

**MINUTES
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 1, 2024**

Written By State Party Secretary Melvin Williams

(In writing these Minutes it was assumed that SEC Members are still in possession of the SEC Packet which included all printed materials needed to review the minutes.)

State Party Chair Anderson Clayton called the meeting to order at 9:13AM at Ragsdale High School in Jamestown, North Carolina.

Paula Shelton, President of the Democratic Women of North Carolina, presented the Native American Land Acknowledgement.

State Chair Clayton presented the attendance numbers which were used to determine the presence of a Quorum for the meeting. She reported there are currently 561 Members of the SEC. 40% of that number is 224 which would be required for a Quorum. 330 Members were present by Zoom and in person. Therefore, she declared that a Quorum was present at the meeting.

NCDP Third Vice Chair Elijah King promoted the upcoming events for the PRIDE Month Celebration and NCDP's stand against prejudice.

Cynthia Wallace asked if the Agenda of the meeting has been approved. The State Chair replied that it had not been approved yet.

Cliff Moone made a motion to approve the Agenda for today's meeting. Kennis Wilkins seconded his motion. The motion was approved by a raised hands vote.

Parliamentarian David Parker gave a report on the proposed Rules of the Day including the procedures that will be followed at today's meeting. His report included the following information:

- the Election Buddy voting system is going to be sent to every person registered for this SEC meeting.**

- **The report of the Plan of Organization Review Committee will have a consent agenda. A vote of 25% of the SEC Members can pull items from the PORC recommendations. Bob Hyman asked how will items pulled for debate be treated if the 11:45PM adjournment time arrives before those items have been debated. David Parker explained that all pulled items will be carried over to the next SEC meeting for debate and voting.**
- **Chris Telesca asked about items that are missing between number 7 and number 12. David Parker explained that was a numbering error.**

Wake County Chair Kevyn Creech asked in what order will those members with “raised hands” be recognized? Chair Clayton said the orders of recognition during discussion will be:

- **Recognition of one Member who is in favor**
- **Recognition of one Member who is opposed**
- **Recognition of one Member who has a Raised Hand**

Chris Telesca made a motion to approve the Rules of the Day. A lady from Wake County who did not say her name clearly seconded his motion. This motion was approved.

It was announced that NCDP Secretary Melvin Williams was taking Minutes for today’s meeting by Zoom from his home.

The Minutes of the last SEC meeting on February 24, 2024 were brought forth for approval. There were no objections to approving these Minutes. Therefore, these Minutes were declared to be adopted.

Staff Member Kristy Boer talked about the Election Buddy system which was to be used for voting for today’s meeting. She said 216 people had participated in a practice session with Election Buddy. She announced the Access Key, the Password, and the public WiFi which will be used for voting at today’s meeting.

The following NCDP Officers gave reports on their activities:

- **Cassie Rice, President of the Association of County Party Chairs**
- **Second Vice Chair Dr. Kimberly Hardy**
- **First Vice Chair Jonah Garson**
- **Third Vice Chair Elijah King**
- **State Party Treasurer Deniese Chaney**

State Chair Anderson Clayton recognized former NCDP Chair Wayne Goodwin, State Representative Maria Cervania, Frances Jackson, and Commissioner of Labor candidate Braxton Winston.

The Chair of the Associated Organizations Committee, Ed Binanay, was recognized for a Point of Personal Privilege so that he could recognize and praise the Presidents and Chairs of all 21 Associated Organizations.

Attorney General Josh Stein received a thunderous round of applause when he appeared on the big screen to address the SEC. Another strong round of applause followed his address.

Vinod Thomas, Chair of the Plan of Review Committee, gave his committee's report.

(The full texts of these Recommendations are in your SEC Packet.)

1 – The Committee recommends a change which would allow any precinct which elects at least five County Convention Delegates to cast the precinct's full number of votes at the County Convention.

2 – The Committee recommends that double office-holding within the Party be ended.

3 – The Committee recommends that the Chair and First Vice Chair must be of different genders. Specifically, that between Precinct Chair and First Vice Chair, one of them must not be a man.

4 - The Committee recommends clarifications within the Affiliated Organizations.

