was received and adopted.

NCDP Executive Director Meredith gave a report on what she and the Headquarters staff have been doing. She announced that attorney Shondra West has been hired as the new Voter Protection Director. Ms. West will start working parttime for NCDP on September 15th. She will begin working fulltime on October 1st.

Our ED announced that Geoff Simmons has been hired as Deputy Organizing Director. This afternoon job offers will be made to three people to work under Geoff.

NCDP First Vice Chair Floyd McKissick congratulated the Headquarters staff on the excellent work they are doing. He then reported that the Streamline Committee will hold hearings before the next SEC meeting on October 16, 2021. He also reported on some of the ideas the Streamline Committee is considering.

John Verdejo thanked the members of the Streamline Committee for their progress. Marilyn Carter asked Floyd McKissick if he foresaw any more major changes being considered by the Streamline Committee. Mr. McKissick said he could not predict the future but that he did not expect the committee to receive any more substantive proposals.

Melvin Williams made a motion to adopt the Minutes of the last Executive Committee meeting which was held on June 10, 2021. John Verdejo seconded the motion. The motion to approve the Minutes was passed unanimously.

NCDP Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes discussed the Living Library which he and others are developing. He reported on North Carolina's large delegation which went to the Nation Young Democrats Convention in Cincinnati recently. He also said he will be attending the DNC meeting on October 2, 2021

State Chair Richardson asked at what stage is the Code of Conduct Review Committee. She was told that this committee hoped to finish its work before the October 16th SEC meeting.

Third Vice Chair Shannon Auer reported that she attended meetings in Lincoln, Iredell, and Forsyth counties last weekend. She said the Forsyth County meeting was held in their new County Headquarters and that more than 100 Democrats attended the meeting in Lincoln County.

Shannon said she will work with the Young Democrats, the College Democrats and Indivisible. She is also working with NCDP Registration and that the Courtesy Committee is functioning.

NCDP Treasurer Anna Tilghman gave the Treasurer's Report and said she is enjoying working with Jackie Robinson who is new to NCDP fundraising projects. She said "We are funded and compliant."

NCDP Secretary Melvin Williams reported on his Minutes of recent meetings and about what a joy it is to continue to salute and recognize Democrats all over the state in GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS.

NCDP State Chair Bobbie Richardson talked about the addition of a Vote Protection Director, Janice Robinson. The Chair talked about the upcoming October 16th SEC meeting. She also said that the following day will be the last day that Julia Lee will work with NCDP.

NCDP Political Director Lorenzo Pedro reported on the activities of the State Association of County Chairs who have elected a new State President in Person County Chair Anderson Clayton. He said the County Chairs Association has been discussing several major issues during recent meetings.

NCDP Party Affairs Director Aaron Thomas was introduced. Aaron talked about getting ready for the upcoming October 16th SEC meeting, the September 21st State Legislative Reception, and urged Democrats to contact the Headquarters during the official Office Hours.

12th Congressional District Chair Cozzie Watkins stated that she is glad the NCDP has started reimbursing some of the Party Officers. She says the NCDP needs to provide financial reimbursement for all our leaders. She said we can not expect people to work as volunteers all the time.

Fourth Congressional District Chair Jesse Goslen talked about Next Cloud as a good way for counties and districts to communicate. He also expressed thanks to the Party Officers and the Headquarters Staff.

Tenth District Chair Doug Auer said the Party needs to express thanks to Jeff Rose for his excellent service as President of the County Chairs Association.

The new President of the County Chairs Association, Anderson Clayton, expressed her excitement about serving in this position and said she would be having her first conference call this week.

State Chair Richardson congratulated everyone who helped make the recent Women of Color event successful.

Ninth Congressional Chair Jim Davis discussed an August 23 letter from Janice Robinson about a grievance that was discussed at the July 22nd Council of Review meeting. Our State Chair said she will check with Parliamentarian Sybil Mann about this matter.

The State Chair declared that the meeting was adjourned at 7:43PM.

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