

The North Carolina Democratic Party

Plan of Organization



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by majority vote, designate a person as either a recommendation or nominee to fill the vacancy. Each member of the committee in attendance shall vote in accordance with Section 2.02 of this Plan.

Office Elected By District Within County. Only those members of the county executive committee who reside in the district shall be eligible to vote. For the purpose of determining a quorum, those members of the county executive committee eligible to vote shall be considered. If the county chair does not reside in the district, he or she may still preside but shall have no vote. Each member in attendance and eligible to vote shall vote in accordance with Section 2.02 of this Plan.

In filling vacancies of elected officials, the chair and secretary shall immediately certify the name of the recommended person to the Chairperson of the Appointing Authority.

3.12 SINGLE COUNTY DISTRICTS

Whole County. Should any prosecutorial, state senatorial, or state house of representatives district be composed of only one county, and includes all of that county, then the county executive committee of said county shall be the prosecutorial, state senatorial or state house of representatives district executive committee for the respective district. (See Sections 3.09, 3.10 and 3.11.) Upon convening, the county executive committee shall resolve itself into the prosecutorial, state senatorial or state house of representatives district executive committee for the respective district; each member in attendance shall have one vote.

Partial County. Should any prosecutorial, state senatorial or state house of representatives district be composed of only one county, but includes less than all of that county, then the county executive committee of said county shall be the prosecutorial, state senatorial or state house of representatives district executive committee for the respective district, but only those county executive members who reside in the district shall be eligible to vote, and for the purpose of determining a quorum, those persons eligible to vote shall be considered as the members of the committee. If the county chair does

not reside in the district, he or she may still preside but shall have no vote. Upon convening, the members of the county executive committee who reside in the applicable district shall resolve themselves into the prosecutorial, state senatorial or state house of representatives executive committee for the respective district; each member in attendance shall have one vote.

The county chair shall preside at all meetings of the prosecutorial, state senatorial, and state house of representatives district executive committees. In filling vacancies of elected officials, the chair and secretary shall immediately certify the name of the recommended person to the Governor of the State of North Carolina, State Capitol, Raleigh, NC 27601, and furnish a copy to the state chair and the State Board of Elections.

In filling vacancies of persons nominated for election, the chair and secretary shall immediately certify the name of the appointee to the State Board of Elections and furnish a copy to the state chair.

4.00 STATE ORGANIZATION

4.01 STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There shall be a state executive committee that shall be the governing body of the North Carolina Democratic Party as follows:

Composition. The state executive committee shall consist of its elected officers, appointed officers, ex-officio officers, ex-officio members, congressional district chairs, any other members of the state executive council, and a person or persons from each county of the state who shall be elected at the county conventions held in odd-numbered years. Each county is entitled to one (1) member on the state executive committee for each three thousand (3,000) votes, or major fraction thereof, cast by the county for the Democratic nominee for Governor at the last preceding gubernatorial election, provided, however, that each county shall have at least two members. The county chair shall be the member or one of the members elected from the county.

Method of Election. In electing members to the state executive committee, delegates to the county convention shall be instructed to cast one half of their votes for men and one half for women; if the number to be elected is an odd number, they shall be instructed to divide their votes equally with a difference of not more than one. This provision shall be inapplicable when only one member is to be elected.

The presidents of all state auxiliary organizations, with by-laws approved by the state executive committee, shall be ex-officio voting members of the state executive committee.

The members of the Democratic National Committee from North Carolina and the national committeeman and national committeewoman of the Young Democrats of North Carolina shall be ex-officio voting members of the state executive committee.

All Democratic members of the Council of State, the United States Senate representing North Carolina, the United States House of Representative representing North Carolina, and the Democratic Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives and the Democratic President Pro Tem of the North Carolina Senate shall be ex-officio voting members of the state executive committee. If a Democrat is not the Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives, then the person designated as Democratic or minority leader of the North Carolina House of Representatives shall be an ex-officio voting member of the state executive committee. If a Democrat is not the President Pro Tem of the North Carolina Senate, then the person designated as Democratic or minority leader of the North Carolina Senate shall be an ex-officio voting member of the state executive committee.

Term of Office. The term of office of the members of the state executive committee shall be for two (2) years and shall expire on the date set for the next succeeding county convention held in an odd-numbered year or when their successors shall be elected, whichever shall occur first. Newly elected members shall take office immediately upon their election.

