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2022 SUMMER SEC MEETING

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Letter From NCDP Chair

NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR, DR. BOBBIE J. RICHARDSON

Der SEC Member,

It's that time again! Thank you for joining us for the Summer SEC Meeting on Saturday, June 18th in Durham, North Carolina! That's right - we're back in person and we're excited to see you on the campus of my alma mater, North Carolina Central University.

The NCDP team has been working to ensure productivity and accessibility for all meeting attendees as we meet for the first time in person since February 2020.

As we get ready for November's election, your role as a State Executive Committee member could not be more critical. We thank you for your continued support and the time you give to move our Democratic values forward. We cannot do any of that important work without the hard work and input of this body. Please know that the NCDP Officers and the entire NCDP Staff are working every day to ensure we mobilize and energize as many voters across the Tar Heel State!

So far, this year has shown me that Democrats are strong, enthusiastic, and fiercely passionate people. Together, we can do a whole lot of good for the state of North Carolina, and I look forward to working with you all to elect Cheri Beasley to the US Senate, send more Democrats to Congress and the General Assembly, flip local seats, protect our majorities on the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, and turn North Carolina Blue!

Onward Together,



Dr. Bobbie J. Richardson
Chair, North Carolina Democratic Party

Meeting Agenda

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Moment of Silence**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance & Salute to the NC Flag**
- 4. Declaration of Quorum**
- 5. Approval of the Meeting Agenda**
- 6. Approval of the Rules of the Day**
- 7. Approval of the 2022 Winter SEC Meeting Minutes**
- 8. Plan of Organization Review Committee Report**
- 9. NCDP Chair Report**
- 10. NCDP State Officers Reports**
- 11. New Business**
- 12. Announcements**
- 13. Adjournment**

Rules Of The Day

NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC PARTY 2022 SUMMER SEC MEETING – DURHAM, NC

RULE 1. Chair. The State Chair shall have general direction of the meeting 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. The order of priority of Rules shall be (a) the Plan of Organization, (b) the Rules of the Day adopted by the State Executive Committee, and (c) Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised, 12th Edition). As may be necessary at appropriate times, the State Chair may temporarily designate one of the other State officers to preside, in accordance with the Plan of Organization. Courteous respect for one another will be the standing order of the day.

RULE 2. Obtaining Recognition. Except in the case of physical challenge (when a microphone will be brought to the member), any member who is about to address the Chair, shall rise and approach a microphone and await recognition by the Chair. The Chair shall inquire the purpose for which the member rises. If the member's purpose is in order, the Chair will recognize the member. Upon recognition, the member shall state that member's name and county or, where appropriate, that member's position in the party.

RULE 3. Limitations on Debate. No member shall speak in debate more than once on the same question, or longer than one (1) minute, without permission of the body granted by a two-thirds vote without debate. After five (5) minutes of debate on any matter before the body, debate shall close. A properly made Motion for the Previous Question, bringing the body to an immediate vote on the pending matter, is in order prior to the lapse of the five minute limit. *Ad hominem* arguments will not be tolerated by the Chair, who may curtail the remaining time of the speaker.

RULE 4. Credentialed Voting. Credentialed members or proxies may vote, only if present in the room. If a ballot is used, credentialed members must physically cast the ballot prior to the time when ballots are collected by the election marshals. No member or proxy may vote in absentia and such practice or attempt to engage in such practice shall be grounds for discipline by the State Executive Committee (hereinafter "SEC"), which may include removal by the Council of Review. The Chair may take voice votes, standing votes, or ballot votes for any or all votes, unless specified in the Party Plan.

RULE 5. Modifications to the Agenda or Rules of the Day. The Agenda shall be followed as adopted by the SEC. While pending, the Agenda may be amended by majority vote. After adoption, the Agenda may be amended by a two-thirds vote by the body. As for the Rules of

the Day governing the SEC meeting, while pending, they may be amended by majority vote. After adoption, the Rules may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the body.

RULE 6. Plan of Organization (“PoO”) Review Committee Report.

(a) The Chair of the Plan of Organization Committee shall briefly summarize the Committee’s report and recommendations regarding proposed amendments to the Plan of Organization for consideration by the SEC and move the amendment’s adoption. The motion does not require a second. The body shall consider one amendment at a time. When the amendment is presented, it shall be displayed to the body.

