

**Minnesota DFL State Central Committee
Special Meeting
Virtual Meeting- Zoom Online Platform
Call to Order-
January 25, 2022 at 5:30PM**

I. Opening Business

A. Call to Order

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM.
2. Meeting norms were set.
3. Ann Friedrich and Chair Ken Martin have been appointed to be co-chairs of this meeting.
4. Sonja Johnson and Meredith Bain have been appointed to be tellers.
5. Instructions on how to use the DFL's ElectionBuddy program to vote during the meeting were provided by Party Affairs Director Sonja Johnson.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by State Central Committee members.

C. Adoption of Agenda

1. Outreach and Inclusion Officer Cheniqua Johnson read the DFL's Outreach and Inclusion Statement.
2. Motion to adopt the agenda as written, seconded, and the motion passed.
3. The agenda was adopted as written/presented.

D. Approval Of Amended SCC Rules to allow for Virtual Only Meetings

1. Motion to approve the amended SCC Rules to allow for Virtual Only Meetings, seconded, and the motion passed.

E. Reading and Approval of Minutes

1. The minutes from the Saturday December 11, 2021 Regular State Central Committee meeting were read and reviewed.
2. Motion to approve the minutes, seconded, and the motion passed.
3. The minutes from the Saturday December 11, 2021 Regular State Central Committee meeting were approved.

II. Special Orders

A. Proposed addition of the Code of Conduct to the DFL Call, Bylaws and Rulebook

1. Co-chair Kate Peer provided a summary of the committee work that went into the creation and development of the Code of Conduct to the DFL Call, Bylaws, and Rulebook.

2. Motion to approve the addition of the Code of Conduct to the DFL Call, Bylaws and Rulebook; seconded.
3. Motion to amend ARTICLE VII STATE PARTY ORGANIZATION : Section 6. State Party Standing Committees. : Bylaw ... : I. Code of Conduct Committee. Membership.

“ARTICLE VII STATE PARTY ORGANIZATION : Section 6. State Party Standing Committees. : Bylaw ... : I. Code of Conduct Committee. Membership. The Code of Conduct Committee shall consist of thirteen (13) members. Nine (9) members shall be selected by the State Executive Committee among its own members with no specific professional skillset required other than respect for and discretion with private and confidential information. Four (4) members shall be selected by the Executive Committee and possess skills, education, training, or work experience in Human Resources or a legal specialty relating to such matters. Anyone who has attended an organizing unit (SD or County) convention as a delegate or alternate in the current cycle is able to be considered. The process may commence any time after the newly formed SEC is established (at the adjournment of the State Convention). The process must be finalized 72 hours before the SEC & SCC meetings immediately following the state convention, with the committee membership being announced at that time. Their 2-year term on the Code of Conduct Committee shall begin upon the adjournment of the summer (August) SCC meeting.

Responsibilities. The Code of Conduct Committee shall have as minimum objectives: 1. Recommend refinements and changes to the Code of Conduct of the DFL Party. 2. Review and resolve complaints brought under the code of conduct, subject to appeal to the State Executive Committee. Members of the Code of Conduct Committee who participate in a review or hearing of the committee shall recuse themselves and not count towards or against quorum for any appeal to a decision of the Code of Conduct Committee. 3. Anyone who may have a potential conflict of interest shall recuse themselves and not count towards or against quorum for any appeal to a decision of the Code of Conduct Committee.”

4. The motion to amend the motion was seconded, discussion, and the motion failed. 88 in favor, 173 against
5. There was discussion on the original motion.
6. Motion to amend the Code of Conduct to add this language; seconded.

“DUE PROCESS: It is important that the accused receive due process. This will include:

- The right to confront and question the accusers;

- The right to have the accusation and all proceedings kept confidential (unless and until a verdict is reached that the accusation was correct/well-grounded)
 - The right to have the assistance of a lawyer or friend, at the preference of the accused;
 - The right to be presumed innocent until proven otherwise;”
7. Motion to move to refer this amendment to the proper committee for review, seconded, discussion, and the motion was accepted as a friendly amendment by the author of the original motion.
 8. Motion to strike the “Failure to Honor the DFL Endorsement” section from the Code of Conduct, seconded, discussion, and the motion failed. 90 in favor, 149 opposed.
 9. Motion to strike “that I am signing the agreement freely and voluntarily” in the “Acknowledgement of Understanding” section (signature paragraph) of the Code of Conduct, seconded, discussion, and the motion passed. 185 in favor, 63 opposed
 10. Motion to amend the “Acknowledgement of Understanding” section of the Code of Conduct to strike all of the language with the exception of this language:

“Violation of the code of conduct will result in discipline which may include anything from a private reprimand to a permanent ban and responsibilities are also governed by rules contained in the DFL State Constitution and Bylaws, the Official Call, and other applicable governing documents.”