Attendance. Any state executive committee member who fails to attend two or more meetings within such person's term of elective office or term of office, whichever shall expire first, without sending a proxy in his or her place, shall be removed from membership on the state executive committee. When a member serves by virtue of his or her position as county Chair, removal from the committee shall not affect his or her position as county Chair, and a person shall be elected by the county executive committee to serve on the state executive committee for the duration of the county Chair's term. When a member serves by virtue of his or her position as a congressional district Chair, removal from the committee shall not affect his or her position as district Chair, and a person shall be elected by the officers of the congressional district party to serve on the state executive committee for the duration of the district Chair's term. When a member serves by virtue of his or her position as president of a state auxiliary organization or as a national committeeman or national committeewoman of the Young Democrats of North Carolina, removal from the committee shall not affect his or her other position, and a person shall be elected by the statewide officers of the respective organization to serve on the state executive committee for the duration of such person's term of office. When a member serves by virtue of his or her position as a member of the Democratic National Committee, removal from the committee shall not affect his or her status as a member of the Democratic National Committee, and a person shall be elected by the state executive council to serve on the state executive committee for the duration of such person's term of office. When a member serves by virtue of his or her position as a state officer, removal from the committee shall not affect his or her position as a state officer, and a person shall be elected by the state executive council to serve on the state executive committee for the duration of such person's term. When any member, except for members serving in positions specifically listed hereinabove, serves by virtue of his or her membership on the state executive council, removal from the committee shall not affect his or her position on the state executive council, and a person shall be elected by the state executive council to

serve on the state executive committee for the duration of such person's term on the state executive council. When a member serves by virtue of holding some elective office, upon removal such member's position shall remain vacant for a period of four (4) years, or until such person's term of elective office expires, whichever shall occur first.

Vacancies for State Executive Committee Members. Vacancies among members of the state executive committee who represent their county on such committee shall be filled at a meeting of the appropriate county executive committee held within thirty (30) days following the creation of the vacancy.

Removals. Officers and members of the state executive committee may be removed in accordance with Section 10.00.

4.02 ELECTED OFFICERS

Date of Election. In each odd-numbered year, the state chair shall convene the state executive committee prior to March 1 for the purpose of electing its officers.

Elected Officers. The state executive committee shall have as its elected officers a chair, three (3) vice chairs and a secretary. The first vice chair must be of the opposite gender of the chair. Among the chair and three vice chairs, one of these must be filled by a person of a racial or ethnic minority which constitutes at least ~~20~~ twenty percent (20%) of the registered Democrats in the state and one of these offices must be filled by a person thirty (36) years of age or younger. Gender, racial or ethnic and age requirements need not be followed if filling a vacancy for an unexpired term, but shall be adhered to when the office is filled for a full term.

Vacancy and Succession for Elected State Executive Committee Officers. Vacancies occurring among the elected officers of the state executive committee shall be filled within sixty (60) days following the creation of the vacancy. The state chair shall call a meeting of the state executive committee to fill that vacancy and any other vacancies

that might be caused by the action of such committee in filling the vacancy. If, for any reason, there should occur a vacancy in the office of state chair, the first vice chair, the second vice chair, the third vice chair, the secretary or the treasurer, in that order, shall preside and in the absence of all of the foregoing officers, any member of the state executive committee may preside.

4.03 APPOINTED OFFICERS

The state chair shall appoint a treasurer, a sustaining fund chair or up to three sustaining fund co-chairs ".a chair for minority affairs and a state advisor for the Teen Dems, all of whom shall serve at the pleasure of the state chair as appointed officers and all of whom shall be voting members of the state executive committee. The State Chair shall appoint up to 5 persons to serve on the Sustaining Fund Committee. These members shall be non-voting Ex-Officio Members of the State Executive Council.

4.04 VOTING ON THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

All members and officers of the State Executive Committee, whether elected, appointed or ex-officio, shall be entitled to one vote.

4.05 DUTIES OF THE STATE CHAIR AND CERTAIN OFFICERS

State Chair. The duties of the state chair shall include:

1. Serve as the leader of the party organization in North Carolina;
2. Preside at meetings of the state executive committee, the state executive council and at the state convention;
3. Draft, in consultation with the state executive committee, a strategic plan outlining reasonable political goals for the state;
4. Execute the strategic plan for the state as approved by the state executive council;
5. Convene the state executive committee at least twice per year;
6. Convene the state executive council as needed, but at least once every three months;
7. Set the dates for precinct meetings, county