(b) After the motion is made to approve the amendment, the floor shall be open for debate on that amendment, with the State Chair presiding. The PoO Review Committee Chair has the right to the floor first in debate.

(c) Debate on each amendment shall conform to Rule 3. The Chair shall attempt to alternate between members in favor and members opposed to the amendment.

(d) All approved amendments shall be effective immediately upon adjournment of the meeting, unless otherwise specified as provided by Section 12.01 of the Plan of Organization.

RULE 7. Pursuant to the Party Plan of Organization Section 11.03, forty percent (40%) of the persons constituting the voting membership of the SEC shall constitute a quorum. Once a quorum has been established, the continued presence of a quorum is presumed to exist. If a lack of a quorum is suggested by a member, (i.e., a quorum call), and after a standing count, the Chair is unable to determine if there is a quorum, each SEC Member will sign and submit a pre-printed form for a quorum count. Proxies will print and sign their own name, as well as print the name of the SEC Member for whom they have a proxy. The pre-printed forms shall be forwarded to the Chair. If the Chair rules that a quorum is present, the time shall be noted and no quorum call may be made by any member for one (1) hour after that time. Time spent by guest speakers or elected officials, unless part of actual debate on motions or reported matters or other official business, shall not be included in calculating the one (1) hour limitation.

2022 Winter SEC Meeting Minutes

MINUTES FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S 2022 WINTER SEC MEETING – VIRTUAL

MINUTES
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
10:00AM SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2022

In writing these minutes, it is assumed that SEC Members have retained the full contents of the SEC Packets which were sent to them before the meeting. Those packets included the Agenda, the Rules of the Day, the minutes of the previous meeting, the PoO Review Committee recommendations and many other pages of information.

The activities began with cheerful music and comments by Training Director Julia Buckner. Then she introduced a Democratic film which lasted four minutes. State Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson called the meeting to order and recognized Hispanic American Dems President Elke Weil-Millan who led the group in a minute of meditation. Elke then led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the flag of North Carolina. Political Director Lorenzo Pedro explained the meeting's registration procedures. Dr. Richardson introduced Kinston City Councilman Chris Suggs who addressed the meeting. He is the youngest elected official in the entire state. He spoke about the needs of towns that are about the size of Kinston and what the Democratic Party can do to help those towns. Dr. Richardson led the group through all the Zoom steps and directions. Secretary Melvin Williams gave the Quorum report. He reported that there are 612 Members on the SEC and that 245 Members are needed to establish a Quorum. Since 452 SEC Members had already registered, a Quorum was declared to be present. (452 was also the final total of registrations of SEC Members for the meeting.) State Secretary Melvin Williams has no role in the registration process at SEC meetings. He has no role in deciding who will be allowed to register and who will not be allowed to register.

The entire registration process is conducted by the State Headquarters staff. Then they report the numbers to the State Secretary who announces whether the meeting has a Quorum. Brenda Pollard made a motion to approve the proposed Agenda for today's meeting which is on page 5 of the SEC Packet. Cliff Moone seconded her motion. The SEC then voted to approve the Agenda by a vote of 374 – 1. There was a short discussion about the Rules of the Day which were on page 5 of the SEC Packet. Marilyn Carter of Orange County made a motion to approve the Rules of the Day. Kevin Stallings of Wayne County seconded her motion. The SEC Members then voted to approve the Rules of the Day by a vote of 372 – 0. Our State Chair promoted the NCDP Store and its fine contents. Paula Shelton of Moore County made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Fall 2021 SEC meeting. Elke Weil-Millan of Wake County seconded her motion. The body then voted 357 to 3 to approve the Minutes.

Angela Bridgman raised a Point of Order. She complained that the budgeting process that was used in preparing the 2022 Operations Budget did not allow SEC Members to discuss the Budget with each other before today's meeting. The State Chair ruled that her Point of Order was out of order. Angela then said the rights of SEC Members are being denied. The State Chair asked Angela if she had received the SEC Packet which was sent to every SEC Member. Angela replied "Yes." The State Chair said that receipt of the SEC Packet in advance gave Angela time to talk with other SEC Members about the Operational Budget.

2022 Operational Budget

State Treasurer Anna Tilghman gave the Treasurer's Report. Anna and our State Chair thanked the members of the Finance Committee for their dedicated service. A copy of this Budget was in the SEC Packet.

