

**NCDP EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**6:00 PM, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 - Virtual Meeting**

**NCDP State Party Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson called the meeting to order. She invited the Members to include Puerto Rico in their thoughts during a Moment of Silence.**

**The Roll Call showed the following Members were present:**

<b>Dr. Bobbie Richardson</b>	<b>Lisa Ellsworth</b>
<b>Floyd McKissick</b>	<b>Katherine Jeanes</b>
<b>Matt Hughes</b>	<b>Collette Alston</b>
<b>Shannon Auer</b>	<b>Edward Benanay</b>
<b>Melvin Williams</b>	<b>Albaro Reyes</b>
<b>Anna Tilghman</b>	<b>Elizabeth Goodwin</b>
<b>Anderson Clayton</b>	<b>Herb Harton</b>
<b>DD Adams</b>	<b>Tyler Beall</b>
<b>John Verdejo</b>	<b>Jesse Goslen</b>
<b>Shelia Huggins</b>	<b>Nathaniel Jacobs</b>
<b>Clayton Brooks</b>	<b>Dr. Vickie Andrews</b>
<b>Chris Hardee</b>	<b>Carl Newman</b>
<b>Sharon Brown</b>	<b>Kennis Wilkins</b>
<b>Sonya Bennetone</b>	<b>Jarrett Patrick</b>
<b>Al Heggins</b>	<b>Wayne Goodman</b>
<b>Michael Colvin</b>	<b>Marilyn Carter</b>
<b>Doug Auer</b>	<b>Henrietta Coursey</b>
<b>Rhonda Bond</b>	<b>Sybil Mann</b>
<b>Tina Rodriguez</b>	

**There are 53 Members of the Executive Council. The number needed for a quorum is 22. Since 37 Members were present, a Quorum was declared.**

**Carl Newman made a motion to adopt the proposed Agenda. Jarrett Patrick seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by a voice vote.**

**Chris Hardee made a motion to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting which was held on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Jarrett Patrick seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.**

**Julia Buckner reported to the Council that she had been moved from the position of Training Director to the position of Organizing Director of the Coordinated Campaign when a vacancy developed in the Coordinated Campaign position.**

**Julia delivered a lot of numbers on various aspects of the campaign. She also answered questions from several Council Members.**

**Executive Director Meredith Cuomo gave a report to the Council. She reported to the Council that several changes to the Coordinated Campaign have been made including Julia Buckner being moved to the position of Organizing Director of the Coordinated Campaign and that Shawntay Anthony has been moved to the Coordinated Campaign.**

**Marilyn Carter asked Meredith whether, given communications coming to members of the Executive Council regarding union negotiations, the Council needed to pass any motions which would assist the Coordinated Campaign. Meredith replied that no motion was needed.**

**Meredith discussed the status of union contract negotiations with NCDP employees. Attorney John Wallace joined Meredith in discussing this matter. Both of them reported that a union contract has not been reached yet.**

**Tyler Beall asked if there was a deadline by which we must reach a union agreement. Mr. Wallace said there was not. He also said that the contract with the State Headquarters staff would continue after the election.**

**Tyler asked if the Worker's Guild is the holdup. Mr. Wallace said that the two parties are working toward an in person bargaining session. He reported that the union representative is located in the state of Maine. He said NCDP wants each in person session to be productive.**

**Mr. Wallace said the union has not yet submitted a proposal.**

**Katherine Jeanes asked if we could get a union representative to attend the next Executive Council meeting. Our State Chair said she would get back to Katherine on that question.**

**Kennis Wilkins said we need to find out what is the union's holdup.**

**Mr. Wallace said that the Party is very responsive to the union's message and that the Party is urging the union to meet soon.**

**Rhonda Bond said we need to have a union representative at the next Council meeting.**

**Elizabeth Goodwin made a motion to conclude this discussion for tonight and to talk further about the union contract at a later date.**

**Jarrett Patrick seconded her motion.**

**The motion passed by a voice vote with only one "Nay" vote being cast.**

**Anderson Clayton, President of the Association of County Chairs gave a report which included radio ads and the fact that Senator Jon Tester of Montana is going to be a special guest on the next County Chairs Zoom meeting.**

**Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes began his report by saying that today is his 32<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Everyone extended birthday greetings to him. He talked about his participation in the recent meeting of the Democratic National Committee in Washington and a new position to which he was elected. He reported that he had spoken in Pender County and had attended the Western Gala.**

**Third Vice Chair Shannon Auer reported that she had been sick during recent weeks.**

**Treasurer Anna Tilghman reported that the Party is well-funded and is in compliance.**

**Secretary Melvin Williams reported that he has now taken Minutes for 80-some meetings over the past 12 years. He also reported on GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS.**

**First Vice Chair Floyd McKissick told the Council that the DNC has more than 70 million dollars on hand in comparison with their usual amount on hand of about 30 million. He reported that he spoke at a Seventh Congressional District rally in Wilmington and at a rally in Morganton which was attended by 180 Democrats.**

**State Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson reported that she has been constantly calling to raise money to keep all the Party's functions going. She has recently spoken at events in Pender County, Rocky Mount, Greenville, and at a meeting of six western counties. She attended the Franklin County Party's golf tournament which raised over \$10,000.00 which will fund their County Headquarters. She will soon participate in a DNC conference call which will discuss the location of the 2024 Democratic National Convention.**

**In the coming days she is going to speak in Winston-Salem, Asheville, Greensboro (DW Convention,) and Wilmington.**

**Dr. Richardson reported on the results of a poll which was sent to all SEC members to see if they wanted the next SEC meeting to be virtual or in person. There are about 600 SEC members. Only 153 members responded to the poll. 86 of those voted for an in person meeting. That means 56% voted for an in person meeting.**

**Labor Caucus President Herb Harton reported that 7<sup>th</sup> District Chair Sonya Bennetone has invited him to speak at an anti-Trump Rally which will be held on the same day Mr. Trump will speak at the Wilmington airport.**

**The State Chair then declared the meeting to be adjourned at 7:24PM.**

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