



2024 Winter SEC Meeting  
February 24th, 2024 | Rocky Mount, NC & Zoom

# SEC Member Packet



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# **RULES OF THE DAY**

## **PROPOSED RULES OF THE DAY FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S 2024 WINTER SEC MEETING, FEBRUARY 24th, 2024**

**RULE 1. Chair.** The State Chair shall have general direction of the State Executive Committee meeting and shall be authorized to take such action as is necessary to maintain order and expedite the meeting. 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. Priority of meeting rules shall be (a) the Plan of Organization, (b) Special Rules of the Day adopted by the State Executive Committee, (SEC), and (3) Robert's Rules of Order, (Newly Revised, 12th Edition).

**RULE 2. Obtaining Recognition.** To obtain recognition from the Chair, a member will approach a designated microphone. If a member who is physically present is unable to approach a microphone a member of the staff will assist that member in obtaining recognition.

**RULE 3. Virtual Participants.** Virtual participants will be able to access the meeting via the Zoom platform. Virtual participants must have pre-registered for the meeting by 11:59 p.m. EDT on Thursday, February 22nd, 2024. Consistent with DNC rules and guidance, participants who are attending virtually will have the ability to vote, but will need to find a member that is physically in attendance who can make comments for them at the meeting if they wish to speak in debate. Chat in the Zoom meeting will only be to communicate with moderators, and there will be no provided forum to interact with in person participants for those who are attending virtually. The staff operating the meeting will be directed to try to help facilitate connections between virtual and in-person participants.

**RULE 4. Limitations on Speaking and Debate.** No member shall speak in debate more than once on the same motion, or amendment. Debate is limited to one (1) minute per person on any item, motion, or amendment before the SEC. Pursuant to rule four (4), a member who is not physically present may have a member who is physically present make comments on their behalf. Any time that a member who is physically present spends making comments on behalf of a member who is not physically present will not count against the one (1) minute of time that the member who is physically present is entitled to. Five (5) minutes shall be the total amount of debate on any item, motion, or amendment. A member is only allowed to interrupt

proceedings to raise a point of order, a point of inquiry, appeal the decision of the chair, call for division, or second a motion. In all other instances a member must obtain recognition from the Chair before speaking. A "Point of Order " should only be made if the Party Plan of Organization, Rules of the Day, or Robert's Rules of Order are being violated by the State Chair or another member. If a member makes a Point of Order that member must be prepared to state immediately the Point of Order being violated when recognized. A "Point of Inquiry" should be made if it concerns the rights of the assembly or the individual's ability to hear or otherwise participate and is urgent in nature. An "Appeal of the Decision of the Chair" should only be made if a member wants to challenge a parliamentary ruling of the Chair. Neither "Point of Order", nor "Point of Inquiry", nor "Appeal of the Decision of the Chair" shall be used to debate a matter that is before the body.

**RULE 5. Meeting Registration and Credentialed Voting.** Only SEC members and designated proxies may participate in the SEC meeting. All registrations will be verified prior to the start of the meeting. In compliance with Section 0.01 of the NCDP Plan of Organization all registered Democrats will be allowed to observe the meeting via the NCDP's Youtube channel where the meeting will be livestreamed.

**RULE 6. Agenda Modifications and Rules Modifications.** The Agenda and Rules for the Day shall be followed after adoption by a majority vote of the SEC members present and voting. After adoption, the Agenda may be amended by a majority vote and the Rules of the Day may be amended by two-thirds vote.

**RULE 7. Plan of Organization Review Committee Report.** (a) The Chair of the Plan of Organization Review Committee (PORC) shall report the Committee's recommendations regarding proposed amendments for consideration by the SEC. A motion to approve an amendment is made by the Chair of the PORC and does not require a second. The body shall consider one recommendation at a time. When the recommendation is presented, it shall be displayed to the body. (b) After the motion is made to approve the recommendation, the floor shall be open for debate with the State Chair presiding. The PORC Chair has the right to the floor first in debate. (c) The total time to debate each recommendation is five (5) minutes. During this time, the State Chair shall alternate between members in favor and members opposed. Debate shall be timed and when expired, the State Chair will move to a vote on the recommendation. Once the recommendation is adopted, rejected, or referred back to the committee, the PORC Chair will proceed to the next recommendation of the

Committee. (d) Amendments to proposed amendments from the floor are disallowed. (e) All approved recommendations to the Plan of Organization shall be effective upon the adjournment of the January 29, 2022, meeting unless otherwise specified as provided by Section 12.01 of the Plan of Organization.

