

AGENDA

Spring 2026 State Executive Committee Meeting Tentative Agenda
Virtually, North Carolina | Saturday, May 30th, 2026

1. 9:30 AM Call to Order¹
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the NC Flag
3. Land Acknowledgment
4. Moment of Silence
5. Declaration of Quorum
6. Approval of the Rules of the Day
7. Approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda
8. Approval of the 2026 Winter SEC Meeting Minutes²
9. Elected Official Speeches, Videos and Officer Reports³
10. Resolutions & Platform Committee Report⁴ and Consideration of Resolutions and Platform Committee ("RPC") Consent Agenda⁵
11. Recess for Lunch⁶
 1. Announcements
 2. 5:00 PM Adjournment⁷

¹ The Chair sets the convening until the Rules are adopted at which point it becomes an Order of the Day. 9:30AM is the forecast time to convene.

² Without objection, the reading of the Minutes will be waived and accepted as presented.

³ Elected official Videos and Guest Speeches and Officer Reports may be moved in whole or in part to other places in the Agenda in the discretion of the Chair

⁴ PoO §8.01 permits editing and modification of submitted Resolutions: "*The Resolutions and Platforms Committee shall have the authority to edit and/or consolidate prioritized resolutions from the district parties in keeping with their intention prior to forwarding them to the ... State Executive Committee meeting.*"

⁵ Those Resolutions certified by the RPC as having been individually favorably recommended to the SEC and submitted to the SEC prior to the adoption of this Agenda, are made a part of this Agenda and, if not Pulled or Referred back to the RPC, may be adopted under the RPC Consent Agenda process in the Rules of the Day. No such Resolution or package ("bucket") shall be deemed to have been adopted until said Resolution or bucket has been brought before the SEC for a potential motion to "Pull" or to Refer back to the RPC.

⁶ The Chair may change the time for the Lunch recess in its discretion; because the meeting is largely virtual, the break for lunch may be short or dispensed with in the discretion of the Chair.

⁷ Under the Rules, "the time for Adjournment may be extended in the sole discretion of the Chair in the event that there is business pending at such time."

RULES OF THE DAY

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GENERAL RULES

RULE 1. Chair. The State Chair shall have general direction of the North Carolina Democratic Party (“NCDP”) State Executive Committee (“SEC”) meeting on the date named in the Caption above who shall call the SEC Meeting to order and who shall serve as Chair under the Plan of Organization (“PoO”) §4.07 and shall be authorized to take such action as is necessary to maintain order.

- a. The Chair, with the guidance of the Parliamentarian designated at the convening of the SEC Meeting by the Chair, shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal by any SEC Member.
- b. Per PoO §4.05, the State Chair may “*designate a person to preside over all or parts of the... meeting....*” In the discretion of the Chair.
- c. Priority of Meeting Rules shall be (a) the Democratic National Committee (“DNC”) Charter and Bylaws, (b) the Plan of Organization (“PoO”), (c) Rules of the Day adopted by the SEC Meeting, and (d) Robert’s Rules of Order (Newly Revised, 12th Edition).

RULE 2. Meeting Setting. The SEC Meeting is being conducted using a hybrid of in-person primarily for the officers and staff and those named by the Chair and the Zoom remote meeting app which will be providing audio, visual, text, and voting capabilities for this meeting.

Each SEC Member shall be responsible for their audio and internet connections; no action shall be invalidated on the grounds that the loss of or poor quality of An SEC Member’s individual connection prevented participating in this meeting.

Virtual attendees are encouraged to respect the travel time of in-person SEC Members in voting to extend debate or delay the proceedings.

RULE 3. Agenda and Rules.

- a. *Agenda and RPC Consent Agenda.* While pending, the Agenda may be amended by majority vote. Adoption of the Agenda requires a two-thirds vote.⁸ After adoption, the Agenda may be amended by two-thirds vote.⁹ The Agenda shall be followed as adopted by the SEC Meeting subject to those items marked as discretionary to the Chair including that the Chair, in its discretion, may modify the Agenda to allow for speakers, to report votes, to take up items occurring later on the Agenda during vote counting, change the time for lunch or for adjournment, and for incidental matters.
- b. *Orders of the Day.* To the extent that the Agenda contains times certain for any or all events and Agenda items, such times shall be treated as Special Orders of the Day and may be suspended only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the SEC Meeting provided that the time for Lunch may be changed and Adjournment may be extended in the sole discretion of the Chair in the event that there is business pending at such time.

⁸ Certain of the Rules of the Day are different from Robert’s Rules which modification requires a two-thirds majority.

