

**2022 NCDP 13th Congressional District Convention
Wake, Johnston, Harnett and Wayne Counties
Interim Congressional District Chair Rhonda Bond
Virtual/Zoom
10 am, May 21, 2022**

The Zoom session opened at 9am. Compilation of videos from candidates/office holders, 13th Congressional District information and information on the 4 counties that make up the district was presented. Review of the Zoom features was given (use of closed captioning, “raising your hand” via computer and via phone). Review of voting and weighted voting for the convention was provided. Eligible voters can only be the district convention delegates elected and reported to the Chair by the organized counties.

At 10:04 am, Interim District Chair Rhonda Bond welcomed the delegates. A video greeting from NCDP Chair Dr Bobbie Richardson was presented. Chairwoman Bond read the NCDP Inclusion Statement. Johnston County Chair Sharon Castleberry read a special declaration for the 2022 Armed Forces Day, immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag:

In recognition of Armed Forces Day 2022, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag will be led by the following Veterans from Johnston County....

Bryan Apple, MD (US Navy)	James Jones (US Air Force)
Carolyn Cash (US Navy)	Larry Jones (US Air Force)
Jerry Dodson (Army National Guard)	Varnar Spencer, CRNA (US Army)

We extend Our Deepest Gratitude to all of the Veterans and Active Military Members in the 13th Congressional District, in North Carolina, and in these United States for Your Service in Defense of Our Freedoms.

The delegates recited the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Johnston Co Delegate Larry Jones.

Chairwoman Bond asks for a Moment of Silence for the victims and their families of the Buffalo NY Tops Market mass shooting (May 14, 2022) and for our country.

Johnston Co delegate, NCDP Regional Organizing Director, Johnston Co Democratic Party First Vice Chair Daniel Franch declared to Chairwoman Bond that 100% of the counties of the district are duly represented. Quorum was met.

Chairwoman Bond asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Johnston Co Chair and delegate Sharon Castleberry moved to accept the agenda as presented. Johnston Co delegate Cathy McCormick seconded. Motion passed (48 ayes of 70 voting).

Proposed Agenda for DC13 Convention

Preshow: Submitted Videos 9:30-Gavel

- 1. Welcome / Call to Order**
- 2. NCDP Inclusion Statement**

Video of NCDP Chair, Dr. Bobbie Richardson

- 3. Pledge of Allegiance Veterans from Johnston County**
- 4. Invocation or Moment of Silence Reverend Philip Cooper (Wake County)**
- 5. Declaration of Quorum Sharon Castleberry (Johnston County)**
- 6. Approval of Meeting Agenda Voice Vote**
- 7. Adoption of Meeting Rules Voice Vote**
- 9. Finance Report Statement from the Interim Chair**
- 10. Congressional District Officer Reports Rhonda Bond Interim Chair**
- 11. Guest Speaker Wiley Nickel**
- 12. Elections**

The elections for the Congressional District Executive Committee Pursuant to the North Carolina Democratic Party's Plan of Organization

- o **2022-2023 Congressional District Chair**
- o **2022-2023 Congressional District 1st Vice Chair**
- o **2022-2023 Congressional District 2nd Vice Chair**
- o **2022-2023 Congressional District 3rd Vice Chair**
- o **2022-2023 Congressional District Secretary**
- o **2022-2023 Congressional District Treasurer**
- o **2022-2023 Congressional District Minority Affairs [Appointed]**
- o **2022-24 CD State Convention Credentials & Appeals Committee Member**
- o **2022-2024 Congressional District Council of Review Member**
- o **2022-2024 CD Platform & Resolutions Committee Member**
- o **2022-2024 CD Plan of Organization Review Committee Member**

13. Resolutions

14. Announcements

- **NCDP's 2022 Summer SEC Meeting – Saturday, June 18th**
- **NCDP 2022 State Convention – Saturday, June 18th**
- **NCDP's 2022 Unity Dinner – Saturday, June 18th**
- **2022 General Election Early Voting Period: Oct. 20 – Nov. 5th**
- **2022 General Election Day – Tuesday, November 8, 2022**

Chairwoman Bond continued with the Rules of the Day. Wake Co delegate and interim District Committee Resolutions Chair Robert Hyman reviewed the rules [presented online to the delegates] as well as rules for the review of the resolutions from the counties. Johnston Co delegate Wendy May moved to approve the rules. Wayne Co Chair and delegate Alicia Pierce seconded. The rules were approved.

Chairwoman Bond gave an overview of where the 13th Congressional District Committee's finances stand with respect to the change in the maps and district congressional committees. The previous 13th congressional committee closed their NC State Board of Elections account in 2020. She assured the delegates that the "new" NCDP 13th Congressional District Committee would have a smooth transition.

NC Sen Wiley Nickel, the Democratic nominee for the US House 13th Congressional District, spoke. He thanked and asked the delegates for their support for us to get this congressional seat back for Democrats.

The convention moved to begin elections for district officers. Predeclared nominations were provided to the delegates. Floor nominations began with Johnston Co Chair and delegate Sharon Castleberry moving to nominate Wake Co delegate and interim Congressional District Chair Rhonda Bond for Chair. Johnston Co delegate Wendy May seconded. Wayne Co Chair and delegate Alicia Pierce moved to close nominations. Johnston Co delegate Cathy McCormick seconded. Motion approved. By acclamation, Rhonda Bond was named 13th Congressional District Chair.

