



Wake County Executive Committee Meeting / Judicial District 10D Executive Committee Meeting

Proposed Special Rules, v.1.1

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 7:00pm via Zoom - Digital Doors open at 6:40pm

Attendance at this meeting requires pre-registration by 11:59 PM on February 6, 2024.

Rules may be updated in the interim.

Rule 1. Chair.

The County Party Chair (Chair) shall have general direction of the meeting and authorized to take such action as necessary to maintain order. The Chair, with the guidance of the appointed Parliamentarian(s), shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal by any County Executive Committee (CEC) member. Order of priority of Rules shall be as follows:

1. Link: [The NCDP Plan of Organization](#)
2. The Rules adopted by the members of the CEC
3. Link: [Robert's Rules of Order \(11th Edition\)](#).

Courteous respect for one another will be the standing order of the day. The Chair reserves the right to remove any CEC member or observer engaging in disrespectful or disruptive behavior.

Rule 2. Quorum.

A quorum shall exist any time 35% of the CEC Members who reside in Judicial District 10D (excluding specific non-quorum Ex Officio members) per Section 3.13 of the NC Party Plan of Organization and the WCDP Alternative Plan of Organization approved by the State Executive Council.

- Upon quorum establishment, no further quorum call will be recognized for one (1) hour.
- When individual CECs establish quorum, all votes for the agenda, special rules, motions, or other regarding meeting management will come members of those quorums as a whole; there will be no separate quorum votes for agenda, special rules, motions, or other.
- If quorum presence is questioned, meeting assistants shall examine the online record to determine if a quorum exists. If a quorum exists when debate on a subject begins, it is presumed to exist until the item is completed.

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Rule 3A. Obtaining Recognition.

The method of obtaining recognition shall be explained at the beginning for the meeting. The Chair shall have the discretion to change the recognition method if said method proves to be untenable or grossly inefficient.

- A. Those attending via phone **without access to chat** will raise a hand by pressing ***9** on the phone.
- B. Those attending via computer or the application on a smartphone will seek recognition **through the designated chat options only** unless otherwise directed by the Chair:
 - **!Motion/Debate** (Motion to, Amend, Speak for, against, Point of Order)
 - **!Nominations** (if needed for Elections)
 - **!Tech/Info Query** (Point of Info or Tech Assistance)
 - **!Vote** (Voting Assistance for Ballot or Zoom Poll Issues).
 - **!Officials** (Elected Officials who wish to be recognized as being in attendance)
- C. All members must await recognition by the Chair or Chair's designee.
- D. For **!Motion/Debate, !Nominations, !Tech/Info Query, and !Vote**, all CEC members with Zoom Chat access must also include their *NAME + PRECINCT NUMBER*, then either
 - a Motion or proposed amending text for a Motion,
 - a brief description for point of information/order,
 - the name of the person who they wish to place in nomination,
 - or *for X* or *against X* for Debate.
- E. For **!Tech/Info Query**, all members must include a *very brief explanation* of their technical or voting issue; the member must be prepared for a follow-up chat message
- F. For **seconding a motion**,
 - All delegates with **Chat** access **will type** "Second" or "2nd" + their precinct number, *which will be read aloud by the Chair or designee*
 - For **Debate**, all delegates must include in the chat "For" or "Against" + their Precinct Number to be recognized during discussion
 - All delegates **without Chat** access **will raise a hand** and await recognition by the Chair or designee, then unmute and second by voice

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If verbally called upon, the Chair or designee shall inquire why the member seeks recognition. If the member's purpose is in order and requires a verbal response, the Chair will recognize the member who shall state their **name** and **precinct number out loud**.

Rule 3B. Points of Personal Privilege.

For meeting efficiency, **Points of Personal Privilege** are **not** in order and **will not** be entertained.

Rule 3C. Abbreviated Procedure

As this is a special called meeting of only a portion of the County Executive Committee, the approval of the minutes of the last meeting of the CEC and the report of the Treasurer will be curtailed as follows:

- Only a summary of the minutes of the last meeting (January 18, 2024) will be submitted. Reading of the minutes will be dispensed with, and a vote to approve the minutes will be deferred to the next full CEC meeting or to the County Convention, whichever first occurs.
- The Treasurer's Report will be limited to a simple statement of the cash on hand, and will require no action by the CEC.

Rule 4. Credentialed Voting.

Credentialed CEC members are precinct chairs, vice chairs, or Ex Officio members (or their respective proxies) who pre-registered by **11:59 PM on February 6** to participate in the Virtual CEC meeting, and who completed or were in line for meeting credentialing 15 minutes past Quorum Declaration, and are in attendance at the time of any vote.