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- c. *RPC Consent Agenda.* The Resolutions & Platform Committee (“RPC”) may, in the discretion of its Chair during the RPC Report, make all or a portion of its Report and Favorable Recommendations Package to be “RPC Consent Agenda” items; the RPC Chair may remove any Resolution or group (“bucket”) of Resolutions from the RPC Consent Agenda for individual consideration by the SEC. The RPC Report is subject to the Rules of the Day pertaining to Resolutions and Platform and Amendments and otherwise.
- d. if any portion of the RPC Favorable Recommendations Report is placed on the removal (also called “Pulling”) of RPC Consent Agenda items including Resolutions shall be governed by the separate Rules for RPC Reports herein.

Rule 4. Credentialed Voting. Credentials shall be provided to SEC Members at the time of registration. Credentialed SEC Members may vote if (a) present in the SEC Meeting room and physically casting a vote or (b) remotely using the procedures of GoogleDocs or other voting procedure as described for the SEC Members by NCDP Staff. In compliance with Section 0.01 of the NCDP Plan of Organization all registered Democrats will be allowed to observe the meeting via the NCDP’s YouTube or other Social Media channel where the meeting will be livestreamed.

- a. *Proxies.* Proxies are permitted under the PoO §12.05 under which “no member or alternate may be entitled to more than one vote.” Proxy Members and SEC Members are referred to herein as “SEC Members.”
- b. *Adoption without Objection.* On matters where, in the opinion of the Chair, the votes one way or the other are unlikely to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the SEC Members, the Chair may state words to the effect that “Without objection, _____ is adopted” which passage shall be effective as if voted for by the requisite majority or super-majority (2/3) except that the Chair will conduct a vote if the Chair is either (a) of the opinion that the 25% threshold has been reached or (b) if the Chair is in doubt.
- c. *Voting.* The Chair, in its discretion, may take voice votes, “raised hand” votes, standing votes, or ballot votes or remote votes for any or all votes, unless a mode of voting is specified in the Party Plan of Organization or in these Rules. Pursuant to PoO §4.07, nothing herein shall prevent the SEC from adopting Rules of the Day, making nominations, holding elections, and conducting business by voice vote or by acclamation where a division is not demanded by twenty-five percent (25%) of the SEC Members present, which percentage shall be determined in the discretion of the Chair.

RULE 5. Quorum. Section 12.03 of the Plan of Organization establishes the quorum for the SEC to be forty percent (40%) of the persons constituting the voting membership of the SEC.

The Chair or its designee shall note the time a quorum is present and no inquiry as to quorum may be made for one (1) hour after that time, nor shall a suggestion of a lack of quorum be entertained if there are matters required by North Carolina or United States law pending or yet to be taken up by the SEC. Time spent by guest speakers or elected officials, unless part of official business or debate on motions, shall not be included in calculating the one (1) hour limitation.

RULES OF DEBATE

RULE 6. Obtaining Recognition.

- a. *SEC Members Present in the Meeting Room.* Except in the case where an SEC Member has a physical challenge (in which case a microphone will be brought to the SEC Member upon request), any SEC Member who is about to address the Chair, shall rise, approach a microphone, and await recognition by and in an order in the sole discretion of the Chair. The Chair may inquire the purpose for which the SEC Member rises if the purpose is not apparent from the context or if the SEC Member does not state their purpose in rising. If the SEC Member's purpose is in order, the Chair may recognize the SEC Member.
- b. *SEC Members Present by Remote Access by Zoom.* An SEC Member who wishes to address the Chair and is using the Zoom Application shall use the "raise hand" feature to obtain recognition. An SEC Member using the "dial-in number" method shall choose *9, (star 9) to obtain recognition. The order in which Zoom attendees "raise their hand" shall not determine the order in which they are recognized. SEC Members shall not speak until recognized by the Chair in an order in the discretion of the Chair which recognition will be facilitated by the Chair's designees, namely North Carolina Democratic Party staff or officers unless otherwise stated by the Chair. The Chair shall inquire the purpose for which the SEC Member desires recognition. If the SEC Member's purpose is in order, the Chair will recognize the SEC Member.
- c. *Protocol.* Upon recognition, the SEC Member shall state that SEC Member's name and county or, where appropriate, that SEC Member's position in the party. The time spent by an SEC Member in identifying themselves and their purpose shall count toward the time limits for debate. The SEC Member shall desist upon indication by the Parliamentarian or its designee that the Member's time has expired.

RULE 7. Rules of Debate.

