



**NORTH CAROLINA  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

MINUTES  
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
JANUARY 28, 2012  
DOWNTOWN MARRIOTT - GREENSBORO, NC

State Chair David Parker called the meeting to order at 1:10PM. The Invocation was given by First Congressional District Chair Don Davis.

All veterans and all fire and rescue members were asked to come to the front of the hall as State Sustaining Fund Charles Johnson of Nash County led the Pledge of Allegiance.

374 SEC members were needed to make a quorum. It was announced that 526 had already registered. State Second Vice Chair Douglas Wilson of Mecklenburg County recognized all elected officials and candidates. Steve Kerrigan, Manager of the upcoming Democratic National Convention spoke. He reported that 50% of all

Convention vendor contracts had been made with businesses that were either minority owned, North Carolina owned, or were owned by women. He emphasized that the Convention is being designed to impact North Carolina's 100 counties and to impact the NC elections.

Kevin Brown of OFA gave an uplifting message and gave everyone his cell phone number: [980-229-0015](tel:980-229-0015). Lamont Carolina led the crowd in chanting and cheering victory slogans.

Congressman David Price addressed the SEC.

State Party Secretary Melvin Williams presented the Minutes of the last SEC meeting which was held on April 30, 2011. A man who did not reveal his name made a motion to accept the Minutes. Another man who did not reveal his name seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurer Muriel Offerman of Wake County missed the meeting because she has had foot surgery. In her absence State Third Vice Chair Tony McEwen read the Treasurer's Report which showed a balance of \$737,289.77 with no significant outstanding bills.

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State Chair David Parker and State First Vice Chair Gwen Wilkins gave praise and recognition to the 27 counties who paid their 2011 Sustaining Fund in full. As each county was announced, the County Chair or another representative came to the front and accepted their county's award. These 27 counties are:

Anson County - Chair Vancine Sturdivant  
Duplin County - Chair Dr. Mott Blair  
Pender County - Chair Tom Bradshaw  
Cumberland County - Chair Tom Macon  
Nash County - Chair Charlotte Mizelle  
Edgecombe County - Chair Allen Mitchell  
Madison County - Chair Vickie Sealock  
Washington County - Chair Zeb Taylor  
Northampton County - Chair Anthony Clark  
Perquimans - Chair Janice Cole  
Currituck County - Chair Janet Taylor  
Chowan County - Chair Willis Privott  
Bertie County - Chair Clinton Freeman  
Pamlico County - Chair Christa Brown  
Davie County - Chair Mazie Lawrence  
Warren County - Chair Robert Terry  
Franklin County - Chair Armenta Eaton  
Alleghany County - Chair Susan Miles  
Moore County - Chair Jim Heim  
Graham County - Chair Randal Phillips



Alamance County - Chair Johnny Freeman  
Cabarrus County- Chair Dr. Grace Liem  
Buncombe County - Chair Emmet Carney  
Durham County - Chair Tracey Vann-Burns  
Lincoln County - Chair Deanna McGinnis  
Iredell County - Chair Gene Mahaffey  
Union County - Chair Edward McGuire

At the end of the presentation, State Chair David Parker made a passionate speech urging all counties to stand up and be counted at the presentation of next year's Sustaining Fund awards.

He also said that a point system is being set up which will reward County Chairs who do what they are supposed to be doing.

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State Superintendent Of Public Instruction June Atkinson addressed the SEC and invited them to keep her working in her position so she can finish the "remodeling" of the state's school system.

Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin told the SEC about the millions of dollars he has saved the state's consumers and about his achievements as the state's Fire Marshall.

State Representative Bill Faison of Orange County came to the podium and promoted his campaign for Governor.

State Chair David Parker announced the dates for the following organizational meetings:

March 6th - Precinct Meetings  
March 10th - Makeup Precinct Meetings  
April 14th - County Conventions  
May 19th - District Conventions  
June 16th - State Convention and Jefferson-Jackson Dinner - Raleigh  
June 17th - State Executive Committee - Raleigh

State Chair David Parker gave an overview of the 2012 State Party Budget.

A man who did not reveal his name made a motion to adopt the Budget. A man who did not reveal his name seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Cal Cunningham of Davidson County addressed the SEC.

Lt. Governor Walter Dalton of Rutherford County spoke to the SEC and promoted his campaign for Governor.