**Rule 8. Quorum.** Section 11.03 of the Plan of Organization establishes quorum as forty percent (40%) of persons constituting the voting membership of the SEC. If a quorum question is raised, the Chair will refer to the total persons present via the Zoom count report at that time. The Chair will note the time a quorum is present and no inquiry as to quorum may be made for a minimum of one (1) hour after that time.

**RULE 9. Majority Vote.** DNC members shall be elected by majority vote. If a nominee fails to receive a majority of votes another ballot shall be cast.

**RULE 10. Nominations.** Nominations for DNC Members shall come from the floor, may be made by the candidate themselves, and may be seconded. In any event, the total time speaking for any candidate, including the nomination, seconding and candidate's speech shall not exceed two (2) minutes in the discretion of the candidate, which limitation shall be enforced by the Chair or his designee. Candidates may have someone make remarks on their behalf; logistically, all candidates and their speakers will stand in line for nominations in the interest of time.

- **Example:** if there are 18 candidates for the DNC, the total time for all the speeches will be thirty-six (36) minutes, exclusive of the time for the next speaker or set of speakers to come to the microphone.

**RULE 11. Reduction in Candidates in Sequential elections.** After each balloting, the top one third (1/3) of nominated DNC Member Candidates, rounding up, will move to the next ballot until a final ballot with two nominees is voted with the winner thereof being elected, provided that enough candidates remain to fill the DNC gender or open seat requirements. If a candidate withdraws, such withdrawal shall not count in the calculation of the one third.

- **Example:** if there are 18 candidates for DNC on the first ballot, 6 would be in the second ballot runoff. If one withdraws, 5 would be on the ballot. After the second ballot, 2 candidates would remain for the third ballot. The winner of the third ballot would be elected.

**RULE 12. Democratic National Committee (“DNC”) Elections.** The State Executive Committee will elect 6 members of the Democratic National Committee. A maximum of 3 self-identified males and a maximum of 3-self identified females shall be elected. Self-identified non-binary individuals may run in either or both elections.

# MEETING AGENDA

- I.** Call to Order
- II.** Moment of Silence
- III.** Land Acknowledgement
- IV.** Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the N.C. Flag
- V.** Declaration of Quorum
- VI.** Keynote Speaker
- VII.** Statewide Candidate Introductions
- VIII.** Approval of the 2024 Winter SEC Meeting Agenda
- IX.** Approval of the 2024 Winter SEC Rules of the Day
- X.** Approval of the 2023 Summer SEC Meeting Minutes
- XI.** Election of the 2024 Democratic National Committee Members
- XII.** Lunch
- XIII.** Approval of the 2024 Annual Budget (as recommended by the NCDP Finance Committee and NCDP Executive Council)
- XIV.** Approval of the Affiliated Organizations Recommendations
- XV.** Plan of Organization Review Committee Report
- XVI.** Statewide Candidate Introductions
- XVII.** Executive Director Report
- XVIII.** State Party Chair Report
- XIX.** State Party Officer Report
- XX.** Announcements from the Floor
- XXI.** Adjournment

## 2023 SUMMER SEC MEETING MINUTES

10:00 AM, SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

*These Minutes were written based on the assumption that all SEC Members have saved their SEC Meeting Packets which contained all documents considered at this meeting.*

State Chair Anderson Clayton called the meeting to order and gave a warm welcome to everyone attending by Zoom and in person. She recognized the LGBTQPlus Caucus President Tyler Beall. She then recognized all Elected Officials who were present. Parliamentarian Vinod Thomas read the NCDP Statement of Inclusion. The State Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the North Carolina flag.

The Quorum Report showed the following:

- Current Number of SEC Members – 581
- Number Needed for a Quorum – 223
- Number Present Today – 367

Therefore, a Quorum was declared to be present.

The Parliamentarian presented the Rules of the Day. He also presented an amendment to Rule 7-A which would change the rules to allow all Affiliated Organizations to be considered at one time rather than individually.

A motion to approve this amendment was made by a SEC Member who did not say their name and it was seconded by another. SEC Member who did not say their name. This motion was approved.

