

# **RULES OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF BERNALILLO COUNTY**

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## **PREAMBLE**

In accordance with The Democratic Party of the State of New Mexico Preamble, the Democratic Party of Bernalillo County hereby adopts the most recent version of the State Rules as its primary governing document. The following rules are supplemental to the adopted State Rules and are numbered to agree with the numbering system in the parent document.

In accordance with Article I, Section 3 of the DPNM Rules these supplemental rules may be adopted at a County Convention or at a County Central Committee meeting for which “Adoption of County Party Rules” is on the agenda and announced in the call.

## **ARTICLE I – GENERAL PARTY INFORMATION**

### **Section 1 – Rules of Order – *See DPNM Rules***

### **Section 2 – Proportional Representation – *See DPNM Rules***

### **Section 3 – Party Rules**

#### **3.1 – Scope – *See DPNM Rules***

#### **3.2 – Filing of Rules and Amendments – *See DPNM Rules***

#### **3.3 – Changes to Rules – Amendments and/or Corrections**

These rules may be amended by a majority vote of all the elected delegates who vote on the amendment at a County Convention which has as one of its purposes amendments to the rules. These rules may also be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the members of the County Central Committee who vote on the amendment at a meeting that has as one of its purposes amendments to rules. The DPBC Rules Committee may, upon majority vote, correct typographical errors or update reference to the current Election Code or DPNM Rules.

#### **3.4 – Standards for Rules – *See DPNM Rules***

### **Section 4 - Filling Vacancies for Nominees for Public Office – *See DPNM Rules***

### **Section 5 – Elections and Voting – *See DPNM Rules***

### **Section 6 – Quorum and Conduct of Meetings – *See DPNM Rules***

## **ARTICLE II – STATE PARTY ORGANIZATION – *See DPNM Rules***

## **ARTICLE III – COUNTY PARTY ORGANIZATION**

### **Section 1 – Notice of Party Actions – *See DPNM Rules***

### **Section 2 – County Central Committee**

#### **2.1 – Powers and Authority – *See DPNM Rules***

#### **2.2 – Assessments – *See DPNM Rules***

#### **2.3 – Members**

The County Central Committees shall be composed of the following. Membership on the Committee is not subject to the requirement of equal division of men and women (Appendix A).

- 2.3.1 – Ward Chairpersons
- 2.3.2 – Precinct Chairpersons
- 2.3.3 – Additional Committee Persons – *See DPNM Rules*
- 2.3.4 – County Chairperson and First Vice Chairperson
- 2.3.5 – Any or All of the Following Only If County Rules So Provide
  - 2.3.5.1 – Other County Party Officers
    - 2.3.5.1.1 – Second Vice Chair
- 2.4 – Meetings and Calls – *See DPNM Rules*
- 2.5 – Proxy – *See DPNM Rules*
- 2.6 – Election of State Central Committee Members – *See DPNM Rules*

### **Section 3 – County Standing Committees**

- 3.1 – Common Rules for All County Standing Committees – *see DPNM Rules*
  - 3.1.1 – Membership of County Standing Committees –
    - 3.1.1.1 – Membership of the County Rules Committee and the County Platform and Resolution Committees - *see DPNM Rules*
    - 3.1.1.2 – Membership of the County Credentials Committee - *see DPNM Rules*
    - 3.1.1.3 – Membership of DPBC Election Committee
      - The membership of the DPBC Election Committee will be 5-7 voting members appointed by the DPBC Chair. Its members shall include:
        - DPBC Chair or Designee
        - DPBC Rules Chair or designee
        - Person with expertise in Data Management
        - Person with expertise in Communications and Media management
        - Person with expertise in Event Planning
        - Person with experience in County Elections
        - Person with expertise in Web Management
      - The committee may add other non-voting, ad hoc, members as needed.
  - 3.1.2 – Chair of County Standing Committees *see DPNM Rules*
  - 3.1.3 – Secretary of County Standing Committees *see DPNM Rules*
- 3.2 – County Rules Committee – *see DPNM Rules*

- 3.2.1 – Meetings of County Rules Committee
- 3.3 – Platform and Resolutions Committee – see *DPNM Rules*
  - 3.3.1 – Meetings of the County Platform and Resolutions Committee
- 3.4 – County Credentials Committee – see *DPNM Rules*
  - 3.4.1 – Meeting of the County Credentials Committee
    - 3.4.1.1 - Meetings Prior to a County Central Committee Meeting
    - 3.4.1.2 – Meetings Prior to a County Convention
  - 3.4.2 – Recusals When Deliberation Challenges
  - 3.4.3 – Report of the County Credentials Committee
- 3.5 – Election Committee
  - 3.5.1 – Meetings – The DPBC Election Committee will meet throughout the year, usually at least monthly
  - 3.5.2 – Chair – see *DPNM Rules*
  - 3.5.3 – Secretary – see *DPNM Rules*
  - 3.5.4 – Power and Authority
    - The Election Committee will be the Election Administration Team for all County elections. It will have the authority to plan, execute and review all elections performed by the County. Among other activities, it will set the schedule and timelines for elections, create the ballot, notify and register eligible party voters, explain ballot and voting procedures, tabulate and announce results.

## **Section 4 – County Officers**

### **4.1 – Election of County Officers**

The County Chairperson shall call a meeting of the County Central Committee pursuant to the call issued by the State Chairperson for the selection of county officers and State Central Committee members. Publication of notice shall be according to Article I, Section 3, Rule 3.4.5 of the DPNM Rules. Officers in order of rank are: (a) Chairperson, (b) a First Vice-Chairperson of the sex opposite that of the Chairperson, (c) a Second Vice-Chairperson of the sex the same as that of the Chairperson, (d) Secretary and (e) Treasurer. The County Central Committee shall elect the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons. The Chairperson shall appoint a Secretary and Treasurer. None of the officers need be members of the County Central Committee prior to being selected. The officers shall serve for two years or until their successors are elected or appointed. All voting for officers shall be conducted by non-secret ballot according to Article I, Section 5, Rule 5.5.2.1 of the DPNM Rules.

### **4.2 – Election of Other Officers as Needed – *See DPNM Rules***

### **4.3 – Challenges – *See DPNM Rules***

### **4.4 – Powers and Duties of County Officers – *See DPNM Rules***

### **4.5 – Removal of County Officers and State Central Committee Members – *See DPNM Rules***

### **4.6 – Vacancies in County Offices and State Central Committee – *See DPNM Rules***

## **Section 5 – County Conventions**

### **5.1 – Call – *See DPNM Rules***

### **5.2 – Purpose**

The County Conventions shall certify delegates and alternates elected at the ward level to be delegates and alternates to State Conventions, including Pre-Primary Election Nominating Conventions and Post-Primary Election Conventions, adopt resolutions, adopt or amend the rules of the County Party organization, and conduct other business pertaining to the county as provided for in the call. State Central Committee members are automatic delegates to the County and State Pre-Primary Conventions as provided for in Article II, Section 5 of the DPNM Rules and do not reduce their Ward's allocation of delegates. Ward Chairs who are NOT State Central Committee members are automatic delegates to the County and State Pre-Primary Conventions but DO count against their Ward's delegate allocation.

### **– Delegates – *See DPNM Rules***

5.3 – Order of Business – *See DPNM Rules*

5.4 – Voting – *See DPNM Rules*

**Section 6 – County-Level Democratic Caucuses and Affiliated Organizations – *See DPNM Rules***

**ARTICLE IV – WARD AND PRECINCT ORGANIZATION – *See DPNM Rules***