It was pointed out that the Operational Budget is completely different from the Campaign Budget and the Coordinated Campaign Budget. Those budgets will include our GOTV and many other items. Our Treasurer explained that the 2022 Operational Budget was approved by the Finance Committee. She then explained that this Budget was unanimously approved by the State Executive Council on January 10th and that it was sent to all SEC Members on January 12th. Executive Director Meredith Cuomo went through the Operational Budget explaining in detail most of the items it contains. Meredith pointed out that the county parties will receive many benefits from this 2022 Operational Budget. Examples she gave included the State Party paying to join Mobilize which benefits the county parties and down ballot candidates. This 2022 Operational Budget will also provide printed materials including sample ballots. Our Executive Director said that a three-person group meets often to discuss the Budget. This group is composed of the State Chair, the Executive Director, and the State Party Treasurer. Our Executive Director explained the fundraising expenses in the 2022 Budget. She said some of our upcoming fundraising events and expenditures will include:

- A block party one month before the General Election
- The Party will pay two attorneys – one for state legal matters and one for federal legal matters
- This Budget sets aside some money for heating and air conditioning repairs which will be coming up at the State Headquarters in future years

Anna Tilghman reminded the SEC that the Finance Committee and the Executive Council had recommended this Budget. It was pointed out that no amendments from the floor would be allowed. Jarrett Patrick spoke in favor of approving this Budget. Matthew Sadinsky of Mecklenburg County called for the question on the 2022 Operational Budget. Cliff Moone of Catawba County explained that there was no need to have a vote on calling the question. He

said the SEC could go directly to voting on the Budget.

The SEC then voted to approve the 2022 Operational Budget by a margin of 362 - 12. At 11:34 AM the Chair announced a twenty-minute recess and said the meeting would resume at 12:00 Noon.

NCDP OFFICERS REPORTS After the meeting resumed, State Party Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson gave a report on many of her activities and achievements since the October, 2021 SEC meeting.

Then the following State Party Officers gave reports:

First Vice Chair Floyd McKissick
Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes
Third Vice Chair Shannon Auer
Treasurer Anna Tilghman
Secretary Melvin Williams

State Chair Richardson recognized North Carolina's members of the Democratic National Committee. They are: Mayor Pro Tempore D. D. Adams of Forsyth County, Commissioner Matt Hughes of Orange County, John Verdejo of Wake County, Shelia Huggins of Durham County, Jennifer Marshall of Forsyth County, NCDP First Vice Chair Floyd McKissick of Durham County, and NCDP Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson of Franklin County.

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT Our State Chair called on Chris Hardee, Chair of the Plan of Organization Review Committee, to bring forth the changes to the PoO which his committee recommended. Cliff Moone told SEC Members that all of the PORC's Recommendations are on the www.NCDP.org landing page

RECOMMENDATION #1 Entitled "PORC ALT PLAN 1, Orange County Alternative Plan" Benjamin Spence and Phyllis Portie-Ascot spoke in support of this Recommendation. No one spoke against it. Pam Carver called for the question. It was decided that no vote on calling the question would be needed. The SEC then voted for Recommendation #1 by a vote of 310 - 9.

RECOMMENDATION # 2 Entitled "PORC ALT PLAN 2, Wake County Alternative Plan." Speaking in favor of this Recommendation were: Kevyn Creech, Hillary Varner, and Eva F. Lee. Speaking against was: Chris Telesca Benjamin Spencer made a motion to take a 15-20 minute break. Our State Chair said that since over 400 Members were on the call, we still have a Quorum and that the meeting would be continued without a break. Lawrence Carter of Wake County was recognized. He said that he had raised his hand earlier to be recognized to second a motion. State Chair Richardson apologized for missing Lawrence Carter's raised hand. The SEC then voted 288 - 24 to approve Recommendation # 2.

RECOMMENDATION #3 Entitled "The NCDP Disability Issues Caucus requested the wording

'physical disability' be changed to 'disability' to include all disabilities, mental, intellectual, etc. for a more inclusive statement." No one wanted to speak on this issue so the SEC voted to approve this Recommendation by a vote of 301 -8.

RECOMMENDATION #4 PORC's explanation of this Recommendation is "The term "50%+1" is often used to explain the term "majority" but it is technically incorrect. A majority is 'more than 50%."