Dorian Palmer made a motion to adopt the Rules as amended. Cliff Moone seconded the motion. Cliff Moone stated that SEC should say their name before they speak. The State Chair said she will ask for names. Kelly Ann Rogers made a motion to close debate on the Rules and Diane Tyndall seconded her motion. The motion to close debate was passed by the SEC. The meeting then approved the Rules as amended.

The Agenda was then considered. Vinod Thomas proposed that Agenda items 11 and 12 be switched. Chris Hardee made a motion to accept the Agenda as amended and Tyler Beall seconded his motion. This motion to accept the Agenda as amended was approved.



The following NCDP Officers made reports:

- First Vice Chair Jonah Garson
- Second Vice Chair Dr. Kimberly Hardy. She announced that two new awards of \$1,500.00 each will be given in honor of the late Conen Morgan.
- Third Vice Chair Elijah King reported on his activities including his trips to speak in 21 different counties.
- State Chair Anderson Clayton reported that the new Officers have raised more than \$700,000.00 and have recruited many new Sustaining Donors for the Operational Budget. Much of this money will be used to hire 14 fulltime Regional Field Organizers.

State Auditor Beth Wood, Judge Allison Riggs of the NC Court of Appeals, and Supreme Court Judge Anita Earls addressed the SEC.

The State Chair presented a potted plant to Julia Buckner as a way to welcome Julia back to work after an extended medical leave. Anderson then recognized North Carolina's DNC Members.

The State Chair announced that NCDP Secretary Melvin Williams was attending this meeting virtually and that he had been on the phone since 9:30AM.

Matt Hughes presented the Selection Plan for North Carolina Delegates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention in Chicago. Questions were asked by Nick Long, Leslie Cohen, and an unidentified Female Member. These questions were answered by Matt Hughes. Chris Hardee made a motion to approve the Delegate Selection Plan. His motion was seconded by Holly Ann Rogers. This motion was passed.

Judge John Arrowood of the NC Court of Appeals spoke about the statewide judicial races that will be held in 2024.

## **PLAN OF ORGANIZATION REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT**

Plan of Organization Review Committee Chair Vinod Thomas presented his committee's report.

Recommendation 1: 0.05 PUBLICIZE MEETINGS. The committee recommended that the following words be added to 0.05 of the POO: "To that end, party leadership at the state, district, county, and precinct level shall have the flexibility to offer either partial or fully virtual meeting options for all required meetings."

Recommendation 2: 0.04 CODE OF CONDUCT. The committee recommended that a sentence shall say "Violation of the Code of Conduct is grounds for disciplinary action up to and including removal from office or position with the North Carolina Democratic Party."

Recommendation 3: (The keeping of historical records.) 4.10 The following addition shall be added to the duties and responsibilities of the Executive Director and the staff of the state party: '14. Officially assign a staff member the responsibility of archiving all important historical documents of the NCDP in a historical digital database and additionally, as desired, at the NC Historical Archives in Raleigh."

Recommendation 4: Approval of amendments to Sections 3.01 and 3.07 that affect congressional district that are located entirely within one county.

Recommendation 5: An amendment to Alternative Plan of Organization for Wake County concerning the Officers of the Wake County Executive Committee.

Recommendation 6: An Addendum to Alternative Plan of Organization for Mecklenburg County about "5.02 Reporting and Challenging the Vote."

Randy Hersham asked if Recommendation 5 will apply to

Davidson County. He also asked if Davidson County can have cluster precinct meetings. Vinod Thomas replied that these issues will be brought up at the next SEC meeting.

Eileen Paroff asked if Section 2.03(2) should follow diversity rules. Vinod replied that this section needs to be reviewed.

Janice Robertson asked about the appointing of Treasurers. George Greene, Nick Long, and Cliff Moore spoke on this matter.

Damien Gu asked if all meetings will now be required in person. Vinod Thomas said that in many cases virtual meetings are a barrier for some people. He said a virtual requirement can be a barrier.

Chris Hardee made a motion to adopt all of the recommendations made by the POO Review Committee. Vinod explained that the POO Review Committee automatically made an adoption motion after the recommendations were explained and questioned. He said this motion required a 2/3 vote to pass.

Soren Pederson asked if debate could be held on all POO recommendations.

Tyler Beall made a motion to close debate and Nazim Uddin seconded his motion. This motion was approved. Tyler Beall then made a motion to approve all recommendations of the POO Review Committee. This motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned for lunch.

