

ARTICLE I: MEETINGS

A. The District of Columbia Democratic State Committee (formerly, the Democratic Central Committee of the Democratic Party of the District of Columbia) DCDC shall hold at least nine (9) Regular Meetings per calendar year on the first Thursday of the month. The Executive Committee, by majority vote, may cancel any Regular Meeting.

B. Written notice that states the place, day, hour or cancellation of any meeting of the State Committee shall be delivered to each member personally, by mail or electronically through e-mails or text messages in accordance with the provisions in Article V, Section A.3.a of the Constitution.

1.If mailed, the notice of a meeting shall be deemed delivered when deposited in the US mail and addressed to the member's address as it appears in the official record of State Committee Members.

2.If transmitted electronically, the notice of meeting shall be deemed delivered when sent to the contact E-mail address OR phone number provided by the member.

C. One-third (1/3) of the State Committee membership present at a Regular or Special Meeting shall constitute a quorum.

D. One-third (1/3) of the Executive Committee present at an Executive Committee meeting shall constitute a quorum.

E. Conduct of all meetings of the State Committee shall be consistent with Robert's Rules of Order, which will be used as supplemental guidance to the State Committee's Constitution and Bylaws.

F. Votes shall be by voice, with the result determined by the Chair.

1. If a State Committee member calls for a "division of the house," the Chair will take a vote by members standing, or raising hands to vote on an issue.

2. If one-third (1/3) of the State Committee members present and voting demand a roll call vote, the Chair shall cause the Recording Secretary to call the roll of members, rotating in alphabetical and ward order. The names of those voting "Yes," "No," or "Present" shall be recorded. This voting provision shall not be used in elections.

ARTICLE II: FILLING OF VACANCIES

A. A current roster of the State Committee members shall be maintained by the Recording Secretary and distributed by the Corresponding Secretary to all State Committee members and published for public information.

B. Upon resignation of any member from any position on the State Committee, the Chair shall, within thirty (30) days of notice, send a copy of the resignation along with a copy of the acceptance of the resignation by the State Committee to the Board of Elections of the District of Columbia.

C. Upon determination of a vacancy of any position on the State Committee, it shall be the responsibility of the Party Organization and Function Committee to administer the process of filling said vacancy.

D. Vacancies of Members at Large, Add-On Members, National Committeeman and National Committeewoman shall be filled by a majority vote of the State Committee Members at a Regular Meeting within sixty (60) days after the vacancy occurs, provided notice has been given no less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the meeting designated for such election(s).

E. Vacancies of Ward State Committee members shall be filled by an Election within the Ward Democratic Committee within sixty (60) days after the position has been declared vacant by the State Committee, and proper notice has been given by the Ward Democratic Committee to the affected Ward membership at least 15 calendar days prior to the election.

F. Vacancies of and Constituency Members on the State Committee representing Democratic Organizations shall be filled by the vote of the membership of the applicable Democratic Organization within sixty (60) days (or less, if required by that Organization's Bylaws) after the vacancy occurs and proper notice has been given by the applicable Democratic Organization to its membership at least 15 calendar days prior to the election.

G Upon the filling of a vacancy in accordance with this By-law Article, the Chair shall Notify the Board of Elections of the District of Columbia of the name and address of the persons so elected.

ARTICLE III: REMOVAL OF MEMBERS (to be discussed at future Bylaws committee meeting and voted on at a Regular meeting scheduled thereafter)

ARTICLE IV: BIENNIAL MEETING

The National Committeeman and National Committeewoman shall jointly call the first meeting of the State Committee after the Primary election at which they, the Ward, and At-large State Committee Members are elected.

ARTICLE V: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Officers shall be elected by a plurality vote of State Committee members present and voting at the Biennial Meeting pursuant to Article V, A. of the Constitution.

B. Voting for officers shall be by open ballot.

ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES

- A. Standing Committee Chairpersons shall be nominated by the Chair, approved by the Executive Committee, and ratified by the State Committee.
- B. Ad-hoc Committees shall be appointed as needed by the Chair of the State Committee with the approval of the Executive Committee of the State Committee.

ARTICLE VII: ENDORSEMENTS

- A. The State Committee [“may”] hold a straw poll amongst Democratic primary candidates who meet the qualifications laid out by the Committee for the offices of Congressional Delegate, Mayor, Chairman and At-Large Members of the DC Council, Statehood Senators and Representative, National Committeeman and National Committeewoman.
- B. Voting shall be by open ballot.
- C. Prior to the straw poll meeting , a candidates’ forum will be sponsored by the State Committee with those candidates who have filed their Statement of Candidacy and campaign committee with the DC Office of Campaign Finance.
- D. When voting in the straw poll, a vote for “none of the above ” will equally count as a vote for a candidate.
- E. Chartered Ward Democratic Organizations and Ex-Officio Democratic Organizations and Democratic Constituency organizations shall not be bound by the provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE VIII: CONSTITUENCY MEMBERS (to be discussed at future Bylaws committee meeting and voted on at a Regular meeting scheduled thereafter)

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

- A. These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the State Committee upon proper notice of a Proposed Amendment.
- B. No Proposed Amendment may be adopted unless thirty (30) days notice containing the text of the Proposed Amendments has been given. However, amendments to Proposed Amendments shall be considered.
- C. No amendment to a Proposed Amendment may be adopted unless there has been seven (7) days notice containing the text of the amended amendment.

D. The text and date of any amendments to the Bylaws adopted at a Regular meeting will be logged into the Index attached to the Bylaws by the Recording Secretary. The Index will be maintained as the official record of Amendments to the State Committee's Bylaws.

These Bylaws contain amendments adopted on 11/02/95, 05/02/99, 10/28/12, 5/10/13, 6/18/14, and 03/03/22.