Proxies are allowed, but a person serving in multiple positions **may only vote in one capacity** and may not have a proxy for a secondary role.

- **Note:** Elected representatives of *County Chapters of Statewide Affiliated Organizations* who are ALSO a precinct chair or vice chair may *choose some other member of said organization* to be certified as the CEC representative for that organization, but to vote in the Judicial District nomination election, the proxy must reside in Judicial District 10D.

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Rule 5. Acclamation & Voice Voting.

The Chair may take votes by acclamation in uncontested races and voice votes on motions plus the adoption or suspension of rules.

Voice Votes for up or down voting on motions or amendments are allowed via

- solely by raised hands (*9) at the discretion of the Chair, or
- by Zoom **Poll** feature for **members attending via Zoom client** plus *9 for **members voting by phone-only** and Zoom Raised Hand feature for **Meeting Co-Hosts only**.
- The body will have up to **one (1) minute** to cast all Voice Votes, unless time is extended at the discretion of the Chair.

Rule 6. Nominations and Special Elections.

Pursuant to the Plan of Organization Sections 2.02, 3.08, 3.13 and 12.02, and Candidates that pre-declared via special email by February 5th will be listed first on the ballot; candidates nominated from the floor during the meeting will be added to the list.

- Nominations for candidates coming from the floor must self-nominate.
- Once the candidate list is set, each candidate may have up to **three (3) minutes** for remarks, which will include any nominating speeches.

The name of the candidate who receives a majority of votes cast by the respective CEC members shall be immediately certified by the WCDP chair and secretary and sent to the Governor of the State of North Carolina and to the State Board of Elections.

Rule 6. Elections Process

Pursuant to §3.13 of the N.C. Democratic Party Plan of Organization, each member of the Wake County Judicial District 10D Executive Committee shall have **one (1) vote**.

Elections with two (2) candidates for a single seat will be carried out via the **Zoom Poll feature**.

Elections with three (3) candidates or more for a single seat will be varied out via **Google Form Ballots**, using Instant Runoff Voting Process (ranked voting):

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A. For all elections administered via Zoom Poll Feature:

- Members attending via Zoom Client will use the Zoom Poll.
- Members without access to the Zoom Poll feature - including those attending on a phone **without** the Zoom Client and Co-Hosts - will use or have their votes recorded on a meeting voting mark sheet; votes will be added to the tally of the Zoom Poll results.
- Members accessing the meeting *by phone* who cannot access the Zoom Poll sheet will be moved to a breakout room and assisted by a trained volunteer in casting their votes.

B. For all elections administered via Google Form Ballots:

- For elections with three or more candidates, the election will be administered via Google Form ballots distributed to eligible CEC members during the meeting.
- An online ballot link will be shared in the Zoom chat. Members will click the link then access the ballot by entering specified contact information for the CEC meeting, as well as the **Personal Identification Number** (PIN) that was provided upon registration or shared with a proxy.
- Members accessing the meeting by phone who cannot complete an online ballot will be moved to a breakout room and assisted by a trained volunteer in casting their votes.
- Three (3) minutes *after the final parcel* of ballots are emailed, the meeting may resume; subject to extension at the discretion of the Chair.

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C. For all elections for a Judicial Candidate nominee with three or more candidates, exhaustive voting shall be used. In each round of elections, each elector casts a single vote for their chosen candidate. However, if no candidate is supported by an overall majority of votes then the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated and a further round of voting occurs. This process is repeated for as many rounds as necessary until one candidate has achieved a majority of those voting.

Rule 8. Limitations On Debate.

No member shall speak in debate more than once on the same question or longer than one (1) minute unless permission is granted by a majority vote (without debate) is granted.

Ad hominem commentary will not be tolerated by the Chair, who may curtail the remaining time of the speaker.

When members speak in support and opposition of a matter, alternation between pro and con speakers may not be practical, but shall be **limited to three (3) speakers** from each.

Rule 9. Prohibition Against Recording or Streaming.

The only recording of the meeting allowed shall be by the Executive Director to assist the Secretary with a record of the proceedings. Any other participant found to be recording, screen capturing *and sharing those captures*, or live streaming the meeting to any other platform will be immediately removed from the meeting.

Rule 10. Adjournment.

The County Executive Committee Meeting shall adjourn by 9 pm unless balloting is still taking place or unless otherwise extended by up to 30 minutes with permission of the CEC granted by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote without debate.