- a. *Time for Members to Debate.* No SEC Member may speak in debate more than once on the same question or for longer than one (1) Minute. The Parliamentarian or its appointed Clerk shall keep and call time for each speaker and for the total time of debate.
- b. *Alternating Debate.* The Chair shall use its best efforts to alternate between speakers who support and those who oppose the matter being debated and shall call on Zoom participants to assure on-line participation including, without limitation, calling on every other speaker to be from the Zoom attendees.
- c. *Total Time of Debate.* After five minutes of debate on any matter before the SEC Meeting, debate shall close, provided that:
 - i. The Chair may, in its discretion, extend debate for one (1) Minute on any matter in order to equalize the number of debaters on each side of the issue or to enable equal participation by Zoom attendees;
 - ii. On a new proposed Platform plank or Resolution which has received a two-thirds vote for consideration as an addition to the Platform or Resolutions, the total time of debate limit shall be a total of ten (10) Minutes;

- iii. With the Chair alternating between favorable and opposed, regardless of whether such speakers are in person or virtual attendees, if three speakers speak on one side or the other consecutively in the absence of contrary debate, debate shall cease and a vote shall be taken;
- iv. A properly made “Motion for the Previous Question,” may, if approved by a two-thirds majority, bring the SEC Meeting to an immediate vote on the pending matter;
- v. Upon expiration of debate, or in the discretion of the Chair, the Chair may call the vote without a Motion for the Previous Question.

In the event the Chair requests an additional extension of time, such extension may be made upon the approval of a simple voice (raised hand) vote majority of the SEC Members voting and in attendance.

- d. *Speaking by Zoom Participants.* Consistent with DNC rules and guidance, SEC Members who are attending virtually will have the ability to speak either directly or through an NCDP staff person, provided that such Members adhere to the Rules and to staff protocols including that:
 - i. Chat in the Zoom meeting will only be to communicate with on-line moderators as designated by the Chair;
 - ii. There will be no provided forum to interact with in-person participants for those who are attending virtually.
 - iii. The staff operating the meeting will be directed to try to help facilitate connections between virtual and in-person participants provided that the inability to do so will not be grounds for objection to a result or to a vote.

- e. *Code of Conduct.* *Ad hominem* arguments will not be tolerated by the Chair, who may, in its discretion, curtail the remaining time of the speaker and limit the recognition of such speaker thereafter. Under Robert’s Rules, the Chair may name an offending Member who repeatedly violates these Rules and the Code of Conduct.

A Motion to Remove a Member who has been named by the Chair in violation of these Rules of Debate will be in order and debate thereon shall be limited to one minute for the maker of the Motion and one minute for the Member whose removal is being sought by the Motion which minute will be curtailed by the Chair for violation of these Rules of Debate.

- f. *Privileged motions.* Neither “Point of Order” nor “Question or Point of Personal Privilege” shall be used to debate a matter or raise issues from debate on any matter that is before the body.
 - i. A “point of order” shall be made only if the DNC Charter & Bylaws, PoO, Rules of the Day, or Robert’s Rules of Order are not being followed by an SEC Member or by the Chair. An SEC Member must be prepared to state immediately and succinctly in one minute or less the point of order being violated when recognized or will be ruled out of order.
 - ii. A “point of personal privilege” shall be made only if it concerns the rights of the assembly or the individual’s ability to hear or otherwise participate and is urgent in nature; otherwise, a “Point of Personal Privilege” will be out of order.

- g. *Appeals.* An appeal of the decision of the Chair shall be in order only if demanded by twenty-five percent (25%) of the SEC Members present, whether in person or virtually, which percentage shall be determined in the discretion of the Chair. The Rules of Debate herein shall be followed for such appeal. Frivolous appeals (defined as an appeal receiving a ten percent (10%) of lower favorable vote) shall be treated as disruptions and a violation of the Code of Conduct.

RESOLUTIONS AND PLATFORM

RULE 8. Certification of Resolutions. The RPC Chair shall report on the “Recommended Resolutions and Platform” as recommended by the RPC for Favorable Recommendation to the SEC which report submission shall be deemed a “Motion to Approve the RPC Committee’s Report,” and does not require a second.

- a. *Favorable Recommendation of RPC.* Pursuant to PoO § 8.01, for a resolution or platform to be considered by the Delegates, each individual resolution or platform plank must have received a favorable recommendation from a majority of the members of the RPC present and voting.
- b. *Certification of Individual Consideration.* The Chair or Chair of the RPC shall certify, verbally or in writing as a part of the RPC Report, to the SEC that each and every Resolution or Platform submitted to the SEC was considered individually by the RPC and received a majority vote favorably recommending such for passage and adoption by the SEC. Such certification of Resolutions may be *in toto*, in groups (“buckets”), or individually in the discretion of the reporting RPC Chair.
- c. *Consequences of Lack of Certification or Lack of Favorable Recommendation.* In the absence of certification of any or all Resolutions, any individual or groups of Resolutions or Platforms may be considered by the SEC only upon a 2/3 majority SEC vote per the PoO §8.01.

