



COUNTY CONVENTION PACKET

2024

Letter from Chair

Dear Union County Democrats,

As we gather for our upcoming county convention, it's crucial to recognize the pivotal role each of us plays in shaping the future of our community, our state, and our nation. In this pivotal election year, the stakes couldn't be higher. From healthcare access to economic opportunity, from environmental stewardship to social justice, our values and priorities are on the line. Now, more than ever, we must come together as a united front to champion the causes that matter most to us and to effect real change in our rural area.

Your involvement in the county convention is not just an opportunity; it's a responsibility. By participating in the democratic process, you have the power to amplify your voice, advocate for policies that reflect our shared values, and shape the trajectory of our community's future. Whether you're a seasoned activist or a first-time attendee, your perspective and passion are invaluable assets to our movement. Together, we can build a stronger, more equitable future for all residents of Union County.

I urge you to join us at the county convention and make your voice heard. Let's stand together, shoulder to shoulder, not relying on hope, luck, or prayer but rather the effort we put into molding that better future. A brighter day is not inevitable, to the contrary they are hard fought for by dedicated citizens. So I encourage you to get active and into the fight so we can be the authors of a new horizon. 2024 is a consequential election year and we need to leave it all on the field, push past our fears of being uncomfortable and instead embrace our shared humanity as countrymen. Together, we can turn the tide of history and create a future we can all be proud of.

In gratitude,
Parron Baxter
Chair, Union County Democratic Party

Rules of the Day

RULE 1. *Chair.* The County Party Chair (Chair) shall have general direction of the meeting and shall be authorized to take such action as necessary to maintain order. The Chair, with the guidance of the appointed Parliamentarian, shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal by any delegate. Order of priority of Rules shall be (1) the North Carolina Democratic Party Plan of Organization, (2) the Rules adopted by the delegates of the Convention, and (3) Robert's Rules of Order (12th Edition). Courteous respect for one another will be the standing order of the day.

RULE 2. *Obtaining Recognition.* Except in the case of physical challenge, when any delegate wants to speak in debate, that delegate shall rise, approach a microphone, and await recognition by the Chair. The Chair shall inquire of the delegate the purpose for which the delegate rises. If the delegate's purpose in seeking recognition is in order, the Chair will recognize the delegate, and the delegate shall state their name and precinct name or number.

RULE 3. *Limitations on Speaking and Debate.* No delegate shall speak in debate more than once on the same question, or longer than one (1) minute, without permission of the assembly, granted by a majority vote without debate. Debate will be limited to five (5) minutes per motion, without permission of the assembly, granted 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. The Chair will attempt to alternate between members in favor or opposed to a motion. A "Point of Order" should be made only if the Party Plan of Organization, Rules of the Day, or Robert's Rules of Order are being violated by the Chair or another member. A "Question or Point of Personal Privilege" should be made only if it concerns the rights of the assembly or the individual's ability to fully participate physically and is urgent in nature. Neither "Point of Order" or "Question or Point of Personal Privilege" shall be used to debate a matter that is before the body.

RULE 4. *Credentialed Voting.* Credentialed delegates are those whose names appear on the official delegates' list submitted by the precincts and who have registered prior to the Convention call to order. The Chair may take voice votes, standing votes, or ballots for any and all votes. If a voice vote is used, any call for division must be sanctioned by delegates from twenty-five (25) percent of the precincts present.

RULE 5. *Quorum.* A quorum shall exist any time there is at least one credentialed delegate present from fifty (50) percent plus one of the organized precincts in the County. If the presence of a quorum is questioned, the Party Secretary, and/or assistants shall call the roll of precincts to determine if a quorum exists. Once a quorum has been established, no further quorum call needs to be recognized for one (1) hour. If a quorum exists when the body begins

debate on a subject, it is presumed to exist until that item is completed.

RULE 6. *Nominations for County Executive Committee Officers.*

Nominations for officers shall be conducted by a nomination committee or taken from the body with nominating speeches: limited to five minutes (5) for the Nominating Committee and limited to two (2) minutes for each nomination from the floor. Nominations do not require a second.

RULE 7. *Nominations for State Executive Committee Members.* Only nominations for State Executive Committee members made in accordance with section 4.01 of the Plan of Organization shall be in order. (Only if there are vacancies).

Nominations for SEC shall be conducted by a nomination committee or taken from the body with nominating speeches: limited to five (5) minutes for the Nominating Committee and limited to one (1) minutes for each nomination from the floor. Nominations do not require a second.

RULE 8. *Nomination of Congressional Convention Delegates.* Any credentialed delegate may place in nomination the name of a registered Democrat as

delegate to the Congressional District convention as appropriate for the nominee's voting address. If nominations for delegates to a convention are closed and the number of nominations does not exceed the number of seats, a motion to elect all nominees by acclamation shall be in order.