State Chair Anderson Clayton called the SEC meeting back into session at 1:41PM.

She welcomed Arizona Secretary of State Adrian Fontes who delivered a dynamic talk and said he was looking forward to being the Keynote Speaker at that evening's Unity Banquet.

The State Chair recognized and saluted Barbara Faison of Sampson County who had just returned from New Orleans where she was elected President of the National Federation of Democratic Women. SEC Members gave Barbara two ovations.

#### **AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS**

Ed Binanay, President of the Affiliated Organizations presented the report of his committee whose mission was to recommend which AOs should be granted a charter and determine which ones were not recommended. Ed began by recognizing all AOs and their Presidents.

Randy Voller reminded all AOs that they must have a bank account if they have \$1,000 or more in their treasury and they must file State Board of Elections reports.

Ed Binanay reported that his committee had determined that the following AOs have met all requirements and they should be chartered:

- Asian American Pacific Islander Interfaith
- Democratic Women of NC Progressive Democrats
- African American Caucus Transgender
- Labor Hispanic
- Young Democrats College Democrats
- NCATD LGBTQ Plus
- Veterans Senior Democrats
- Disability

Tyler Beall made a motion to accept the above-listed AOS. His motion was seconded by Karen Gray. A man who did not state his name wanted to debate this motion. The Chair ruled him out of order.

Then Carl Newman made a motion to close debate and approve the 15 AOs listed above. Leslie Cohen seconded his motion.

Cliff Moone raised a Point of Order. He said that debate was being cut off too frequently at this meeting and that the meeting should be more open to debate.

The motion to cut off debate and approve the above listed AOs was passed. The SEC then voted to approve the charters of all 15 AOs listed above.

The meeting then moved to discussion of the following three AOs for which approval was not recommended for approval by Ed Binanay's committee:

- Coastal
- Environmental and Climate
- Small Business

Mr. Binanay's committee recommended that these three groups become a committee, not an auxiliary nor a caucus. Stephanie Goslen, VP of the Environmental and Climate group agreed that group should become a committee and she volunteered to chair that committee.

Leslie Cohen asked where can we see a written account of the activities of all AOs and what they have done? Ed Binanay offered to post this information.

Braxton Becoate said that the people who are appointed to these committees should be people who have already shown interest in these issues.

Andrea Crook said turning the Environmental Caucus into a committee would be "a slap in the face." She said this group should be given another chance to develop a caucus.

Ryan Jenkins made a motion to establish the Environmental Caucus as a committee, not a caucus. The following people spoke about this motion: Stephanie Goslen, Ruth Stentz, Leslie Cohen, Eileen Paroff, and Jennifer Roberts. Ruth Stentz reminded the SEC that they must follow the party's rules.

Tyler Beall made a motion to close debate and Ryan Jenkins seconded the motion. This motion to close debate was approved.

The SEC than voted to establish the Environment group as a committee, not as a caucus. Soren Pederson made a motion to move the Coastal caucus to the Conditionally Approved group. This would give the group 45 days to make improvements and can ask for 30 more days. Ben Spencer, Aiden Hennessy, Tyler Beall, and Diane Tyndall spoke on this matter.

Diane read a statement from Tina Rodriquez of Carteret County who was attending today's meeting virtually.

Armin Jancis of Duplin County made a Point of Order as he stated that the meeting was not following the five-minute limit on debates.

Dan Ready said it was time to make this decision. The SEC then voted "Aye" thereby moving the Coastal Caucus onto the "Conditionally Approved" list giving them 45 days to take required actions.

The State Chair admonished the Members to "calm down" and "obey the Rules of Order."

Tyler Beall and Soren Pederson discussed what are the conditions that the Coastal Caucus must meet.

A female SEC Member who did not say her name asked that all future motions be written so Members could more easily understand them.

The meeting moved to discussion of the Small Business Caucus. Ed Binanay's evaluation committee had recommended that this group not be approved as a caucus. Jesse Goslen made a motion to approve it as a Caucus. Ryan Jenkins seconded his motion.

Ed Binanay said the supporters of this caucus should let his evaluation committee know why it should be approved. Phillip Cooper opposed kicking out the Small Business Caucus.

Ruth Stentz of Forsyth County reminded the SEC that it must follow the organization's rules. Randy Voller and John (didn't say last name clearly) spoke in favor of making Small Business a committee.

The SEC then voted against the motion for Small Business to be a caucus. It will become a committee.

