

Proposed NHC Democratic Party County Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

**May 17, 2021
6:30pm (zoom)**

- I. Andre Brown called the meeting to order.
- II. The County Executive Committee considered a slate of nominees for the New Hanover County Board of Elections proposed by NHCDP Chair Andre Brown. The County Executive Committee consists of Precinct Chairs and Vice Chairs, County Officers, SEC Members, Chairs of Registered Auxiliary Organizations and Elected Officials. CEC members were asked to vote on the slate.
 - a. We need 29 to have a quorum. At 7:12 pm we reached a quorum with 31.
 - b. We heard from the proposed slate: Evelyn Bryant, Derrick Miller, Lyana Hunter, Oliver Carter.
 1. Evelyn Adger Bryant (Chair) -- Evelyn has been a Board of Elections member since April 2018. She has worked as a legal assistant since 1993 and currently works with attorney Andrew L. Waters. In that capacity she manages the attorney's calendar, writes correspondence, prepares presentations for criminal trials and performs other administrative duties. She has worked one-on-one to improve the academic achievement of low-scoring students as a teacher for LINC INC. She serves on a variety of local boards and was chosen Phenomenal Woman of the year in 2017.
 2. Derrick Miller (Board Member) -- Derrick has been a member of the New Hanover County Board of Elections since January 2020. In 2018 he was a plaintiff in the successful Common Cause v. Lewis case, which established that North Carolina's extreme political gerrymandering of NC Senate Districts 8 and 9 violated the state constitution's guarantee of free elections. Derrick testified effectively about how residents in the gerrymandered "Wilmington notch" were disenfranchised. Derrick has been the UNCW department chair for World Languages & Cultures since 2018.
 3. Lyana Hunter (Board Member) -- Lyana has been an Assistant Public Defender with the District 5 Office of the Public Defender since since 2010; prior to that time, she spent three years in a solo law practice. She also was general counsel to the D.C. Public School system from 2005 to 2006. She is recognized as a Child Welfare Specialist by the National Association of Counsel for Children and was a 2018 winner in WILMA's Women to watch.
 4. Oliver Carter III (Alternate) -- Oliver has been with Carter & Carter Attorneys at Law since 2009, and is a Certified Specialist in Creditors' Rights. He practices law in Creditors' Rights, Business and Commercial Bankruptcy and related areas. In 2020 Oliver organized Voter Protection volunteers as a Deputy Regional Team Leader for the NCDP Voter Protection Program in Southeastern NC. The 2020 Voter Protection effort was the biggest ever in North Carolina.

- c. We heard from several members regarding the slate of nominees. George Vlasits moved that we accept the slate of nominees. Jill Hopman seconded the motion. All voted and the motion carried with at least 24 in favor.
 - d. Andre will have this information into the proper authorities by Wednesday.
- III. Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve April minutes. Jill Hopman seconded. The motion carried.
 - b. Herb Harton made a motion to approve County Convention minutes. Hollis Briggs seconded. The motion carried.
- IV. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Brenda Fong presented the report.
 - b. Balance: \$34,089.50. Actual Balance: \$28,173.99. Building Fund Balance: \$6,683.56. Grand total balance is \$34,867.55.
- V. 7th District Convention via zoom
 - a. Sonya Benneton Patrick announced the 7th District Convention will be on Saturday, May 22nd at 10:00 am. The Keynote speaker will be NCDP Secretary and Publisher of Good News about Democrats, Melvin Williams. Register in advance for the meeting here. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. All 7th District Democrats are welcome, but only delegates elected at their County Convention can vote.
 - b. Registration is required. Check Democratic Party email for registration link.
 - c. Election of new officers will happen. Sonya Patrick is seeking reelection.
- VI. Next month's meeting will be in person at headquarters.
- VII. No other business or announcements. Jennifer MacNeish made a motion to adjourn. Someone seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.