Ryan Butler of Guilford County presented the Charter of the LGBT Caucus and made a motion for the LGBT to become an official auxiliary of the NC Democratic Party. A man who did not reveal his name seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Tenth District Chair Cliff Moone, Chair of the Plan Of Organization Committee, reported on the Committee's progress. He said the Committee has met twice a month since June. Each meeting has lasted 3.5 - 4.5 hours. He said the work was not completed yet. He made a motion for the date for the Committee to make its report to the SEC to be changed to the meeting in the Winter of 2013.

A man who did not reveal his name seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Robert Hyman of Wake County made a motion that the POO Committee open another period for suggestions for changes to the POO. Cliff Moone said the Committee would accept that idea. The motion passed unanimously.



Eleventh Congressional District Chair Luke Hyde made a motion that the POO Committee be made a permanent standing committee of the SEC. A man who did not reveal his name seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Wake County Chair Dan Blue III made a motion for the following two changes in the POO:

1 - That Section 1.10 of the POO be amended to change the date for submission of written plans of Alternative Precinct Organizing to the State Chair from November 1st to December 31st.

2 - That Section 8.01 (Resolutions) be stricken entirely from the POO. State Chair David Parker explained that this part of the motion would restore the State Legislative Policy Committee.

Chris Telesca of Wake County seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a voice vote but the vote was not unanimous.

Judge Cressie Thigpen of the NC Court of Appeals addressed the SEC and asked everyone to support his election to a full term on the court.

Judge Sam J. Ervin IV of the NC Court of Appeals addressed the SEC and asked everyone to support his campaign for a seat on the State Supreme Court.

State Auditor Beth Wood came to the podium and reported on the achievements of her department. She vigorously promoted her campaign for re-election.

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The report of the Resolutions Committee was made by the Committee's Chair, DNC Member Phillip Gilfus. He made a motion to adopt the following Resolutions:

Resolution 1 - A Resolution to fully and wholly support the re-election of President Barack Obama.

Resolution 2 - A Resolution to wholly and fully support the leadership and legacy of Governor Beverly Perdue.

Resolution 3 - A Resolution to wholly and fully support the leadership and legacy of Congressman Brad Miller.

Resolution 4 - A Resolution to honor Representative Larry Womble for his treasured service to the people of North Carolina and House District 71.

Resolution 5 - A Resolution to oppose the anti-family, anti-business amendment placed on the May primary ballot by the Republican-dominated General Assembly.

Resolution 6 - A Resolution calling on Republican career gubernatorial candidate Pat McCrory to fully and completely disclose all of his financial relationships, employment contracts, economic covenants, and other potential conflicts of interest to the citizens of the state of North Carolina.

Resolution 7 - A Resolution supporting HR 1288 - World War II Merchant Mariners Service Act.

Resolution 8 - A Resolution to condemn the GOP-dominated legislature for using the cover of darkness to attack the teachers of North Carolina and attempt to further their extreme, anti-middle class, anti-teacher agenda.

Resolution 9 - A Resolution in support of the constitutionally required public school system of the state of North Carolina.

Resolution 10 - A Resolution in support of Governor Beverly Perdue's temporary 3/4 cent sales tax increase to help fund North Carolina's public education system.

Resolution 11 - A Resolution in support of the teachers, teaching assistants, support personnel and students of the public schools system of the state of North Carolina.

Resolution 12 - A Resolution to condemn the NC GOP for attacks on equal access and representation for seniors, students and minorities by passing the Voter ID law.

Resolution 13 - A Resolution celebrating the life and legacy of Mrs. Mary Duke Biddle Trent Semans.

Resolution 14 - A Resolution to support HK on J (Historic Thousands on Jones Street) on February 11, 2012.

State Young Democrats President Sam Spencer moved for the previous question. His motion was passed unanimously.

Jake Quinn of Buncombe County asked if the 2012 District Conventions were going to be held according to district lines drawn before or after the 2010 census. State Chair David Parker replied that the District Conventions will be held according to the district lines as they existed before the 2010 census.



Teen Dems First Vice President Blake Bibbs spoke to the SEC about Teen Dems activities.

Mike Schaul of Wake County suggested that SEC Members ride on AmTrak to the events of June 16-17 because the AmTrak station is located near the Raleigh Convention Center where the State Convention will be held.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melvin Williams, Secretary  
North Carolina Democratic Party