

GUILFORD COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SPECIAL ELECTION MEETING

MINUTES OF SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018

The Guilford County Democratic Party Executive Committee held a Special Election Meeting to elect the Guilford County Democratic Party Greensboro Vice Chair and 1 male State Executive Committee member vacancies

PRESENT

Guilford County Democratic Party Chair Nicole Ward Quick, Precinct Chairs and Vice Chairs of Guilford County Democratic Party, Elected Officials, State Executive Committee Members, Executive Director Bess Lewis, paper ballot counter Pete Salassi, and Guilford County Democratic Party Board of Officers were present.

AGENDA

Guilford County Democratic Party Chair Nicole Ward Quick called the meeting to order at 10:17 AM to allow time for members to check in so to reach quorum. Connie Shuler led the committee in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Guilford County Democratic Party Chair Nicole Ward Quick explained the agenda to elect the Guilford County Democratic Party Greensboro Vice Chair and 1 male Guilford County Democratic Party State Executive Committee member. Both votes are by paper ballot. GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick asked for a motion to approve the agenda. B.J. Gerald-Covington made the motion, and Ed Avohohav seconded the motion. Motion passed and the agenda approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Guilford County Democratic Party Chair Nicole Ward Quick and ballot counter Pete Salassi explained the rules and process for voting for the GCDP Greensboro Vice Chair and 1 male State Executive Committee member vacancies.

Guilford County Democratic Party Chair Nicole Ward Quick asked for nominees for Guilford County Democratic Party Greensboro Vice Chair to speak for 3 minutes. B. J. Gerald-Covington and Pete Shaw came forward and each spoke. After each nominee spoke, Guilford County Executive Committee members who voted in Greensboro cast a paper ballot for their choice of GCDP Greensboro Vice Chair. Paper ballots were collected and counted.

Guilford County Democratic Party Chair Nicole Ward Quick asked for nominees for the 1 male State Executive Committee member vacancy to come forward and speak for 3 minutes. Nominees Larry Cormier, Pete Shaw, and Greg Moody spoke. Guilford County Executive Committee members voted by paper ballot. Ballots were collected and counted.

OFFICER REPORTS

Guilford County Democratic Party Treasurer James Bowles stated that Treasurer Reports are on record in Raleigh. In 2017, GCDP started with \$8884 and ended with \$22,711. GCDP started 2018 with \$22,711 and, after receipts and expenses, is \$21,487.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Guilford County Democratic Party Chair Nicole Ward Quick announced that precinct meeting window is from February 5-19 and to continue organizing as many as we can.

Candidate filing is February 12-28th

District Conventions are May 5th

NC State Democratic Party Convention is June 9th

Guilford County Democratic Party Convention is March 24th, 10:00 AM at Guilford Technical Community College

Efforts are being made to form the Hispanic Caucus.

Indivisible is partnering with Guilford County Democratic Party on some events.

The NCDP Fellow helps with phone banking and continued activism for precinct organization. GCDP Chair Nicole answered questions and noted that High Point Vice Chair Joshua “Fox” Brown, Rural Vice Chair Leslie Martin, and Secretary Beverly Bard can help with precinct organization questions.

Guilford County Democratic Party 1st Vice Chair Pam Stubbs reported that candidate training started and a program is being developed. Candidates are encouraged to visit precinct meetings. She said that she and GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick were interviewed for a pod cast about racial equality across the USA with 538 Media and News. Their interview was included in the pod cast 538.org by Nate Silver.

GCDP 1st VC Pam Stubbs gave an update about racial gerrymandering of maps. The Supreme Court deemed the maps unconstitutional and will be redrawn, but there is question when maps will be completed by the Master and used in 2018.

Guilford County Democratic Party 2nd Vice Chair Jaime Brown asked active precinct chairs to call her, and also those precinct chairs wishing to be more active to call and learn how to be more active.

Guilford County Democratic Party Chair Nicole Ward Quick announced that Rural Vice Chair Leslie Martin and 3rd Vice Chair Dillon Tyler were absent so Chair Nicole asked for other reports.

Guilford County Democratic Party High Point Vice Chair Joshua “Fox” Brown thanked the committee for serving. High Point lost the mayoral vote by only 41 votes after winning inside Guilford County. We just needed 2 more votes from each precinct, so your vote matters and it is important, not only for national elections, but also municipal elections. Democratic High Point council members tripled, with an unaffiliated turning Democrat. Young, local candidates, and support of volunteers are needed. GCDP High Point Vice Chair Joshua gave suggestions on precinct activities including meeting in clusters, having social activities, and having meetings consisting of all precincts in your ward. He asked organizers to call him with questions at 336-420-2298. He suggested that precinct members share the cost of postcards used in organizing. Discussion followed and questions answered about precinct and county fundraising.

