

MINUTES
NCDP EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
ROLESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, ROLESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

State Chair Patsy Keever called the Executive Council meeting to order at 10:00AM.

Secretary Melvin Williams called the roll which showed that 18 Members were present. That total was one short of the number needed for a Quorum.

Minutes of the last meeting were presented. John Easterling made a motion to approve the Minutes. 7th District Chair Francisco Rivas-Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a voice vote.

State Chair Patsy Keever presented the Agenda of the meeting and made a motion for its adoption. Axia Wilson of Buncombe County seconded the motion.

Loud applause greeted the arrival of Democratic National Committee Member Denise Adams because she was the 19th Council Member to arrive, thus forming a Quorum. Before the meeting concluded, 24 Council Members had arrived.

State Senator Don Davis made a motion to re-approve the Minutes of the last meeting. Denise Adams seconded the motion. It was passed by a voice vote.

Executive Director Kimberly Reynolds reported that she had followed through by delivering all the Resolutions passed at the June State Convention to House Democratic Leader Larry Hall, Senate Democratic Leader Dan Blue, Congressman G. K. Butterfield, Congressman David Price, and Congresswoman Alma Adams.

Kimberly reported that the Audit of the Party's 2014 finances has been completed. She said audits will take place every two years in the future. She introduced Kevin Leder who was head of the audit team.

Kevin Leder said his firm has issued an "Unmodified Opinion" which states that:

- Everything is "Clean."**
- No disagreement with the Party's management**
- The method of computing depreciation on the Goodwin House has been changed.**
- The audit was done on a "Modified Cash Basis of Accounting."**

Kevin Leder said the audit showed the following results for 2014:

Receipts – Approximately 6 million dollars

Expenditures – Approximately 6.8 million dollars

Deficit – Approximately \$831,000

Mr. Leder gave the Internal Control Communications report which showed three very common material weaknesses:

- Limitations in the Accounting Software**
- Support authorizations for disbursements**
- Control over financial reporting process**

David Bland asked what would be the effect of the change in the method of figuring depreciation on the Goodwin House.

Kevin Leder replied that the change reduces the book value of the Goodwin House by \$80,000.

Executive Director Kimberly Reynolds reported that NCDP's only debt is our legal debt.

Asia Wilson said that NCDP's largest asset is "our people."

Kimberly Reynolds gave a tribute to our Compliance Director Sue Jackson for excellence in performing her duties.

Wake County Chair Brian Fitzsimmons asked "How is book value of the Goodwin House determined?"

Kevin Leder replied that book value is determined by:

- Historical cost and improvements**
- The rising value of real estate in the area around the Goodwin House does not effect the book value.**

Vinod Thomas of Mecklenburg County asked about the tax value of the Goodwin House and how it has changed.

Kimberly Reynolds replied that the tax bill for the Goodwin House increased several thousand dollars this year.

Jonae Wartel of the Coordinated Campaign and Troy Clair of Hillary for America addressed the Executive Council. It was requested that no minutes be written about their talks.

Patsy Keever said that she had appointed a committee to consider changing the name of the Jefferson-Jackson Dinner.

Sarah Anderson, Chair of that committee, reported that about 20 names had been considered by the committee.

She reported that the committee recommended "North Carolina Democratic Unity Celebration." Sarah made a motion to adopt this new name. Several people seconded her motion.

The motion was passed unanimously by a voice vote. This means the new name will go into effect immediately. The change does not need to be approved by the State Executive Committee.

A discussion ensued about how and when new District Parties would be formed to align with the newly redrawn Congressional Districts.

Our State Chair said that on January 3, 2017 vacancies in District Officer Positions can be filled. The deadline for filling these vacancies will end on February 3, 2017. The people elected to this District Officer vacancies will serve until the District Convention in May, 2017.

The meeting's Parliamentarian Sybil Mann discussed Section 3.4 of the Plan of Organization and how it applies to filling new District Officer positions.

This is the procedure she outlined for districts where the old District Chair no longer lives in the district:

- the old District Chair will call the January, 2017 meeting to order**
- the meeting will then be conducted by the next highest Officer who lives in the new district**

Matt Hughes and Gloria Phoenix asked questions about this procedure.

First Vice Chair Zack Hawkins made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss an item. Several people seconded his motion. The motion to go into Executive Session was passed by a voice vote.

At the end of the Executive Session, John Easterling made a motion to come out of Executive Session. His motion was seconded by Denise Adams and was passed by a voice vote.

Axia Wilson invited everyone to Polk County's Democratic Women's Breakfast. He said Democrats in western North Carolina are coordinating with Democrats in South Carolina and Tennessee. He reported that on the previous night he had attended a Democratic event in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Elizabeth Colbert Busch and Bakari Sellers were speakers at that event.

State Young Democrats President Timothy Webster announced three upcoming canvassing events including a canvass for State House Candidate Chaz Beasley which will include Young Democrats from Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina.

Melvin Williams talked about the giant electronic billboard on Highway 401 which welcomed SEC Democrats to "Beautiful Rolesville." Several upcoming events were announced by various attendees.

Cliff Moone made a motion to adjourn. Denise Adams seconded the motion and it was passed by a voice vote.

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