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NCDP STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING
7:00PM, JULY 8, 2024
By Secretary Melvin Williams

State Chair Anderson Clayton called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Melvin Williams called the roll. There are currently 58 Council Members. 23 Members are needed for a Quorum. The roll call found that the following 40 Members established a Quorum:

Anderson Clayton	Jonah Garson
Kimberly Hardy	Elijah King
Melvin Williams	Cassie Rice
Deniese Chaney	Kevin Stallings
Jenna Kubiak	Grayson Barnette
Joshua Rush	Connie Green Johnson
Carl Newman	Aisha Dew
Chris Hardee	Mary Jane Thompson
Wesley Boykin	Diana Robinson
Charlie Wallin	Nigel Bristow
Maurice Holland	Doug Auer
Lisa Ellsworth	Rhonda Bond
Minu Lee	Collette Alston
Paula Shelton	Pam McAfee
Adrian Maldonado	Vince Vezza
Jeff Bierer	Daniel Patterson
Ryan Buck	Reem Subai
Kristen Robinson	Shelia Huggins
D. D. Adams	Matt Hughes
John Verdejo	Tina Rodriguez

Non-Voting Members present: Parliamentarian David Parker and Sustaining Fund Co-Chairs Kennis Wilkins and Betsy Wells.

Kennis Wilkins made a motion to approve the proposed agenda for tonight's meeting. Wesley Boykin seconded his motion. The motion was passed.

Chair Anderson Clayton said North Carolina will be the "Comeback State" in the 2024 election. She congratulated everyone who made President Biden's State Fairgrounds Rally a big success. She stated that the President and the national party will be in North Carolina a lot during the General Election campaign. She said President Biden will be staying in the race and that NCDP will fully support him.

Kennis Wilkins made comments supporting President Biden. Pam McAfee, John Verdejo, and Aisha Dew spoke in favor of President Biden also.

Chair Clayton began a discussion about reorganizing the congressional district Democratic parties due to gerrymandering by the General Assembly. She proposed that NCDP organize virtual Zoom hybrid meetings in each of the 14 districts to be held on either the first or second Saturdays in September.

She said the eleven District Chairs who are still in their districts will conduct meetings in their districts. She will appoint people to serve as acting Chairs to preside in the three districts where the Chairs have been gerrymandered out of their districts.

Vinod Thomas said he would drop a link to the newly revised Plan of Organization in which the new district organization section can be found on page 43. It is section number 3.3 (3.)

Questions and comments were brought forth by Diana Robinson, Chris Hardee, Doug Auer, Tina Willis Rodriguez, Rhonda Bond, Wesley Boykin, and Lisa Ellsworth.

The Executive Council voted to approve Chair Clayton's district reorganization plan and proposed meeting dates by a vote of 37 – 0.

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The NCDP Officers gave a report on their recent activities.

Second Vice Chair Kimberly Hardy told how she had helped a hair stylist in Rocky Mount get insulin for \$35 per month under

President Biden's plan. She participated in a Rocky Mount event on July 7th and helped knock on more than 100 doors.

First Vice Chair Jonah Garson reported that he has been busy on the phone raising donations for a Judicial Caucus reception in Charlotte which will be held on July 12th.

Third Vice Chair Elijah King reported that he has a new job while he is out of college for the summer. He talked about all the successful events he helped organize for Pride Month in June.

Secretary Melvin Williams reported that Minutes of the June 1st SEC meeting and the June 1st State Convention were sent out to all members and are posted on the NCDP website.

State Treasurer Deniese Chaney talked about the Treasurer's Handbook which she developed. She will happily send a copy of this Handbook to everyone who requests one. She also said she had received requests from many campaigns who are seeking Treasurers. If anyone would like to serve as a Campaign Treasurer, please call Deniese.

The big Unity Dinner which will be held at the Raleigh Convention Center on July 20th was discussed and promoted by Chair Clayton. She also talked about the West Fest which will be held in Brevard on July 27th.

AAC President Collette Alston said she will not be able to attend the Unity Dinner on July 20th because she will be getting married on that weekend. She announced that the AAC will be holding an event in Franklin County on July 16th to help flip the Senate seat there. The AAC will also hold a rally in Buncombe County in August.

Pam McAfee talked about Disability Pride Month events which will be held in July.

Connie Green-Johnson promoted the UNITE FOR OUR RIGHTS event which will be held in Charlotte on September 28th. It will be a rally and a march to educate and organize young people to get

involved and to vote. It will start at the corner of East 7h Street and North Brevard Street.

Kennis Wilkins asked if the Unity Dinner will sell out. Anderson replied that already between 700 and 800 tickets have been bought so it will be a sellout.

Paula Shelton announced that the Annual Convention of the Democratic Women of North Carolina will be held in the Research Triangle Park on September 13th-16th.

Chair Clayton said NCDP will send out cards announcing the district reorganizing meetings.

She also said a SEC debrief meeting will be held on the second Thursday of every month until February.

Vince Vezza announced that the Senior Democrats State Convention will be held in Kannapolis on August 30th.

Anderson announced that Asia Melton will start assisting Dorian Palmer with the activities of the Affiliated Organizations.

Kennis Wilkins made a motion to adjourn. His motion was seconded by Lisa Ellsworth. The motion to adjourn was approved at 8:03PM.

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