

NC 11 Democrats 2023 District Convention
Rules of the Day
May 20, 2023

RULE 1. Chair. The District 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. The order of priority of the rules shall be (1) the North Carolina Democratic Party Plan of Organization, (2) the Rules of the Day adopted by the delegates of the Convention, and (3) Robert's Rules of Order. Courteous respect for one another will be the standing order of the day.

RULE 2. Obtaining Recognition. Except in cases of physical challenge, when any delegate wants to speak in debate, the delegate will approach a microphone and await recognition by the Chair. In the case of a physical challenge, the microphone will be brought to the delegate. The Chair will inquire of the delegate the purpose for which the delegate seeks recognition. 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 county.

RULE 3. Credentialed Voting. Credentialed delegates are those whose names appear on the official delegates' list submitted by the counties and who have registered properly prior to the Convention's call to order. The Chair may take voice votes, standing votes, or use ballots for any and all votes. If a voice vote is used, any call for Division of the Convention, which will result in an additional vote, must be supported by delegates from twenty-five (25) percent of the counties present.

RULE 4. Quorum. A quorum shall exist any time there is at least one credentialed delegate present from fifty (50) percent plus one of the counties comprising the 11th Congressional District. If the presence of a quorum is questioned, the District Secretary shall call the roll of counties to determine if a quorum exists. Once a quorum has been established, no further questions concerning quorum shall be recognized for one (1) hour. If a quorum exists when the convention begins debate on a subject, it is presumed to exist until that item is completed.

RULE 5. Limitations on Speaking & Debate. All delegates must be recognized by the Chair before speaking. No delegate shall speak in debate more than once on the same motion. Debate on any motion is limited to two (2) minutes per person. The Chair will attempt to alternate between delegates in favor and those opposed to a motion. A "Point of Order" should be made only if the North Carolina Democratic Party Plan of Organization, Rules of the Day, or Robert's Rules of Order are being violated by the Chair or another delegate. 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 hear, participate, etc. and is urgent in nature. Neither a "Point of Order" or "Question or Point of Personal Privilege" shall be used to debate a matter that is before the Convention.

RULE 6. Nominations. Nominations for office shall be taken from among Convention delegates and any candidate may nominate him/her/themselves. Nominations do not require a second. Nominating speeches are limited to two (2) minutes. Each candidate may have up to two (2) minutes to respond to the nomination after the nominations for that office are closed.

RULE 7. Election of Officers. If one delegate is nominated for an office, and the presiding officer has made sure no delegates present wish to make further nominations, the presiding officer shall declare the

nominee elected, thus causing an election by unanimous consent or acclamation. If two or more nominations are made for an office, the election shall be conducted pursuant to the voting requirements contained in Section 6.01 of the Plan of Organization.*

RULE 8. Resolutions. The Chair of the 11th Congressional District Resolutions Committee shall report on resolutions for consideration by the delegates. The resolutions shall be displayed to the delegates. The resolutions shall be presented as a consent agenda; however, any delegate opposed to passing a recommended resolution included in the consent agenda may request that this resolution be “pulled” from the group for discussion and debate. The debate period for an individual resolution shall be limited to five minutes. There shall be no amendments to the resolutions from the convention floor. When debate time expires, the Chair shall move to a vote on the resolution. A resolution shall be approved by a majority vote of the delegates.

*Section 6.01 of the North Carolina Democratic Party Plan of Organization states: “Each county in a congressional district shall be entitled to cast at a congressional district convention one vote for every three hundred votes or major fraction thereof cast in the last preceding gubernatorial election. . . . Each county shall be entitled to its full voting strength, only if the county has elected its full voting strength; if not, the county shall be entitled to the number of votes equal to the number of delegates elected. . . . Each delegate present from a particular county shall cast an equal number of votes which the county is entitled to cast. . . . Nothing prevents the district convention from adopting rules, making nominations, holding elections, and conducting business by voice vote or by acclamation where a vote of counties is not demanded by twenty-five percent of the delegates present.”