

**NCDP STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
JUNE 7, 2022 - MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by State Chair Bobbie Richardson at 6:02 PM. All Members joined in the Pledge of Alliance. This was followed by a moment of silence.

Political Director Lorenzo Pedro explained the rules of Zoom and how tonight's meeting would be conducted according to these rules.

Secretary Melvin Williams called the roll which showed the following Members were present in alphabetical order by last name:

Collette Alston	Al Heggins
Dr. Vickie Andrews	Shelia Huggins
Doug Auer	Ryan Jenkins
Tyler Beall	Veleria Levy
Sonya Bennetone	Kimberly Mack
Clayton Brooks	Sybil Mann
Sharon Brown	Jennifer Marshall
Marilyn Carter	Floyd McKissick
Michael Colvin	Carl Newman
Brandon Combs	Jarrett Patrick
Lisa Ellsworth	Dr. Bobbie Richardson
Pamelia McAfee	Saletta Urena
Elizabeth Goodwin	John Verdejo
Wayne Goodwin	Elke Weil-Milan
Jesse Goslen	Betsy Wells
Chris Hardee	Melvin Williams
Herb Harton	

The Secretary reported that since 33 of the 53 Members were present, a Quorum had been established.

Ryan Jenkins made a motion to adopt the Agenda of the meeting. Kim Mack seconded his motion. This motion was approved unanimously.

Floyd McKissick made a motion to approve the Minutes of the last Executive Council meeting which was held on January 10, 2022. Lisa Ellsworth seconded his motion. This motion was approved unanimously.

Executive Director Meredith Cuomo spoke to the Council about several topics including voter protection, post cards, phone banking, and Building Blue.

Julia Buckner gave a detailed report on the Building Blue program. She said the program was focusing on helping elect General Assembly members, setting up Mobilize, Vote Builder, and helping recruit volunteers. Julia said that so far 221,000 calls had been made, 94,000 doors have been knocked, and that 1,156 new workers have been recruited. She said she was having Office Hours from 2PM to 4PM on Thursday.

Jenny Marshall asked if Council Members will get a list of targeted candidates? Julia replied "Yes."

Tyler Beall and Pamela McAfee spoke and asked questions on matters that concerned them.

Dr. Vickie Andrews asked how we are tracking Republican registrations. The answer to this question was not stated clearly enough to be included in these Minutes.

Carolyn Smith who is heading the Coordinated Campaign spoke to the Council. She said we must do a lot of persuading. She reported North Carolina can have 20 Regional Directors and that she has openings for many of those positions.

In response to a question from Elizabeth Goodwin, Carolyn Smith gave a thorough overview of the Coordinated Campaign.

Caroline Hall gave a report on the Judicial races.

State Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson spoke on many topics including:

- Our highly motivated Judicial candidates.**
- The successful Legislature Reception**
- All our fundraising programs**

- Her plans to continue her meaningful visits to rural counties
- The success of the Primary Returns Party which was attended by Governor Cooper and Cheri Beasley
- DNC Chair Jaime Harrison's upcoming visit to Lumberton
- Recognition of new District Chairs

First Vice Chair Floyd McKissick gave his report which included praise for the Headquarters staff.

Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes reported on his activities including his work on the Platform and Resolutions Committee.

Secretary Melvin Williams and Treasurer Anna Tilghman gave reports.

Dr. Richardson said that the Keynote Speaker for the Unity Dinner will be announced soon. She discussed preparations for the meetings and Unity Dinner which will be held on June 18th. She also discussed the training event which will be held on June 17th.

NEW BUSINESS

Jesse Goslen wants the agenda for upcoming meetings to include discussion of access to emails.

Clayton Brooks questioned the "in person" nature of the June 18th meetings. He asked why these meetings are not being held as hybrid events.

Meredith Cuomo said hybrid events would be too expensive. She said the DNC is not holding hybrid events. She said two state parties tried hybrid meetings and they "didn't go well."

Dr. Richardson said that many school, churches, sport areas and other organizations are having live meetings now. She also pointed out that many SEC Members have already registered for June 18th.

Jennifer Marshall said her husband is no longer receiving SEC emails and that she wants the NCDP to stop emailing her at school.

Meredith talked about how to get lists from VoteBuilder. She also urged County Chairs to get their VoteBuilder lists accurate.

Pam McAfee discussed the fact that our disabled Democrats need help with accessing Democratic events. She asked if the events of June 18th will be set up to enable disabled people to participate in all the activities of that day. Dr. Richardson replied that the June 18th events will be organized for accessibility for everyone.

Clayton Brooks made a motion that we figure out a way to have hybrid meetings on June 18th. Parliamentarian Sybil Mann said that the POO authorizes the State Chair to designate the date and time of all meetings.

Elizabeth Goodwin made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. The State Chair ruled that her motion was out of order.

Pam McAfee again emphasized that the meetings need to be prepared for handicapped Democrats.

The NCDP's attorney, John Wallace, spoke to the Council. He talked about a wide range of matters including:

- The rules that enable the parties and candidates to hide donations.**
- If an outside group wants to help any candidate's campaign, that candidate needs to be cautious.**
- John wants to avoid problems.**

Dr. Richardson stated that the meeting place will be set up for handicapped Democrats. She said "We will be prepared."

The meeting was then adjourned.

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