For First Vice Chair, Johnston Co delegate Justin King was a predeclared candidate. Johnston Co Chair and delegate Sharon Castleberry moved to nominate Mr King. Seconded by Johnston Co delegate Cathy McCormick. Wake Co delegate Phillip Cooper moved to close nominations. Wayne Co Chair and delegate Alicia Pierce seconded. Motion approved. By acclamation, Justin King was named 13th Congressional District 1st Vice Chair.

There were no predeclared candidates for 2nd Vice Chair. Chairwoman Bond opened the floor for nominations. Wayne Co Chair and delegate Alicia Pierce moved to nominate NC House Rep Raymond Smith, Jr. Harnett Co delegate Elizabeth Crudup nominated herself. Wayne Co delegate Phyllis Merritt James moved to close nominations. Johnston Co Delegate Cathy McCormick seconded. Motion to close nominations was approved. Chairwoman Bond began the online voting [by weight]. Rep Smith received 404.2 and Elizabeth Crudup, 279.04. NC Rep Raymond Smith, Jr. was elected 2nd Vice Chair.

For Third Vice Chair, Wake Co delegate David Castaneda was predeclared. Chairwoman Bond reviewed the Plan of Organization officer requirements for a congressional district committee. Because there are 4 counties in the 13th District, the remaining vice chair position should be filled by a Harnett Co Democrat since the other 3 counties are represented in the Chair, 1st VC and 2nd VC. Mr Castaneda's nomination was withdrawn. Harnett Co delegate Kiani Gardner agreed to be a nominee for the position. Johnston Co delegate Wendy May moves to close nominations. Wayne Co delegate Phyllis Merritt James seconded. Motion approved. By acclamation, Kiani Gardner was named 13th Congressional District 3rd Vice Chair.

There were no predeclared candidates for secretary. Chairwoman Bond opened the floor for nominations. Wayne Co delegate Phyllis Merritt James nominated Harnett Co delegate Elizabeth Crudup. Wake Co delegate Phillip Cooper moved to close nominations. Johnston Co delegate Larry Jones seconded. Motion to close nominations was approved. By acclamation, Elizabeth Crudup was named 13th Congressional District Secretary.

Chairwoman Bond stated that the Treasurer will be appointed by the chair in consultation with the executive officers as well as the position of the Congressional District Chair of Minority Affairs.

Chairwoman Bond directed the convention to fill the district positions on NCDP Committees:

Predeclared nominees:

Credentials & Appeals Committee

Grace Watts of Harnett Co

Council of Review

Sarah W. Anderson of Johnston Co

Platform & Resolutions Committee

Marie Dodson of Johnston Co

Plan of Organization Review Committee

George Greene, Jr. of Wake Co

Chairwoman Bond opened the floor for any additional nominations from the floor for NCDP Credentials & Appeals Committee. Johnston Co delegate Patricia LeGrand moved to close nominations. Johnston Co delegate Larry Jones seconded. Motion to close nominations approved. By acclamation, Grace Watts is elected to serve on the NCDP Credentials & Appeals Committee.

The floor is opened to receive additional nominations for NCDP Council of Review. Wake Co delegate Terry Mahaffey nominates himself. Johnston Co delegate Patricia LeGrand moved to close nominations. Johnston Co delegate Larry Jones seconded. Motion to close nominations approved. Chairwoman Bond began the online voting [by weight]. Sarah Anderson received 333.4 and M Mahaffey, 199.03. Sarah Anderson elected to serve on the NCDP Council of Review.

Chairwoman Bond opened the floor for any additional nominations from the floor for NCDP Platform & Resolutions Committee. Johnston Co delegate Patricia LeGrand moved to close nominations. Wake Co delegate Phillip Cooper seconded. Motion to close nominations approved. By acclamation, Marie Dodson is elected to serve on the NCDP Platform & Resolutions Committee.

The floor is opened to receive additional nominations for the NCDP Plan of Organization Review Committee. Wake Co delegate Sarah Vrla nominates herself. Wake Co delegate Phillip Cooper moved to close nominations. Wayne Co Chair and delegate Alicia Pierce seconded. Motion to close nominations approved. Chairwoman Bond began the online voting [by weight]. Sarah Vrla received 215.09 and George Greene, Jr. , 148.57. Wake Co delegate Clarissa Bond asked for a review. Sarah Vrla was elected to serve on the NCDP Plan of Organization Review Committee.

Chairwoman Bond started the review of the resolutions. Johnston Co delegate Wendy May moved to advance the resolutions forward to the NCDP Platform & Resolutions Committee. Adopted without objection.

Wake Co delegate Phillip Cooper and Johnston Co delegate Wendy May proposed to explore the development of a Minority Affairs Subcommittee.

Chairwoman Bond reminded the delegates of the upcoming events on the NCDP calendar of the summer SEC meeting, State Convention and Unity Dinner, all on June 18th.

NCDP Regional Organizing Dir, Johnston Co First Vice Chair, and delegate Daniel Franch promoted the NCDP Building Blue Program.

Chairwoman Bond asked for a motion to adjourn. Johnston Co delegate Wendy May moved to adjourn. Wake Co delegate Charles Evans seconded. Without objections the convention adjourned at 1:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted on 04.12.2023 by Sharon Castleberry, Chair, Johnston Co Democratic Party and 2022 13th Congressional District Convention delegate.

[Due to redrawing of congressional maps, the “new” 13th Committee was formed by the county leaders from the 4 counties and interim 13t Cong District Chair Rhonda Bond, appointed by NCDP State Chair Dr Bobbie Richardson. Chairwoman Castleberry served as the appointed 2022 convention secretary by Chairwoman Bond.]