Guilford County Democratic Party Secretary/Issues Chair Beverly Bard thanked Sangeetha and GCDP 3rd Vice Chair Dillon Tyler for help with the Issues Survey and getting minutes into the GCDP web site. GCDP Secretary/Issues Chair Bev Bard shared DNC message of “Commit to Truth, Stand for Fairness, Fight for Justice” when calling for Economic Development and Opportunity, World Class Public Education for all that includes respectful pay for teachers, Safe Environment to end Climate Change, Racial Equality and Equity, Affordable Healthcare, an end to Gerrymandering, no hunger or food desserts, LGBTQIA Rights, Women’s Rights, Gun Control, Term Limits and Tax Reform, Justice System and Prison Reform, a Minimum Wage to Remove Poverty Levels, a Reasonable Pathway to Citizenship, the World’s Best Child and New Family Care, Voting Rights. She invited City Council Members, the Legislature, and Congress to join us in Committing to Truth, Standing for Fairness, and Fighting for Justice. She asked for volunteers to sign up for the Issues Committee.

Guilford County Democratic Party Chair Nicole Wqrd Quick said Indivisible partners with us, and a post card writing event to our Senators and Representative in response to the Kentucky shooting was held.

Guilford County Democratic Party Chair Nicole Ward Quick said that GCDP auxiliary Presidents of African American Caucus Felita Donnell, LGBT Democrats Lawrence Eisenburg, and Young Democrats Lee Goldston were absent so asked for other auxiliary reports.

Guilford County Democratic Party Progressive Caucus President Larry Cormier reported that they are signing up with NC Democratic Party and hope to be more active. They will elect officers on February 19 and start a fundraising strategy. Progressive Caucus President Larry Cormier asked everyone to sign up.

Democratic Women of Guilford County President Carolyn Bunker reported that membership is open to men. They now have 300 members and about 40 are men. The membership form is found on the E-Blast or at the Guilford County Democratic Party Office, in the precinct packet, or contact her and she will mail a form to you. The Sweetheart Party is February 11 at the home of Donna and Robert Hodgman and is \$35. Fundraising for candidates depends on individual

contributions and fundraising. Democratic Women of Guilford County receive no funds from the Guilford County or North Carolina Democratic Party. DWGC donated a total \$10,000 to candidates in the past. Nominations for DWGC officers are in May when DWGC President steps down. Mary Bell Hemingway will take nominations for officers. The next regular meeting is March 1 with NC D28 Senator Gladys Robinson and Representative NC House D58 Amos Quick. Warm clothes and canned goods are collected for Urban Ministry and IRC Center.

Senior Democrats of Guilford County Joan Bass acting for Terry Mitchell reported that many of us don't like to admit we're seniors. Joan Bass said they want to be active. President Terry is doing better in rehab. Regretfully, Treasurer Zimmerman SDGC passed away. Their next meeting will be February 28 at Mimi's Café on Friendly Ave at 1:30 PM. The speaker will present a program about brain health and we are all invited. The membership meeting is April 7 at Guilford County Democratic Party office in Greensboro and they will get fired up and ready to go!

Guilford County Democratic Party Chair Nicole Ward Quick informed that resolutions written by precincts can be turned into the office with the precinct forms/certification. All resolutions are combined and voted on at conventions. GCDP Chair Nicole appreciated the 300 resolutions that all passed at the State Executive Committee. She sent a plea for elected Board Officers and SEC members to take their job seriously and complete their term to avoid extra CEC meetings in the future, necessary to fill vacancies.

Guilford County Democratic Party Executive Committee Special Meeting Election Results

Guilford County Democratic Party Greensboro Vice Chair

Pete Shaw	229.5 weighted votes
	<u>51.0 raw votes</u>
B. J. Gerald Covington	95.0 weighted votes
	22.0 raw votes

Guilford County Democratic Party State Executive Committee Member (1 male)

Greg Moody	188.0 weighted votes
	<u>36.0 raw votes</u>
Larry Cormier	132.50 weighted votes
	<u>39.0 raw votes</u>
Pete Shaw	96.0 weighted votes
	21.0 raw votes

Guilford County Democratic Party Chair Nicole Ward Quick asked for motion to adjourn. Motion made, seconded, and passed. The Special Election Meeting of Guilford County Democratic Party Executive Committee adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Beverly Bard,
 GCDP Secretary

