



NC 4th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

– May 8, 2021 | 11:00 am via Zoom –

PROPOSED MEETING RULES

RULE 1. *Chair.* The Chair of the Fourth Congressional District Democratic Party or their respective designee (the “Chair”) shall have general direction of the virtual Executive Committee Meeting on May 8, 2021 (the “Meeting”) and shall be authorized to take such action as is necessary to maintain order. The Chair shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal by any Executive Committee member, or their duly authorized alternate. Order of priority of Rules shall be (a) the Plan of Organization (the “Plan”), (b) these Special Rules as adopted by the Executive Committee (the “Special Rules”), and (3) Robert’s Rules of Order (Newly Revised, 11th Edition). Courteous respect for one another will be the standing order of the day. The Agenda shall be followed as adopted by the Executive Committee. While pending, the Agenda may be amended by a majority vote. After adoption, the Agenda may only be modified by a two-thirds vote of the body. Similarly, the Special Rules governing the Meeting may be amended by majority vote while pending. After adoption, the Special Rules may only be modified or suspended by a two-thirds vote of the body. These rules shall be valid only for the Meeting.

RULE 2. *Credentialed Voting.* Executive Committee members, or duly authorized alternates, who are present and participating in the virtual Meeting during a vote, election, or quorum call shall be entitled to vote. An attempt to vote by non-members shall be grounds for discipline by the Executive Committee and/or the Council of Review.

RULE 3. *Proxy Voting.* Executive Committee members may designate an active registered Democrat from his or her county or appropriate portion thereof to serve as their alternate by notifying the Chair or Secretary of the Fourth Congressional District Democratic Party of such designation, prior to the call to order of the Meeting; provided, however, that no person may serve as an alternate for more than one member at any meeting and no member can also serve at the same meeting as an alternate.

RULE 4. *Quorum.* Forty percent (40%) of the persons constituting the voting membership of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

RULE 5. *Obtaining Recognition.* Except in the case of physical or technical challenge, Executive Committee members, or their duly authorized alternates, wishing to speak shall utilize the raise hand feature within the Zoom teleconferencing platform and await recognition by the Chair. The Chair shall inquire to the purpose for seeking recognition. If the purpose for seeking recognition is in order, the Chair will recognize the Executive Committee member, or duly authorized alternate. Upon recognition, the speaker shall state their name, county of residence, and position. Further, all speakers shall abide by the special rules of the day as they regard to limitations on debate, limitations on nominating or candidate speeches, obtaining recognition, and credentialed voting.

RULE 6. *Limitations on Debate.* No Executive Committee member, or duly authorized alternate, shall speak in debate more than twice on the same question, or longer than five (5) minutes, without permission of the Executive Committee granted by a majority vote without debate. The debate period will be capped at twenty (20) minutes. Additional time may be added to the debate period, if time allows, by a majority vote without debate. Ad hominem arguments will not be tolerated by the Chair who may curtail the remaining time of the speaker if noted by the Chair.

RULE 7. *Orders of the Day.* The Executive Committee shall convene at 11:00 AM on May 8, 2021 for the purposes set forth in the agenda.