RULE 9. *Election of County Executive Committee Officers.* If only one nomination has been made, a motion to elect by acclamation will be in order.

If two or more nominations have been made for an office, the election shall be conducted in accordance with the weighted vote requirements in Section 5.02 of the Plan of Organization.

RULE 10. *Election of State Executive Committee Members.* If the number of nominations for State Executive Committee members is equal to the number of members to which the county is entitled, and the nominations conform with section 4.01 of the Plan of Organization, a motion to elect all nominees by acclamation will be in order.

Otherwise, each delegate will Vote for no more than eight (8) people. Ballots with more than eight (8) votes will be marked spoiled and will not be counted.

Union County will have eight (8) elected SEC seats in 2023, as described in the NCDP Plan of Organization.

Furthermore, in compliance with gender equity rules set forth in that Plan:

Four (4) of the eight (8) SEC seats will count towards the female gender identity allotment and four (4) of the eight (8) SEC seats will count towards the male gender identity allotment.

However, when a candidate is asked to declare their gender identity, they may declare female, male or gender non-binary.

Votes for all nominated candidates will be tallied from highest to lowest and evaluated as follows:

The gender identity (either female or male) that first achieves 4 positions shall be identified. The first gender non-binary candidate who receives more votes than the 4th-placed candidate shall displace the 4th-placed candidate.

If necessary, the process will repeat for the second gender identity and/or additional candidates that have declared their gender identity to be non-binary.

RULE 11. *Election of Congressional Convention Delegates.* Any credentialed delegate may place in nomination the name of a registered Democrat as delegate to the Congressional District convention as appropriate for the nominee's voting address. If nominations for delegates to a convention are closed and the number of nominations does not exceed the number of seats, a motion to elect all nominees by acclamation shall be in order.

RULE 12. *Resolutions.* Resolutions will be presented as a group for approval. Credentialed delegates may remove individual resolutions from a group for amendments by obtaining recognition,

stating a resolution they would like to have removed, and providing a reason. Credentialed delegates may make motions to approve or deny groups of resolutions. In debate, a delegate having removed a resolution from the group of considered resolutions may be recognized for one (1) minute to speak to the reason the resolution was pulled or to make motions. A delegate from the precinct or group of precincts submitting the Resolution may be recognized for one (1) minute to speak on behalf of the resolution or explain its intent. Delegates may then be recognized to speak for one (1) minute, alternating on behalf of or in opposition of the proposed Resolution.

RULE 13. *Tellers.* If ballots are used in any contested election, votes shall be collected and recorded via a paper ballot provided to each in-person precinct team in attendance to record their votes. The collected ballots shall be tallied in accordance with the weighted vote requirements in Section 5.02 of the Plan of Organization. In any contested election, each nominee may designate an official observer of this process by indicating to the Chair the name and email address of their designee.

Agenda

1. Welcome & Call to Order
 - a. NCDP Statement of Inclusion
 - b. Moment of Silence
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance & Salute to the NC Flag
 - d. Message from the State Chair
2. Meeting Requirements
 - a. Roll Call by Secretary for Quorum
 - b. Approval of Agenda
 - c. Approval of Rules of the Day
 - d. Approval of Last Year's Meeting Minutes
3. Elections
 - a. Election of State Executive Committee Members
 - b. Election of Congressional Convention Delegates
4. Conduct any other business related to the affairs of the County Party
5. Union County Candidates Introduction
6. Announcements
 - a. Thursday, March 21st at 6pm-8:30pm - EmpowHER Event, Old Armory Community Center in Monroe
 - b. Saturday, April 20th - Congressional District Conventions
 - c. Saturday, June 1st - Summer SEC Meeting
 - d. August 19-22 - 2024 Democratic National Convention in Chicago
 - e. Tuesday, November 5th - Election Day**
 - f. Canvassing - Every 2 Weeks - Sign up on website calendar
 - g. Phone Banking - Every 2 Weeks - Sign up on website calendar
 - h. Poll Greeting Shifts - Early Voting and Election Day - Sign up on website volunteer form
7. Adjournment

Minutes of the 2023 Union County Democratic Party Convention

The 2023 Convention was NOT recorded.