Ed Binanay then presented the evaluation committee's recommendation that the follow three groups not be accepted as AOs:

- Rural Caucus
- Native American Caucus
- Jewish American Caucus (a new caucus)

Ed reported that two groups have applied to be recognized as a Jewish American Caucus but neither group has met the basic requirements to become a caucus.

Brandon Combs made a motion to give approval to the Rural Caucus. It was not seconded.

Tyler Beall made a motion to give conditional approval to the Rural Caucus. Ryan Jenkins seconded his motion. The speakers on this motion were Dan Ready, Jesse Goslen, Chris Hardee, and Vickie Boyer.

Tyler Beall made a motion to end debate. Ryan Jenkins seconded his motion. The motion to close debate was approved. It was then ruled that the Rural Caucus had received conditional approval.

The SEC moved to the Native American Caucus. Nazim Uddin made a motion to give conditional approval of the Native American caucus. It was seconded by Kelvin Stallings. Nazim Uddin made a motion to end debate which was seconded by someone who did not say their name. The SEC then voted to give conditional approval to the Native American Caucus.

## **JEWISH CAUCUS**

Ed Binanay informed the SEC that two different groups have sought to establish themselves as the Jewish American Caucus of the NCDP. He reported that the group headed by Leslie Carey has withdrawn their application and have become part of the Interfaith Caucus of the NCDP.

He said a group headed by Matt Sadinsky is still seeking SEC approval but that his evaluation committee recommended against approval of that group because their formation meeting was not open to all people of the Jewish faith, it would not allow all people of the Jewish faith to join, it has not held an open election of officers, and it has issues with the national Democratic Party's platform.

The following people spoke on this matter: Rev. Paul McAllister, Cliff Moone, Jonah Garson, an unidentified male Member, Tyler Beall, Leslie Cohen, Nadia \_\_\_\_\_ of Guilford County, and Dan Ready.

Elli Klein asked for a Point of Personal Privilege. The State Chair denied her request. Tyler Beall said all details on this matter should be posted on the big screen on stage.

Parliamentarian Vinod Thomas explained that the Rules of the Day authorize the State Chair to end the meeting at any time now that the specified ending time of 4:00PM has been reached.

The SEC then voted to give conditional approval to the group of Jewish Democrats headed by Matt Sadinsky.

Sarah Anderson of Johnston County made a point of clarification to be sure everyone knows that the Democratic Women of North Carolina is an auxiliary, not a caucus.

NCDP Second Vice Chair Dr. Kimberly Hardy expressed congratulations to Ed Binanay, his committee, and Jeff Rose for their dedicated work on evaluating the groups.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

The State Chair called Platform and Resolutions Chair Floyd McKissick to the podium. Floyd asked the audience to join him in applause for Ryan Jenkins for his work on this committee. He also thanked Nazim Uddin who received a round of applause. Floyd then praised Jonah Garson and Ryan Jenkins. Floyd said the committee met for 14.5 hours. He reported that he and Ryan had devoted more than 60 hours to this committee.

Nazim Uddin and Jonah Garson spoke about the resolutions. A female Member (who did not say her name) asked if these resolutions will be put into the Party's platform? Floyd replied that these resolutions will be considered when the platform is written.

An unidentified Member asked if it was important to pass these resolutions today. Floyd replied that it was important.

Richard Fox said that Israel was left out of section 4.2. Floyd said Israelis should be included in this section.

A female Member used extremely vulgar language to describe the resolutions. (Secretary's Note: It is highly unusual for filth and vulgarity to be used in SEC meeting which are usually conducted with civility and decent language.)

Rev. McAllen spoke.

Ruth Stentz said the Middle East is so complicated that we can not make a difference.

An unidentified female Member said that in some cases the same issues are mentioned in 5 or 6 resolutions. Ryan said he had "screwed up" on that.

Jennifer Roberts said some resolutions dealt with local issues like paving certain sidewalks.

Linda Brinkley of Wake County pointed to the section of resolutions on International Relations saying many of them are not consistent with each other. Ryan Jenkins pointed out that all of these resolutions were passed unanimously at district conventions.

A motion was made to debate all the resolutions as a whole. Randy Hersham of Davidson County said he opposed the motions because there was no resolution about income inequality.

A male Member said he supports all resolutions including paving sidewalks.