5 – The Committee recommends that the position of Precinct Secretary/Treasurer be changed to Precinct Secretary. Precincts can still elect a Treasurer if they want to do so.

6 – The Committee recommends changes in the responsibilities of the State Finance Committee including: 1 –send a proposed annual budget to the State Executive Council 28 days before the winter SEC meeting; 2 – audit and report on the use of the Party mail permit to the Executive Council; 3 – work with the Executive Director to provide mailing permit resources to county parties, district parties, and Affiliated Organizations.

7 – The Committee recommends that loopholes be closed to explain which County Convention votes required weighted voting and which do not.

8 – The Committee recommends that the NCDP Officers will henceforth have the authority to handle the election of new District Officers when district lines have been revised.

9 – The Committee recommends that the State Party Chair will always consider diversity when making appointments.

10 – The Committee recommends that Sections 9 and 10 be changed so that one unified process will be used to determine if a petition will go to the Council of Review.

11 – The Committee recommends the approval of changes to the Wake County Alternative Plan of Organization.

12 – The Committee recommends the approval of changes to the Orange County Alternative Plan of Organization.

13 – The Committee recommends language changes to set up a generic Alternative Plan of Organization for counties.

14 – The Committee recommends language changes for updating the titles of Young Democrats representatives on the State Executive Council.

The meeting then heard a series of questions seeking clarifications of various parts of the 14 Recommendations. Those who asked questions included Soren Pederson, JoAnn Levitan, David Wilson Brown, Pam McAfee, Nick Long, Chris Telesca, Bob Hyman, Maria Cervania, Ben Spencer and a person who did not say their name clearly. Vinod Thomas answered their questions.

Cynthia Wallace asked when is the meeting going to start voting on the COR Recommendations.

It was explained by Parliamentarian David Parker that these PORC recommendations were part of a Consent Agenda which would require 25% of the SEC Members in the meeting to vote to pull each recommendation before it could be pulled. He explained that all recommendations which are not pulled, will be determined to have been approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Chair Clayton asked if anyone wanted to pull Recommendation One for debate. Bob Hyman of Wake County made a motion to pull Recommendation One and Chris Telesca of Wake County seconded his

Motion. George Greene of Wake County and Wake County Party Chair Kevyn Creech spoke against this motion. This motion to pull was defeated.

Bob Hyman of Wake County made a motion to pull Recommendation Two. Matt Sadinsky seconded his motion. This motion was defeated.

Rich Elkins of Wake County made a motion to pull Recommendation Three. Chris Hardee of Wilson County seconded his motion. Jonah Garson and Marilyn Carter spoke in opposition to pulling this Recommendation. Chris Hardee spoke in favor of pulling. Cliff Moone of Catawba County asked that the meeting go ahead and vote on pulling this motion. This motion to pull was defeated.

Bob Hyman of Wake County made a motion to pull Recommendation Four. A Democrat who did not say their name seconded the motion. This motion to pull was defeated.

Cynthia Wallace of Mecklenburg made a motion to pull Recommendation Five. Chris Hardee of Wilson County seconded her motion. This motion to pull was defeated.

Bob Hyman made a motion to pull Recommendation Six. His motion was seconded by Matt Sadinsky. This motion to pull was also defeated.

Recommendation Seven was not pulled.

A Democrat named Elaine who did not say her last name clearly said Recommendation Eight had a lack of clarity at several places. Recommendation Eight was not pulled.

Recommendation Nine was not pulled.

Bob Hyman of Wake County made a motion to pull Recommendation Ten. A Democrat who did not say their name clearly seconded this motion. This motion was not pulled.

No motion was made concerning Recommendations Eleven, Twelve, Thirteen or Fourteen.

At the end of this series of motions on Recommendations on the Plan of Organization, no Recommendation had been "Pulled" which meant, under the Rules of the Day, that each of them were automatically approved by more than 75% of the SEC Members. Under the Rules of the Day, therefore, no 2/3 vote was needed at the end of

the Consent Agenda to approve each Plan of Organization Recommendation.

All of these Plan of Organization Recommendations went into effect upon passage on June 1, 2024.

The State Chair recognized members of the State House of Representatives and State Senate who were present.

A motion to adjourn was made at 11:39AM. It was seconded and approved.

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