The Union County Democratic Party elected to hold an in person County Convention. The virtual convention was organized and paid for by the UCDP. The Union County Convention was overseen by representative(s) from the county party:

Union County Panelists: Lisa Walker, Chair; Cynthia Singleton, 1st Vice-Chair; Stuart Purr, 2nd Vice-Chair, Benjamin Gonzalez, 3rd Vice Chair, Cristal Robinson, Secretary, Krystal Edwards, Treasurer. Add. Panelist: Harry Crow, Parliamentarian

Date: Saturday, April 15, 2023

Meeting Location: In-person at Old Armory located at 500 S. Johnson Monroe, NC

Voting Procedures:

Start Time: 9:32 am

- 1) Welcome & Call to Order, Lisa Walker, UCDP Chair
- 2) NCDP Statement of Inclusion, Cristal Robinson, Secretary
- 3) Moment of Silence
- 4) Pledge of Allegiance & Salute to the NC Flag
- 5) Message from Judge John Arrowood
- 6) Inspiration Message from Rev Idris Strange

6) Roll Call: QUORUM ATTAINED (17 precincts needed); Full list of participating precincts are unavailable. Once a quorum was met, roll call ended. Cristal Robinson confirmed the roll call and quorum.

7) Agenda presented and voted on.
NO objections: approved as presented

7) Rules for the Day presented and voted on:
NO objections: approved as presented

8) Approval of Minutes from the 2022 County Convention
NO objections: approved as presented

9) Business

- a. Election Slate presented by Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor was asked. If uncontested, elected by acclamation or unanimous consent.

Motion: To close the slate of officers. Surluta Anthony 2nd: Rowland Rowell No Debate - Vote: Passed by acclamation

Lisa Walker, Chair turned over chair to Parron Baxter.

- b. Elect eight (8) members to the State Executive Committee Members.
 - c. Slate presented by Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor was asked. If uncontested, elected by acclamation or unanimous consent.
Motion: To close the slate of officers. Surluta Anthony 2nd: Roy - No Debate - Vote: Passed by paper ballot per rules of the meeting

Announcement made before end of meeting:

- Shawntay Anthony
- Brian Cross
- Kevin Daniels
- John Kibler
- Joyce Koon
- Cristal Robinson (they)
- Lynn Slivka
- Lisa Walker

- a. Elect Delegates to the 2023 Congressional District Conv.

Motion: Everyone in the meeting are delegates to the District and the Board will fill in any vacant positions - Surlata Anthony, 2nd: - No Debate - Vote: Passed

10) Resolutions:

1. Slate of Resolutions presented by Precincts presented

Motion: To vote on Slate of Resolution- Kathleen Domamski, 2nd: Steve Martin- Debate -

Motion: Motion to Remove Resolutions 5, 8, 11, and 15
- Steve Martin 2nd: Lisa Walker - Debate -

Harry Crow - point of order. He stated that each resolution should be addressed. Steve Martin accepted change in motion to split the vote by resolutions.

Motion: To amend motion to add Resolution 14 to remove Resolutions 5, 8, 11, and 15 close debate and vote Remove Resolution #5 - Lisa Walker , Accepted: Steve Martin - No Debate - Vote: Passed

Motion: To close debate and vote Remove Resolution #5 - Steve Martin , 2nd: Kate Turner - No Debate - Vote: Passed

Motion: To close debate and vote to Remove Resolution # 8 - Steve Martin, 2nd: Kate Turner - No Debate - Vote: Passed

Motion: To close debate and to vote to Remove Resolutions 11 - Steve. Martin, 2nd: Lisa Walker - No.Debate - Vote: Passed

Motion: To close debate and to vote to Remove Resolutions 15. - Steve Martin, 2nd: Kate Turner - No Debate - Vote: Passed

Motion: To close debate and to vote to Remove Resolutions 14 - Lisa. Walker, 2nd: Kate Turner - No.Debate - Vote: Passed

Motion: To close debate to vote on slate of Resolutions as presented after removal of Resolutions 5, 8, 11, 14, and 15 - Lisa Walker, 2nd: Kate Turner- No Debate - Vote: Passed

11) Other Business: NONE

12) Announcements: Times for future meetings

13) Adjournment at 11:53 am
NO objections

Elections

Nominations from the Floor will be accepted to fill two vacancies on the State Executive Committee (SEC). One male and one female. Here is the proposed election of members

State Executive Committee Member Nominations

Female Nomination - Autumn Solomon

Male Nomination - From the floor

Election of Congressional Convention Delegates (171 delegates)

NC Plan of Organization Description of State Executive Committee

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<https://www.ncdp.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/NCDP-Plan-of-Organization-January-29-2022.pdf>

Please fill out the form if you are a Democrat from Union County who wishes to be elected to serve as a delegate to your NCDP Congressional District Convention that is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2024 AND to the NCDP State Convention that is scheduled to be held on Saturday, June 1, 2024. Eligible Democrats will be elected on a first come first serve basis until the required number of delegates are elected, or until 11:59 PM ET on Tuesday March 19th, 2024, whichever is first.

[Congressional and State Convention Delegate Form](#)