MINUTES

STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

OCTOBER 24, 2024

 NCDP Chair Anderson Clayton called the Zoom meeting to order

at 7:00PM.

 Secretary Melvin Williams called the roll which showed that 34 of the 55 Members were present. Therefore, a Quorum was declared to be present.

 Chair Clayton reported on many of the campaign activities that were going on. She reported on all the surrogates who were going to be speaking in North Carolina this week. She thanked everyone for everything they are doing in the campaign.

 Paula Shelton and Damien Gu spoke about various aspects of the campaign. They congratulated everyone for the great energy that was being displayed.

 Chair Clayton discussed the trajectory of the campaign that was going to be carried out during the upcoming 11 days.

 Executive Director Kian Sadjadi gave reports on various aspects of the campaign. He reported on voter turnout numbers so far in Early Voting. He said black turnout was up but that the party is targeting black voters to get the turnout percentages even higher. He also discussed the numbers of unaffiliated voters who had voted so far.

 State Party Treasurer Deniese Chaney reported that the evaluation of the State Chair had begun with the evaluation committee planning to meet with Chair Clayton by the end of the year. She asked

for 5 or 6 Executive Council members to volunteer to join the evaluation committee.

 James Sonneman made a report on the Coordinated Campaign. His report included:

* More than 160 Coordinated staffers on the ground in NC
* He saluted Organizing Director Sarah O’Brien and her team.
* 230,000 doors knocked
* Expanding paid canvassing in Mecklenburg County
* More than 2,000,000 phone and text messages have

been performed.

* Robust campus organizing has been carried out.
* Vice Presidential candidate Tim Walz said that the

recent rally at Duke was the best campus rally in the

country.

* Appalachian State University has the highest number

of new campus voters in the state.

 Coordinated Campaign Manager David Barrios gave a report which included:

* 78 staging locations have been set up in the state.
* Great success in getting earned media
* Block parties have been held in every major city.
* Thousands of dollars have been spent on “Souls To The

Polls.”

* Campus mobilization has been carried out on all HBCU

Campuses

* The campaign has been visible at HBCU homecoming

activities and football games.

* Recruited lots of shifts for door knocking and phone

Banks

* Provided relief for staffers in western North Carolina
* Delivered relief supplies

 State Senator Natalie Murdock reported on her campaign activities

and the events in which she has participated.

 State Chair Clayton reported that the Republicans are putting out illegal signs and that it is legal for people to remove them. They have also passed out unauthorized papers at the polls. She said we are

actively working on voter protection.

 Sarah O’Brien who is Project 100 Director saluted her organizing

team. She said they have organized canvasses in 67 counties and knocked on more than 334,000 doors. They have also worked on canvassing with legislative campaigns. She has organized nine phone banks every week.

 Sarah reported she has coordinated on phone banks with the Laborers’ International Union of North America. She has partnered on weekly phone banks with the New Jersey Democratic Party and the Rhode Island Democratic Party.

 She said a group of friends/donors in California have also put together several phone banks and that all the out-of-state help has been appreciated.

 Dorian Palmer reported on activities of many coalitions and affiliated groups. He said three times as many volunteers were recruited at this year’s State Fairs in comparison with last year’s

fair.

 Jenny Marshall, John Verdejo, Jonah Garson, and Melvin Williams spoke to the group.

 David Parker congratulated the NCDP staff for “mindblowing”

work.

 It was announced that the next Executive Council meeting will be on November 19th.

 Grayson Barnette congratulated Democrats in the western

counties for all they are doing in response to Hurricane Helene.

 Grayson made a motion to adjourn. Paula Shelton seconded his motion. The motion was passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:27PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Melvin Williams, State Secretary

North Carolina Democratic Party