

**NC Democratic Party**  
**Jewish Caucus Founding Convention**  
**February 26, 2023 - Minutes**

**Those Present:**

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From 3:00 - 4:00 p.m., Matt Sadinsky welcomed everyone who came to the PreMeeting, reviewed the FAQs, Mission, Vision, agenda, the rules, the bylaws, and our goal is to get the business accomplished in two hours.

1. **Convocation** given by Rabbi Eric Solomon, Beth Meyer Synagogue in Raleigh. “You are convoked,” said Rabbi Solomon.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag** - Matt Sadinsky led the pledge.
3. **Call to Order** - Matt Sadinsky called the 42 participants in the Convention to Order. He shared the Mission, Vision, and Purposes.
4. **Quorum:** The Rules of the Day provide for 25% of those registered are needed for a quorum. That number is 16. Treasurer John Kibler declared that we had a quorum: 30 attendees: 12 panelists=42.
5. **History** - Thanked members of the Steering Committee who have met regularly since last year.
6. **Videos submitted by the following NC Elected Officials were played, congratulating the Caucus on its formation and important work:** Attorney General Josh Stein, Congresswoman Deborah Ross, Congresswoman Kathy Manning, Congressman Wiley Nickel, State Sen. Lisa Grafstein, State Rep. Caleb Rudow, and Mecklenburg County Commissioner Leigh Altman.
7. **Adoption of Agenda** - Matt reviewed the agenda. Motion David Rubin (Wake)/seconded Stephen Coen (Mecklenburg) - No discussion, Agenda adopted without objection.
8. **Adoption of the Rules of the Day** - Matt reviewed the Rules. Motion John Kibler (Union)/seconded Lisa Jewell (Mecklenburg). No discussion. Rules adopted without objection.
9. **Adoption of Bylaws** - Matt shared the screen of the bylaws and reviewed them. Today, the mission is to understand the bylaws and vote them up or down. No amendments are in order today. Motion Robert Hyman (Wake)/seconded David Rubin (Wake). Rabbi Fred Guttman (Guilford) speaks in favor. Suggests addition of words “and demonization” in future. Bob Hyman asks for the Rabbi to send him an email with that suggestion, as amendments to the bylaws are out of order in today’s Rules. No one speaks against. Without objection, the bylaws are adopted.
10. **Election of Officers and Mediation & Conciliation Committee** - Matt gives the gavel to Bob Hyman for the election of the President.
  - Bob Hyman asks for self nominations from the floor for President. There are none. Motion Mike Schaul (Wake)/seconded David Rubin (Wake) to elect Matt Sadinsky President by acclamation. 39 AYE; 0 NO; 1 ABSTAIN. Motion is adopted. Congratulations to Matt.
  - Matt takes the gavel back and asks for self nominations from the floor for 1st Vice President. There are none. Motion to close nominations and elect David Rubin 1st Vice President by acclamation. 26 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSTAIN. Motion is adopted. Congratulations to David.
  - Matt asks for self nominations from the floor for 2nd Vice President. Eileen Paroff nominates Paula Wolf. We are only accepting self-nominations, as per the Rules. Asked by Bob Hyman if she would accept the nomination, Paula gratefully and respectfully declines. No additional nominations. Motion Leigh Altman (Mecklenburg)/seconded Mike Schaul (Wake) to elect Jeff Bierer 2nd Vice President by acclamation. 23 YES; 1 NO; 2 ABSTAIN. Motion is adopted. Congratulations to Jeff.
  - Lisa Wofford raises a point of order: she wonders why there are no women on the Executive Committee. Matt explains that Sarah Fuerst and Paula Wolf have been

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- involved in all the work of the Caucus getting us to the present. However, the point is well noted.
- Matt asks for self nominations for 3rd Vice President. There are none. Motion Leigh Altman (Mecklenburg)/seconded David Rubin (Wake) to elect Norman Rabins 3rd Vice President by acclamation. 23 YES; 1 NO. Motion is adopted. Congratulations to Norman.
  - The Mediation & Conciliation Committee - 5 names placed into nomination. Stephen Coen, Sarah Fuerst, Bob Hyman, Joel Rosch, Mike Schaul. Asks for self nominations from the floor. Lisa Jewell (Mecklenburg) self nominates in order to bring more balance of women to committee. Allen Krusch (Mecklenburg) self nominates. Bob Hyman (Wake) withdraws his name, in the interest of diversity of gender and geography. Stephen Coen (Mecklenburg) withdraws in the interest of diversity and to free up his time to volunteer on another standing committee. There are now 5 candidates for 5 openings. Motion Rabbi Guttman (Guilford)/seconded Leigh Altman (Mecklenburg) to close nominations and adopt slate of all 5: Fuerst, Rosch, Schaul, Jewell, and Krusch by acclamation. 27 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSTAIN. Motion adopted. Congratulations to all members.
  - Question from Lynn Schwartz asks to explain this Committee's charge. Matt and Bob Hyman explains it exists to manage any disputes that may arise.
11. Matt Sadinsky showed the slides of the new elected Officers, with their biographies. Bob Hyman asks Mike Schaul to draft rules for the Mediation and Conciliation Committee since he has served on a similar committee at the state party level. Mike declines. Bob says someone has to do it.
  12. **Next Steps** - We will be requesting affiliation from North Carolina Democratic Party. Congratulated all new officers.
  13. Summer State Executive Committee (SEC) meeting is coming up and we need your help to run for the SEC. That is where the policies and procedures of the state party are made and voted upon. Run for SEC. Go to Precinct Meetings happening now and be designated as a Delegate to your County Party meetings. Please also join our Caucus standing committees.
  14. We sent out over 289 invitations, including to all Democratic Party County Chairs to this meeting. 64 registered.
  15. Matt thanked everybody for joining and participating and making this a reality.
  16. **Adjournment** - Paula Wolf (Wake)/Stephen Coen (Mecklenburg) seconded MOTION to adjourn passed unanimously. At 5:26 p.m. ahead of schedule.
  17. David Rubin (Wake) says there were many people who wanted to talk to each other at this meeting, and, unfortunately, this webinar format did not allow for that. He suggests that we should hold a Community meeting soon where we can meet and talk to each other.
  18. Thanks to Carol Swartz and to Sean Crowley for their technical assistance.
  19. How many watching on YouTube? There was 29 attendees pre-registered to observe on YouTube. Number who joined is unknown, but other YouTube observers recall seeing 26 before adjournment.
  20. Paula Wolf (Wake) gives thanks to Matt Sadinsky, who now hears Roberts Rules of Order in his dreams.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paula A. Wolf