Leslie Cohen made an alternate motion to pass all resolutions except: 1.1, 1.6, 2.15, and 2.17. The Parliamentarian ruled that a vote on the entire package must be taken before any amendment can be voted upon.

Soren Pederson said amendments are additions, they don't override what has already been done.

Rebecca \_\_\_\_\_ of Harnett County said she disapproved all resolutions. She said the party needs to train Members to write resolutions properly.

Julie Puckett of Buncombe County praised the Resolutions Committee.

Eileen Paroff said she was for the resolutions but the resolution writers need to be given more guidance.



The SEC then voted to accept all 91 resolutions as a package.

Tyler Beall introduced three more resolutions. Ben Spencer seconded the motion to approve these three resolutions. The State Chair ruled that these three resolutions are out of order because there is not enough time to consider them.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tyler Beall announced an upcoming organizing meeting.

Michael Careccia promoted the “Dems After Dark” event which will be held at the State Headquarters after tonight’s Unity Gala.

Jeff Rose said that new Officers will be elected at the upcoming July 11th Zoom call meeting of the Association of County Chairs.

Jonah Garson praised the ongoing work of the County To County organization ([www.C2CNC.org](http://www.C2CNC.org).)

Julia Buckner promoted the State Convention of the Democratic Women of North Carolina which will be held in Charlotte on September 22nd-24th

Damien Gu offered free “HI CHEWS” to everyone. (HI CHEWS are like Asian Starbursts.)

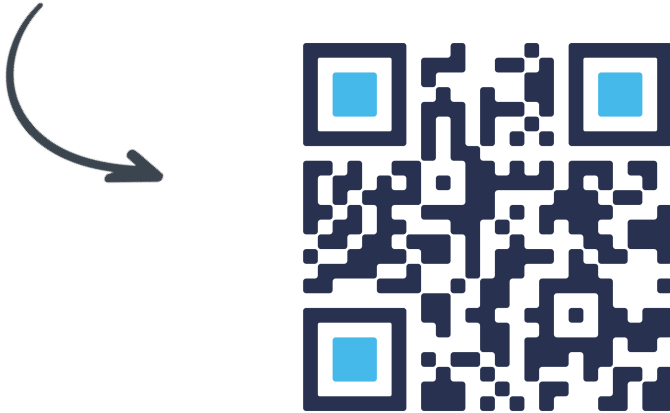
An unidentified female Member told the crowd that there is going to be a canvass in Tricia Cotham’s district to educate the voters about how much damage Tricia has done to them.

Ryan Jenkins made a motion to adjourn. Tyler Beall seconded his motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:48PM.

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

## DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER APPLICANTS

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# PLAN OF ORGANIZATION REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

*Consistent with Section 8.04 the NCDP Plan of Organization the Plan of Organization Review Committee has voted to provide the NCDP's SEC with favorable recommendations for the following five proposals.*

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## **PORC Recommendation #1 : Amending the minimum number of delegates a precinct must elect to receive its full weighted vote at its county convention**

### **1.10 DELEGATES TO THE COUNTY CONVENTION**

Each precinct shall elect at least one (1) delegate ~~for each vote to which said precinct is entitled at the county convention,~~ and the precinct may elect no more than two (2) delegates for each vote to which said precinct is entitled at the county convention. ~~If the precinct elects less than one (1) delegate for each vote to which it is entitled, then the precinct vote at the county convention shall be limited to the number of delegates selected.~~

### **5.02 VOTING**

#### ***Allocation of Votes.***

Each precinct shall be entitled to cast in the county convention one (1) vote for every one hundred (100) votes, or major fraction thereof, cast by the precinct for the Democratic nominee for Governor in the last preceding gubernatorial election; provided that each precinct shall be entitled to cast at least one vote at the county convention.

#### ***Votes Divided Among Delegates Present.***

The precinct delegates who attend the county convention shall be entitled to vote the full strength of their precinct upon matters of business which come before the convention, provided the precinct originally elected a minimum of five (5) delegates, or at least one (1) delegate for each vote to which it was entitled, as provided in Section 1.08, whichever number is smaller. Each such delegate present from a particular precinct shall cast an equal number of the votes to which the precinct is entitled. All votes which the precinct is entitled to cast shall be divided

equally among all the delegates representing the precinct who are in attendance.