RULE 9. RPC Consent Agenda Principle. The SEC uses a Consent Agenda format to permit non-controversial Resolutions¹⁰ to be adopted without individual debate on the basis of the Favorable Recommendation by the RPC. Resolutions not brought to the floor of the SEC Meeting by the RPC and thus not subjected to potential Motions to Pull or to Refer are not adopted as a part of the RPC Consent Agenda and are automatically referred back to the RPC.

Controversial or Unconsidered Resolutions may be brought to the floor at the close of the RPC Report under PoO §8.01 by a timely motion to consider said resolution or platform; if (a) said resolution or platform has been previously submitted in writing to the secretary of the state executive committee and (b) such motion passes with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those SEC members present and voting, then the Resolution will be placed before the SEC for debate and vote pursuant to the Rules of Debate of these Rules of the Day.

Memorial or Commemorative Resolutions are examples of Resolutions sometimes submitted to the Secretary or their designee during the SEC Meeting and adopted by the SEC upon a 2/3 SEC vote without prior Favorable RPC Consideration and Vote.

¹⁰ Non-controversial Resolutions are those where fewer than 25% of the SEC Members present and voting vote to debate, refer, or “pull” the subject Resolution. Controversial Resolutions are those where 25% or more of the SEC Members present and voting vote to debate, refer, or “pull” the subject Resolution.

RULE 10. RPC Consent Agenda Report. As a part of the RPC Report, the RPC Chair may, in its discretion, either preceding or during the RPC Report, include all or a portion of its Report and Favorable Recommendations Package to be placed by reference on an “RPC Consent Agenda” which is deemed to a part of the Agenda.

- a. *RPC Consent Recommendations.* The “RPC Recommendations Package” or RPC Report submits all favorably recommended resolutions or platform planks either *in toto* or in groups (“buckets”) to the SEC Meeting for adoption without debate as a part of the adopted Agenda (“RPC Consent Recommendations”) provided that no such package shall be deemed to have been adopted until its contents are submitted to the SEC by the RPC Chair for a potential SEC Member motion to “Pull.”
- b. *“Pulling” A Recommended Resolution.* An SEC Member may move to remove (or “Pull”) a Resolution or Platform Plank from RPC Consent Agenda Report which motion requires a second.
 - i. The maker of the Motion to Remove or Pull may have up to one minute to ask the RPC Chair questions; the RPC Chair may respond to the questions for one minute.
 - ii. During the debate on Pulling, the RPC Chair may accept non-substantial amendments in its sole discretion.
 - iii. Following the answering of questions or amendments, the Chair shall conduct a vote if (1) an accepted amendment does not obviate the need for a vote or (2) the motion to “Pull” is withdrawn.
 - iv. In the event that a vote to “Pull” or Refer a Resolution or Platform Plank is conducted and more than twenty-five (25%) of SEC Members present and voting, as determined by the Chair, desire to Pull the Resolution or Platform Plank, the RPC Chair shall “Pull” the Resolution or Platform Plank from the Report or Package.
 - v. Each “Pulled Resolution or Platform Plank,” having been moved by the Committee in its Report, will be referred back to the RPC for further consideration. Specific Resolution or Platform Plank Motions to Pull may not include instructions to the RPC.
 - vi. Resolutions or Platform Planks presented to the SEC Meeting on the Consent Recommendations Agenda and subjected to a potential Motion to “Pull” or to Refer, which are not “Pulled” are deemed to have been adopted by the two-thirds vote adopting the Rules of the Day, provided that such Resolutions have been submitted to the SEC by the RPC for a potential Motion to Pull prior to Adjournment in which case such Resolutions shall be referred back to the RPC at the close of the SEC Meeting.
- c. *“Pulled” or Referred Resolutions ore Resolutions not receiving favorable recommendation from RPC.* At the close of the RPC report and votes on the Recommended Resolutions, a resolution or platform plank that does not receive an individual favorable recommendation from the RPC may be brought to the floor of the SEC meeting for consideration during that part of the Agenda allocated for consideration of the RPC Report and Consent Agenda but only after a motion to consider said resolution or platform is adopted by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of those delegates or members present and voting; no debate beyond a one minute statement by the proponent of the Motion to add the resolution or platform item shall be had.

RULE 11. Resolutions Not Considered by the RPC. At the close of the RPC report and votes on the Recommended Resolutions and any Resolutions not receiving Favorable Recommendation, a new resolution or platform may be proposed from the floor or virtually for consideration but only after a motion to consider said resolution or platform is adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those delegates or members present and voting and said resolution or platform has been submitted in writing to the Secretary of the SEC; no debate beyond a one minute statement by the proponent of the Motion to add the resolution or platform item shall be had.