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NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC PARTY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING – BY ZOOM  
DECEMBER 3, 2023

The North Carolina Democratic Party (NCDP) State Executive Council met on December 3, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. on the Zoom Application. This meeting was called by NCDP Chair Anderson Clayton upon the request of forty percent of the members of the State Executive Council, pursuant to the North Carolina Democratic Party Plan of Organization Sections 4.06 and 12.02.

Chair Clayton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Chair Clayton informed the State Executive Council that Sybil Mann, J.D. was serving as parliamentarian for this meeting.

NCDP Executive Director Kian Sadjadi called the roll of State Executive Council members. There were 43 members in attendance. The Chair declared that a quorum, which consisted of forty percent of the voting membership of the Executive Council, was present for the meeting.

Tyler Beale, LGBTQ+ Caucus representative, moved to adopt the Rules of the Day with an amendment to allow the Affiliated Organizations Committee to be called upon as needed by the meeting attendees. Carl Newman, Sustaining Fund Co-Chair, seconded the motion. The rules were adopted as amended by unanimous vote of the body.

The Chair requested a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Lisa Ellsworth, Chair of the Fourteenth Congressional District, moved to amend the agenda with the following amendment: “To delete 6a of the agenda, which stated, ‘Motion to Rescind (the) prior entire main motion, resolution, order, or rule that has been adopted at some previous time, to wit: rescind the vote on November 12, 2023 defeating (the) Motion to Charter Jewish Caucus,’ and substitute the words, ‘the confirmation that all conditions for approval of the Jewish Caucus have been met, as required by the North Carolina Democratic Party State Executive Committee on June 24, 2023.’” Chris Hardee, Chair of the First Congressional District, moved to second the motion.

Tyler Beale, LGBTQ+ Caucus representative, requested that the text of the amendment be placed in front of the body due to the length of the change. Lisa Ellsworth, Chair of the Fourteenth Congressional District, typed it into the Zoom Meeting Chat Box feature and Chair Clayton shared the text with the body via the Zoom Chat Box.

Tyler Beale, LGBTQ+ Caucus representative made a parliamentary inquiry concerning the amendment to the agenda. The inquiry was whether the amendment to delete the Motion to Rescind and substitute the confirmation motion was in Order. The Chair called on the Parliamentarian. The Parliamentarian advised that Robert’s Rules of Order 12<sup>th</sup> Ed. Section 35 discussed rescinding a motion. A “Motion to Rescind” was used when the body wished to cancel or repeal a motion that had previously been adopted and that was still in force. To “adopt a motion” meant that the body approved it by a majority (or in some cases by a two-thirds) vote of the body. However, when a motion was not approved by the required vote, the motion failed and was lost. The motion to confirm the Jewish Caucus was not adopted at the previous State Executive Council meeting. Therefore, it could not be rescinded and the

Motion to Rescind was not in order at this meeting. What was in order was a motion to renew a previous motion that was made and disposed of at a previous meeting without being adopted. In that case, a motion would be in order, as discussed in Robert's Rules of Order Section 38. Robert's Rules of Order described such a motion as a Motion to Renew to signify that the motion could be made at a subsequent meeting.

The Chair adopted the ruling of the Parliamentarian. The Chair then called for a vote on the amendment to the agenda, without objection. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 28 in favor and 5 opposed.

Chris Hardee, Chair of the First Congressional District, moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Pamela McAfee, Disability Caucus Representative, seconded the motion. The Chair called for a vote on the agenda as amended, without objection. The agenda was adopted by a vote of 33 in favor and 0 opposed.

Matt Hughes, Democratic National Committee Delegate, was recognized by the Chair. Mr. Hughes moved that the Executive Council approve the Jewish Caucus as having satisfied all conditions placed upon it by the State Executive Committee at the June 2023 State Executive Committee Meeting in Raleigh, and to move it from conditional approval to full approval. The motion was seconded by Paula Shelton, representative of the Democratic Women of North Carolina Auxiliary.

The Chair asked if there was any debate or discussion. Lainey Edmisten, NCDP Sustaining Fund Co-Chair, spoke in favor of the passage of the motion. Aisha Dew spoke in favor of the motion's passage.

Katie Dean, Chair of the Eleventh Congressional District, asked whether an Affiliated Organizations Committee representative could explain why the Affiliated Organizations Committee had not voted unanimously that the Jewish Caucus had met the requirements set out at the State Executive Committee meeting, (in June 2023), and if the representative could review those requirements for the State Executive Council. The Chair recognized a representative of the Affiliated Organizations Committee, who was the Affiliated Organization Committee Chair Ed Binanay. Mr. Binanay explained that there were seven mandates set forth by the State Executive Committee for the Jewish Caucus to fulfill prior to being fully approved. The Affiliated Organizations Committee agreed that six were met fully. He explained that the only remaining concern of the Affiliated Organizations Committee was whether the Jewish Caucus organizing meeting was an open meeting, such that all duly registered Democrats were able to enter the organizational meeting on Zoom. This issue caused a split among the committee members and they could not reach a consensus. Speaking for himself as Chair, he thought the Jewish Caucus had satisfied the seven conditions.

Affiliated Organizations Committee Chair Binanay reviewed the seven conditions:

1. Establish a yearly convention, which the Affiliated Organization Committee agreed had been accomplished.
2. Direct election of a Caucus president and a vice president, which the Affiliated Organization Committee agreed had been accomplished.
3. Establish a set of new procedures and grievances, which the Affiliated Organizations Committee agreed had been accomplished.

4. Remove all of the Democratic National Committee Platform pledge-litmus test, which the Affiliated Organizations Committee agreed had been accomplished.
5. Re-do the current Jewish Caucus Bylaws to reflect the changes above, which the Affiliated Organizations Committee agreed the Caucus had accomplished.
6. Allow any or all registered Jewish Democrats to join the Caucus, which the Affiliated Organizations Committee agreed had been accomplished.
7. Re-host the convention to be open to every registered Democrat was the last condition, which had divided the Committee.

Tyler Beale, representative of the LGBTQ+ Caucus and member of the Affiliated Organizations Committee was recognized by the Chair. He explained that he agreed with Chair Binanay's assessment. According to Mr. Beale the biggest barrier to fully approving the seventh condition was what an open convention looked like for a brand-new caucus organizing over Zoom.

Pam McAfee, representative of the Disability Caucus, spoke in favor of the motion to approve the caucus.

Drew Edwards, Labor Caucus representative, requested a point of information. He asked whether the body had not voted on this issue prior to this meeting and at that time was a motion to approve the Jewish Caucus defeated? The Chair addressed the point of information. She explained that she called the meeting after receiving a petition from the required percentage of State Executive Council members to request a meeting to consider the issue of the approval of the Jewish Caucus. This information was sent to all State Executive Council members.

Drew Edwards, Labor Caucus representative spoke in opposition to the motion to approve.

Carl Newman, NCDP Sustaining Fund Co-Chair, moved the previous question. Chris Hardee, First Congressional District Chair, seconded the motion. The previous question motion was adopted by a vote of 31 in favor and 4 opposed. Debate on the motion closed and the body moved to vote on the motion.

The Chair conducted the vote on the motion to approve the Jewish Caucus. The motion was adopted by a vote of 31 in favor, 4 opposed, and 4 abstentions.

The Chair announced that she would be disseminating a press release to media outlets concerning the vote by the NCDP State Executive Council.

Tyler Beale, LGBTQ+ Caucus representative moved to adjourn. Kelvin Stallings, NCDP Minority Affairs Director seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sybil Mann, on behalf of NCDP Secretary Melvin Williams