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## **PORC Recommendation #2 : Allowing the simultaneous holding of offices in some circumstances**

### **10.04 Simultaneous Office Holding Prohibited in Some Circumstances**

Should any county executive committee officer, congressional district executive committee officer, ~~or state executive committee officer~~ be elected as an officer of the ~~county executive committee, district executive committee, or state executive committee, he or she~~ they shall be deemed to have automatically vacated their previous office. Should any officer of the state executive committee be elected as an officer of a county party executive committee or district party executive committee they shall be deemed to have vacated their position as an officer of the state executive committee.

No ~~chair elected officer~~ of any county executive committee, chair of any district executive committee, or officer of the state executive committee may simultaneously serve as a President of any state-wide affiliated organization recognized under Section 4.08.

Upon election as President of a statewide affiliated organization, or assumption of the office of President of a statewide affiliated organization, an officer a chair of a county executive committee, chair of district executive committee, or officer of the state executive committee shall be deemed to have automatically vacated their position as ~~an officer chair of the a~~ county executive committee, chair of a district executive committee, or officer of the state executive committee. Should a President of a statewide affiliated organization, be elected as ~~an officer of the chair of~~ a county executive committee, chair of a district executive committee, or officer of the state executive committee, ~~he or she~~ they shall have fifteen (15) days after such election to resign as President of the statewide affiliated organization, or ~~he or she~~ they shall be deemed to have automatically vacated ~~his or her~~ their new position as ~~an officer of the a chair of a~~ county executive committee, a chair of a district executive committee, or officer of the state executive committee.

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## **PORC Recommendation #3 : Amending the gender diversity requirements for the officers of county and district executive committees**

## 2.03 OFFICERS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Elected Officers.** The county executive committee shall have as officers a chair, three (3) vice chairs, and a secretary. ~~The first vice chair must be of a different gender identity from the chair.~~ Among the chair and first vice chair at least one (1) must be a person whose gender identity is not male. Among the chair and three (3) vice chair offices, one (1) of these must be filled by a person of a racial or ethnic minority which constitutes at least twenty percent (20%) of the registered Democrats in that county, one(1) of these offices must be filled by a person whose gender identity is not female and one(1) of these offices must be filled by a person thirty-six (36) years of age or younger. Officers of a county executive committee shall be active Democrats residing within the county. No two (2) county officers may be from the same immediate family residing in the same household. Gender, racial or ethnic, and age requirements need not be followed if filling a vacancy for an unexpired term but shall be adhered to when the office is filled for a full term.

## 3.04 OFFICERS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Elected Officers.** The congressional district executive committee shall have as officers a chair, three (3) vice chairs, and a secretary elected pursuant to Section 6.01. ~~The first vice chair must be of a different gender identity from the chair.~~ Among the chair and first vice chair at least one (1) must be a person whose gender identity is not male. Where there are sufficient counties in a district, no two (2) elected officers shall live within the same county. Among the chair and three (3) vice chair offices, one (1) of these must be filled by a person of a racial or ethnic minority which constitutes at least twenty percent (20%) of the registered Democrats in that district, one(1) of these offices must be filled by a person whose gender identity is not female and one(1) of these offices must be filled by a person thirty-six (36) years of age or younger. Any office not elected at the convention shall be considered vacant. Officers of a congressional district executive committee shall be registered Democrats residing within the congressional district.

Gender, racial or ethnic, and age requirements need not be followed if filling a vacancy by the District Executive Committee. Officers shall acknowledge and agree to comply with the letter and spirit of the most recently adopted North Carolina Democratic Party Code of Conduct.

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**PORC Recommendation #4: Establishing the process by which an affiliated organization may receive conditional approval**

**Add to #4 in section 11.03 as follows:** The State Executive Committee may grant conditional approval of an affiliated organization. If such conditional approval is granted, the conditionally approved affiliated organization must then meet all the requirements for full recognition and meet the appropriate deadlines, as stated herein, prior to the next full meeting of the State Executive Committee, at which time the State Executive Committee shall vote final approval or denial.

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**PORC Recommendation #5: Authorizing certain counties to operate under an Alternative Plan of Organization**

The CEC's of the following counties have approved the Alternative Plan of Organization listed below and are asking the NCDP SEC to exercise its authority under Section 2.11 of the NCDP Plan of Organization to allow them to operate under this Alternative Plan of Organization for two years.

Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Clay, Cherokee, Dare, Davidson, McDowell, Swain, and Yadkin counties.