This recommendation would change the wording in each of the POO sections listed below by deleting the term "fifty percent plus one" and replacing it by the term "a majority."

These changes will be made in the following POO sections

- 6.01 Congressional District Conventions
- 6.02 State Convention
- 5.03 Rules For County Conventions

Toni Mingo of Mecklenburg County spoke in favor of this change. No one spoke against this motion. The SEC voted to approve Recommendation #4 by a vote of 286 - 2.

RECOMMENDATION # 5 The PORC stated that "This amendment makes no content changes and brings this section's formatting in line with other parts of the plan mostly through using a bulleted list." This Recommendation applies to: 4.06 State Executive Council. Speaking for this Recommendation were: Lauren Bradley, Matt Sadinsky, and Pam Carver. Speaking against this Recommendation were: Eva F. Lee and Chris Telesca. The SEC approved Recommendation # 5 by a vote of 273 - 29.

RECOMMENDATION # 6 The PORC stated: "Following the perceived intent of the SEC in October, 2021, this amendment tasks the Executive Council with recommending the annual budget to the SEC 14 days in advance of its meeting." This amendment applies to section 4.06.

Speaking in favor of this Recommendation were: Toni Mingo, Cliff Moone, Tyler Beale, Benjamin Spencer, and Bob Hyman. Chris Telesca asked for a Point of Personal Privilege to say this Recommendation codifies the original intent of the October, 2021 SEC meeting. No one spoke against Recommendation # 6. The SEC approved Recommendation # 6 by a vote of 303 - 2.

RECOMMENDATION # 7 Recommendation # 7 was not presented to the meeting because the PORC decided to take it back to the next PORC meeting to further review it.

RECOMMENDATION # 8 This Recommendation applies to congressional districts which are entirely within one county. It states: "For a convention of a single county congressional district, a quorum shall exist at any time at which there is present on the floor either:

- At least one delegate from a majority of the county commission districts entitled to

be present at the respective convention with duly elected delegates to said convention:

- Or five (5) percent of the total number of delegates elected to the convention.

Speaking in favor of this Recommendation was: Kevyn Creech. Speaking against this Recommendation was: Eva F. Lee Leslie Cohen asked who decides which formula will be used. Chris Hardee replied that the district may use either formula. The SEC then voted to approve this Recommendation by a vote of 284 – 12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director Meredith Cuomo made the following announcements:

- February 24 – Blue NC Celebration
- A Blue Crew event will be scheduled
- Donations for bricks at Headquarters
- 5:30PM, February 17
- The Year in Review
- June 18 – State Convention followed by Unity Banquet
- February 5 – 19, Precinct meetings
- March 19 – County Conventions
- May 21 – District Conventions
- Everyone is invited to visit the www.NCDP.org website to view events which are being posted frequently.

Meredith congratulated all the counties which have already paid their 2022 Sustaining Fund amounts. She also congratulated this year's Trustees and Passport Patrons.

State Chair Dr. Richardson then announced that the State Headquarters staff had been subjected to foul language and verbal abuse from SEC Members during today's meeting. She said this abusive behavior would never be tolerated again. The meeting was then adjourned.

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

Plan of Organization Review Committee Final Report

PoO REVIEW COMMITTEE CHAIR, CHRIS HARDEE

NOTE: By request, we have shifted to a strike and add (by underline) format is all in black and white text.

Based on several recommendations, this section was updated mostly to include nonpartisan races

PORC Recommendation 1 (Update to party officers as consultants)

10.03 VACATING AND TEMPORARILY RELINQUISHING HOLDING PARTY OFFICE WHEN A CANDIDATE OR CAMPAIGN MANAGER, STAFF, OR CONSULTANT IN PRIMARIES OR NON-PARTISAN ELECTIONS

Any officer of any precinct, county, congressional district or state executive committee, who (1) files for a partisan elective office and who is opposed in the Democratic Primary or ~~(2) manages a campaign for a candidate in a partisan elective office who is opposed in the Democratic Primary,~~ (2) files for nonpartisan elective office and another Democrat files for the same office shall be deemed to have temporarily relinquished holding that office as of the date that another NC Democrat files for the same elective office throughout the duration of that Primary Election.

