

MINUTES
NCDP EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING
JULY 23, 2024

State Chair Anderson Clayton called the meeting to order at 7:06PM and led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Clayton enthusiastically welcomed everyone. She announced this meeting will involve no motions and that no votes will be taken.

Secretary Melvin Williams called the roll which showed that the following members were present:

Anderson Clayton	Jonah Garson
Kimberly Hardy	Elijah King
Melvin Williams	Cassie Rice
Deniese Chaney	Connie Green-Johnson
Grayson Barnette	Nida Allam
Carl Newman	Mary Jane Thompson
Wesley Boykin	Diana Robinson
Charlie Wallin	Saletta Urena
Tom Simmons	Nigel Bristow
Doug Auer	Lisa Ellsworth
Collette Alston-Powell	Pam McAfee
Vince Vezza	Jeff Bierer
Kristen Robinson	Shelia Huggins
D. D. Adams	Jennifer Marshall
John Verdejo	Matt Hughes
Tina Rodriquez	
Non-Voting Member: Parliamentarian David Parker	

There are 57 Executive Council Members. 23 Members must be present to establish a Quorum. The roll call showed that 31 of the 57 were present. Therefore, a Quorum was declared to be present.

Council Members were in a celebratory spirit over the news that Kamala Harris had become the presumptive Presidential candidate of our party two days earlier. It was announced that more than one thousand new North Carolina volunteers had signed up since this development occurred.

It was also announced that messaging training will be offered to Party Officers at various levels and to others.

Chair Clayton invited Council Members to speak. Among those who spoke were Dr. Kimberly Hardy, Collette Alston-Powell, and Lisa Ellsworth.

NCDP Training Director Sarah O'Brien reported that lots of people want to help with the campaign. She said the Party is printing new literature this week including new North Carolina slate cards. Nigel Bristow asked if the congressional candidates will be on the slate cards. Sarah said she would find out. She said the slate cards that will be used in October and November would be designed and tailored for each county in the state.

Convention Manager Matt Hughes said that 113 NC Delegates to the National Convention are now pledged to Kamala Harris. He reported that the DNC will send a ballot to every Delegate so they can vote for a Presidential candidate by August 7th. He pointed out that North Carolina is the only delegation that has endorsed a Vice Presidential candidate in Governor Roy Cooper. He said the Vice

Presidential candidate will be voted upon at the Chicago convention.

Brian Jones reported that Vote Builder is being misused and he explained what steps the Party will take to stop this. Jenny Marshall spoke to the Council.

Nida Allam asked how National Convention Delegates will vote on Resolutions in Chicago. Matt Hughes explained that National Convention Delegates will have an opportunity to either vote “Yes” or “No” on Resolutions in Chicago. No amendments will be allowed.

Members of the Democratic National Committee will not be voting on Resolutions except as part of the state’s Convention delegation.

Nida Allam made a motion to adjourn. Shelia Huggins seconded her motion. Her motion was passed unanimously.

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