(Alternative Plan of Precinct Organization for {FILL IN NAME} County)

**1.00 PRECINCT ORGANIZATION**

**1.01 UNIT OF ORGANIZATION**

The unit of organization of the ~~North Carolina~~ {FILL IN NAME} County Democratic Party shall be the voting precinct or the precinct cluster which consists of two or three adjacent voting precincts.

**1.02 ORGANIZED PRECINCT**

A precinct is organized and remains organized provided that, at a minimum, an annual or organizing precinct meeting is held each year at which:

1. There is in attendance a quorum of registered Democrats who reside in the precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~;

2. The meeting was convened according to notice, access, and other requirements of this Plan;
3. The required order of business for election of officers and delegates and for other business is completed at this meeting. And
4. The precinct/precinct cluster precinct chair certifies to the county chair in writing the names of those in attendance, the names of officers and delegates elected, and the names, address, occupation, and employer of the contributors. Funds collected are turned in to the CountyTreasurer.

### **1.03 COMPOSITION OF PRECINCT COMMITTEE**

**Precinct/Precinct Cluster Precinct Committee.** In each precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~, there shall be a precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~ committee consisting of at least five registered Democrats who reside in the precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~ who are elected at an organizational meeting of the precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~. Each precinct in a precinct cluster shall have no less than one registered Democrat that resides in the precinct on the Precinct. Cluster Committee. The purpose of the precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~ **committee is to represent the precinct/precinct cluster** at county party meetings and coordinate the grassroots work of the precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~, including political education, get-out-the vote, and campaign activities. The composition of the precinct/precinct cluster **committee** precinct should resemble the make-up of the registered Democrats in the precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~. Participation and the opportunity to be elected to office or representation is open to any registered Democrat who resides in the precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~. All Democratic County and city elected officials and Democratic members of the North Carolina General Assembly, residing in the precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~ and in attendance, shall be ex-officio, voting members of the precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~ committee.

**Precinct/Precinct Cluster Officers.** The precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~ committee shall have as officers a chair, a vice chair, a secretary/treasurer, no less than two (2) committee members and any others as the body might desire. The vice chair should, where possible, be of a different gender identity from the chair and should, where possible, be of a race other than that of the chair. No officers of the precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~ committee shall be from the same immediate family residing in the same household. Officers shall acknowledge and agree to comply with the letter and spirit of the most recently adopted North Carolina Democratic Party Code of Conduct.

**Term of Office.** The terms of office for precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~ officers and precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~ committee members elected at an annual meeting in an odd numbered year shall be for two (2) years. If elected at another time, the term of the office shall begin upon election. Terms shall end on the date on which the next annual precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~ meeting is held in an odd-numbered year or when their successors are elected, whichever occurs first. Should a vacancy occur prior to the end of a term, the officer or committee member elected shall serve the unexpired portion of term.

**Vacancy and Succession for Precinct/Precinct Cluster Officers and Committee Members.**

Vacancies occurring among the officers or members of the precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~ committee shall be filled within thirty (30) days following creation of the vacancy. If a member of the precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~ committee moves their voting residence outside the precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~, they shall be deemed to have vacated their position. The precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~ chair shall call a meeting of the remaining members of the precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~ committee to fill that vacancy and any other vacancies that might be caused by the action of such committee in filling the vacancy. If there is a vacancy of the precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~ chair, the vice chair or the secretary/treasurer, in that order, shall become acting chair, assume duties and responsibilities of the precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~ chair, and shall call a meeting to fill the office of chair, and any other vacancies. If a meeting is not held within thirty (30) days, the county chair or their designee shall call the precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~ meeting to be held for this purpose. If the precinct is a significantly ethnic precinct, the County Chair shall appoint a designee to call the precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~ meeting upon the recommendation of the county caucuses representing those ethnic groups or the state caucuses representing those ethnic groups if there is no duly organized county level caucus(es). The precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~ chair or presider shall certify in writing the results of such elections within five (5) days of this meeting to the county chair.

**Resignation.** Resignation of any precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~ officer shall be in writing and given to the precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~ chair and county chair. In the event resignation is that of the precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~ chair, the precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~ chair



shall give their written resignation to the precinct/precinct cluster ~~precinct~~ vice chair and to the county chair.



**2024 Winter SEC Meeting**  
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