Any officer of any precinct, county, congressional district or state executive committee, who takes an active campaign managerial, consulting, or staff role or is a treasurer appointed for campaign reporting purposes in support of a candidate in a partisan elective office who is opposed in the Democratic primary or nonpartisan elective office with another Democrat filing for the same office, shall be deemed to have temporarily relinquished holding that office as of the date such candidate and another Democrat file for the same elective office throughout the duration of that Democratic Primary Election or non-partisan election.

When a chair temporarily relinquishes holding office, the first vice chair of the executive committee shall assume such duties for the duration of the Democratic Primary. If, for any reason, there should occur a vacancy in the first vice chair of the executive committee, the second vice chair, the third vice chair, the secretary or the treasurer, in that order, shall assume such duties until the office of the first vice chair is filled or until the closing of the Democratic Primary or non-partisan Election, whichever occurs first. If an officer other than the chair temporarily relinquishes holding office, the chair may assign the duties of the officer in part or in their entirety to any member of that executive committee for the duration of the Democratic Primary or non-partisan election.

PORC Recommendation 2 (Process for new Congressional lines)

Currently there is not a consistent process as to how the party adapts to new district lines. This codifies our process.

Insert a new section 3.08 New Congressional Districts and renumber as needed

3.08 New Congressional Districts

The drawing of new Congressional District lines by the NC General Assembly following a Decennial Census or by court order is considered to create new Congressional Districts within the North Carolina Democratic Party whether the number of districts changes or not. When new Congressional Districts are created, new Congressional District Officers shall be elected at District Conventions in the newly created Congressional Districts.

If the new Congressional Districts are created and enacted into law by the NC Legislature or Ordered by the Court within 120 days of previously scheduled Congressional District Conventions the election of officers will be held at the previously scheduled Congressional District Conventions.

If the new Congressional Districts are created and enacted into law by the NC Legislature or Ordered by the Court greater than 120 days of scheduled Congressional District Conventions the election of officers will be held at specially called scheduled Congressional District Conventions. The called Congressional District Conventions shall be held within 120 days of the creation and being enacted into law by the NC Legislature or Ordered by the Court of the new Congressional Districts.

1. **When and Where Held.** The State Chair shall designate the date on which such Congressional District Conventions shall be held. The exact location and time of the Congressional District Convention shall be determined by the acting Congressional District Chair, except that the locations of meetings outside of district boundaries may occur with the consent of the State Chair. The Congressional District Convention may be held virtually at the discretion of the acting Congressional District Chair.
2. **Presiding Officer.** The State Chair shall appoint a registered Democrat residing in the district to serve as an acting Congressional District Chair for the purpose of organizing the District Convention and presiding over the election of regular officers and other duties as outlined in this Plan of Organization. The appointment of an acting Congressional District Chair shall occur within 10 days of new Districts being enacted into law by the NC Legislature or Ordered by the Court.
3. **Term of Office.** The term of office of the officers of the district executive committee

shall expire on the date set for the next succeeding district convention held in an odd-numbered year, or when their successor shall be elected, whichever shall occur first. Newly elected officers shall take office immediately upon their election.

4. **Allocation of Votes.** Each county in a congressional district shall be entitled to cast at the Congressional District Convention one (1) vote for every three hundred (300) votes, or major fraction thereof, cast in that county or in the applicable portion thereof, for the Democratic nominee for Governor at the last preceding gubernatorial election; provided, that each county shall be entitled to cast at least one vote. Each county shall be entitled to its full voting strength only if the county has elected its full voting strength; if not, the county shall be entitled to the number of votes equal to the number of delegates they have elected.
5. **Election of Delegates.** The congressional district convention shall be composed of delegates elected by the several County Executive Committees across the state. Each county or appropriate portion thereof shall elect one (1) delegate for each vote it is entitled to cast at the congressional district convention.

PORC Recommendation 3 (Clarification to the Code of Conduct authorization in the PoO)

This follows up on discussion from the 2020 Winter SEC meeting to clarify disciplinary action for Code of Conduct violations.

0.04 CODE OF CONDUCT

All officers, council, committee or subcommittee members of the North Carolina Democratic Party, at every level, whether serving by virtue of holding an elected or an appointed position shall acknowledge and agree to comply with the letter and spirit of the most recently adopted North Carolina Democratic Party Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct is incorporated by reference herein and shall be posted on the North Carolina Democratic Party website. Violation of the Code of Conduct is ground for disciplinary action up to and including removal from office or position with the North Carolina Democratic Party.