 - The motion was seconded, discussion, and the motion failed. 99 in favor, 130 opposed
 11. Motion to call the question, no objections.
 12. Vote on the main motion to approve the Code of Conduct with the approved amendment and the motion passed.
 13. The Code of Conduct to the DFL Call, Bylaws and Rulebook with approved amendments stands approved.

B. Proposed update to Platform Committee Bylaws to allow for updating platform preambles

1. Motion by the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee to adopt the following proposed Bylaw amendment which would add the following language to Article VII, Section 6, first unnumbered Bylaw, heading C (Platform, Issues, and Legislative Affairs Committee), Responsibilities:

Recommend to the State Central Committee for their approval revisions to the preambles of the ongoing platform and the action agenda. The preambles shall not conflict with either the ongoing platform or the action agenda. If a conflict exists, or is created, the Committee may amend the preambles to resolve any conflict(s). Any such Committee amendment

must be reported at the next State Central Committee meeting whose notice is given after the Committee adopts the preamble amendment.

- The motion was seconded, discussion, and the motion passed.
- 189 in favor, 7 votes opposed

C. Election of 2 Members of the Party Affairs and Coordinated Campaign Committee that do not identify as Male

1. Nominations were opened for candidates and these names were placed into nomination:
 - Amy Livingston
 - Henry Wigs
 - Jessica Crotteau
2. The DFL Outreach and Inclusion Statement was read before voting commenced.
3. These positions are vacancies and the term will be until the end of the August SCC meeting in 2022.
4. Votes: 64 for Henry Wigs, 159 for Jessica Crotteau, and 202 for Amy Livingston
5. Amy Livingston and Jessica Crotteau were elected as members of the Party Affairs and Coordinated Campaign Committee (non-male identifying positions).

D. Proposed Precinct Caucus Attendee Bylaw Change

1. Chair Ken Martin provided historical context of the court case that was brought by the DFL and Noah McCourt to the MN Supreme Court which aimed to allow felons and other individuals not eligible to vote to participate in precinct caucuses and conventions (such as DREAMERs and non-citizens).
2. In furtherance of the resolution adopted by the 2018 State Convention (see Page 2) and the decision issued by the Minnesota Court of Appeals on January 3, 2022, in Minnesota Democratic-FarmerLabor Party v. Simon (Case Numbers A21-0330 and A21-0403),¹ the State Executive Committee recommends: (1) the State Central Committee suspend the rules to consider this bylaw amendment without referral to the State Central Committee and (2) the State Central Committee adopt the following proposed bylaw.

“Bylaw Pursuant to the direction of the 2018 State Convention and the ruling issued by the Minnesota Court of Appeals on January 3, 2022, in Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party v. Simon (Case Numbers A21-0330 and A21-0403), the State Central Committee adopts this bylaw to explicitly repeal the text that reads “be 18 years old and eligible to vote by the next state general election to vote for or run for delegate, alternate, or any caucus or precinct officer. Alternatively, to be eligible to participate

in all other caucus business a person must". The result is that any person who will be 16 years of age by the next general election and meets the residency and party affiliation requirements may fully participate in their precinct caucus. This bylaw shall be effective through the adjournment of the 2022 State Convention."

3. The motion was made, seconded, discussion, and the question was called.
4. The call the question motion was objected to so a vote was called. 190 votes in favor, 12 votes opposed
 - The question was called. A vote was called on the original motion.
5. The original motion passed. 202 in favor, 4 opposed

III. General Orders

A. Redistricting and Caucus Updates

1. For in-person caucuses, Party Affairs Director Sonja Johnson provided a reminder to DFL leaders that they need to get their data entered and submitted within 10 days of caucuses. This is the only way to get delegates for the conventions.
2. For "contactless caucuses", there will be more information coming out about processing the non-attendee forms.
3. The website dfi.org/rap is a resource for units about redistricting (password is lowercase "rap")
4. The new legislative maps are predicted to be released around February 15-16th, 2022.
5. Organizing units will be notified of changes to their OU designation (SD, CU, etc) from the state party as quickly as possible but will also need the cooperation of local leaders to make the redistricting process as easy as possible.

B. Announcement of State Level Meeting Policy Relating to COVID

1. The State Executive Committee approved a new policy given the surge of COVID-19 and the difficulty of implementing hybrid meetings that address in person meetings of the DFL State Central Committee. All SCC meetings will be conducted by virtual means only, with the exception of the 2022 state convention and the 2023 business conference (as in-person events), only unless it is later determined by the SEC that conditions weren't improving to a virtual convention or conference format. It was approved unanimously after much debate and discussion.

IV. Closing Business

A. Announcements

1. State Central Committee members shared announcements with other members of the committee.
2. Ann Friedrich, co-chair of the CBRC, announced that they will be proposing some amendments to the SCC standing rules (with some having to do with virtual meetings) and will be bringing these proposed amendments to the August 2022 SCC meeting.

B. Adjournment

1. Motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded, and the motion passed.
2. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM.