

BERNALILLO COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY RULES

PREFACE:

In accordance with The Democratic Party of the State of New Mexico rule 2-1, the Democratic Party of Bernalillo County hereby adopts the most recent version of The State of New Mexico rules as its primary governing document. The following rules are supplementary to the adopted State Rules, and are numbered to agree with the numbering system in the parent document.

In accordance with DPNM Rule 9-2. A., these supplementary rules may be adopted by a 2/3 vote of all members voting at a County Central Committee meeting for which 'Adoption of County Party Rules' is on the agenda and announced in the call.

In accordance with DPNM rule 11-2, these supplementary rules may be adopted at a County Convention for which 'Adoption of County Party Rules' is on the agenda and announced in the call. Since the DPNM rules are silent on the requirement for adoption, existing county rules requiring a simple majority would control.

The following pages recapitulate the DPNM Rules Outline in its entirety. Where a rule, paragraph or sub-paragraph applies only to the State and not specifically to Bernalillo County, content will be shown simply as 'N/A'. Where a rule, paragraph or sub-paragraph is not being modified in any way, content will be shown as 'See DPNM Rules'. Where we are supplementing or amplifying the DPNM rules, the Rule, Paragraph or Sub-Paragraph will be included in its entirety with the change from DPNM rules italicized.

RULES OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF BERNALILLO COUNTY

RULE 1	<u>PARTY NAME</u>	
	1.1 State Name	See DPNM Rules
	1.2 County Name	
	The name of the Democratic Party organization of this County shall be "Democratic Party of <i>Bernalillo</i> County."	
	1.3 Seal	See DPNM Rules
	1.4 Members	See DPNM Rules
RULE 2	<u>PARTY RULES</u>	
	2-1. Scope	See DPNM Rules
	2-2. Filing of Rules and Amendments	See DPNM Rules
	2-3. Changes to Rules	See DPNM Rules
	<i>A. Amendments</i>	
	<i>B. Corrections</i>	
	The DPBC Rules Committee may upon majority vote correct typographical errors or update reference to the Rules of the Democratic Party of New Mexico, as needed, without presenting such corrections to the County Central Committee or a County.	
	2-4. Standards for Rules	See DPNM Rules
RULE 3.	<u>PARTICIPATION IN PARTY ACTION</u>	See DPNM Rules
RULE 4	<u>STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE</u>	N/A
RULE 5	<u>STATE OFFICERS</u>	N/A
RULE 6	<u>STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u>	N/A
RULE 7	<u>STATE CONVENTIONS</u>	N/A
RULE 8	<u>NATIONAL CONVENTIONS</u>	N/A
RULE 9	<u>COUNTY PARTY ORGANIZATION</u>	
	9-1. Notice of Party Actions	See DPNM Rules
	<i>A. Method of Notification</i>	See DPNM Rules
	<i>B. Proof of Publication</i>	See DPNM Rules
	<i>C. Failure to Comply</i>	See DPNM Rules
	9.2 County Central Committee	See DPNM Rules
	<i>A. Powers and Authority</i>	See DPNM Rules
	<i>B. Assessments</i>	See DPNM Rules

C. Members

The County Central Committee shall be composed of the following

1. See DPNM Rules
2. See DPNM Rules
3. See DPNM Rules
4. See DPNM Rules
5. Any or all of the following, only if county rules provide:

a. Second Vice Chairperson

Membership on the committee is not subject to the requirement of equal division of men and women (Appendix A).

D. Meetings and Calls

See DPNM Rules

E. Proxy

See DPNM Rules

F. Election of State Central Committee Members

See DPNM Rules

9-3. County Standing Committees

A. County Credentials and Rules Revision Committee

1. Members.

Ward chairs shall serve as members unless the ward has elected another eligible person to serve as committee member. Membership on the committee is not subject to the requirement of equal division of men and women.

2. Chairperson.

See DPNM Rules

3. Secretary.

See DPNM Rules

4. Powers and Authority.

See DPNM Rules

5. Meetings.

See DPNM Rules

B. Convention Credentials and Rules Committee

1. Members.

The Ward shall elect a member of the Convention Credentials and Rules Committee from among the Ward's delegates. While Alternates may be seated at the Convention to fill vacancies, they are not delegates when the Credentials Committee meets, and are therefore not eligible to be elected to the Convention Credentials and Rules Committee. Membership on the committee is not subject to the requirement of equal division of men and women.

2. Chairperson.

See DPNM Rules

3. Secretary.

See DPNM Rules

4. Powers and Authority.

See DPNM Rules

5. Meetings.

See DPNM Rules

C. Platform and Resolutions Committee.

1. Members.

See DPNM Rules

2. Chairperson.

See DPNM Rules

3. Secretary.

See DPNM Rules

4. Powers and Authority.

The committee shall consider all resolutions reported to it from the ward meetings, deliberate and formulate a set of resolutions for presentation to the County Central Committee and resolution and platform planks to a convention. The resolutions should comprise a concise platform, reflecting the concerns expressed at the ward and precinct level. The committee shall serve in an interim advisory capacity as an "issues" committee and guiding the Party position on issues of interest to Democratic voters.

5. Meetings.

The Committee shall meet at least two (2) days prior to the County Central Committee meeting or convention. Resolutions to be considered for inclusion in the County Platform must be submitted to the Chair of the Committee or the County Secretary at least four (4) days prior to the committee meeting, after which time a resolution will require direct submission to the convention and approval by two-thirds of those present for adoption. Resolutions submitted to the convention in the form of minority reports are not considered to be late resolutions. If a member cannot attend a meeting, he/she may designate a proxy from among the qualified electors from his/her ward

RULE 10 COUNTY OFFICERS

10-1. 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 Rule 2-4. E. 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, (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 Rule 19-6. B. 1.

10-2. Challenges

See DPNM Rules

10-3. Chairperson – Powers and Duties

See DPNM Rules

10-4. Vice-Chairperson(s) – Powers and Duties

See DPNM Rules

10-5. Secretary – Powers and Duties

See DPNM Rules

10-6. Treasurer – Powers and Duties

See DPNM Rules

10-7. Removal of County Officers and State Central Committee Members

See DPNM Rules

10-8. Vacancies in County Offices and State Central Committee See DPNM Rules

10.9 Executive Committee. The County Central Committee *shall* delegate authority for the conduct of business to a County Executive Committee composed of all the Ward Chairpersons, *the County Chairperson, County First Vice-Chairperson, County Second Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.* The County Chairperson shall preside at meetings of the Committee at which she/he may make motions and vote and be counted in determining the quorum (Rule 20). Voting by proxy is prohibited.

RULE 11 COUNTY CONVENTIONS

11-1. Call. See DPNM Rules

11-2. 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 Convention as provided for in DPNM Rule 7-1.e 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 Convention, but DO count against their Ward's delegate allocation.*

11-3. Delegates.

A. Certification See DPNM Rules

B. Challenges See DPNM Rules

C. Adjudication of Challenges See DPNM Rules

11-4. Order of Business See DPNM Rules

11-5. Voting

A. Proxy. See DPNM Rules

B. Elections. See DPNM Rules

C. Alternate Delegates. See DPNM Rules 11-6

11-6. Minority Reports See DPNM Rules

11-7. Distribution of Materials See DPNM Rules

RULE 12 WARD AND PRECINCT ORGANIZATION

12-1. Application to Wards and Precincts and Substitution of Precincts for Wards. N/A

12-2. Election of Ward Officers and County Central Committee Members See DPNM Rules

12-3. Chairperson – Powers and Duties See DPNM Rules

12-4. Vice-Chairperson(s) – Powers and Duties See DPNM Rules

12-5. Secretary – Powers and Duties See DPNM Rules

12-6. Treasurer – Powers and Duties See DPNM Rules

12-7. Removal of Ward Officers and County Central Committee Members	See DPNM Rules
12-8. Vacancies in Ward or Precinct Offices or County Central Committee	See DPNM Rules
12-9. Ward Meetings	
<i>A. Call</i>	See DPNM Rules
<i>B. Place of Ward Meetings</i>	See DPNM Rules
<i>C. Conduct of Ward Meetings</i>	See DPNM Rules
12-10. Voting	
<i>A. Proxy</i>	See DPNM Rules
<i>B. Method</i>	See DPNM Rules
<i>C. Ballots</i>	See DPNM Rules
<i>D. Challenged Voters</i>	See DPNM Rules
<i>E. Preserving Ballots.</i>	See DPNM Rules
12-11. Observers	See DPNM Rules
12-12. Elections	
<i>A. Ward Elections</i>	See DPNM Rules
<i>B. Precinct Elections</i>	See DPNM Rules
12-13. Violation of Rules	See DPNM Rules
12-14. Failure to Hold Ward or Precinct Meetings	See DPNM Rules
RULE 13 <u>FILLING VACANCIES FOR NOMINEES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE</u>	
13-1. Vacancies Filled by State Central Committee	N/A
13-2. Vacancies Filled by County Central Committee	See DPNM Rules
13-3. Call for a Meeting	See DPNM Rules
RULE 14 <u>JUDICIAL COUNCIL</u>	
14-1. Powers and Duties	See DPNM Rules
14-2. Members	See DPNM Rules
14.3 Procedures	See DPNM Rules
RULE 15 <u>STATE RULES COMMITTEE</u>	N/A
RULE 16 <u>STATE PLATFORM AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE</u>	N/A
RULE 17 <u>BUDGET COMMITTEE</u>	N/A
RULE 18 <u>PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION</u>	N/A
RULE 19 <u>ELECTIONS AND VOTING</u>	
19-1. Majority Vote	See DPNM Rules
19-2. Proxy Voting	See DPNM Rules

19-3. Tie Votes	See DPNM Rules
19-4. Prohibition of the Unit Rule	See DPNM Rules
19-5. Secret Ballot	See DPNM Rules
19-6. Elections	
<i>A. Secret Elections (Ward and Precinct Elections)</i>	See DPNM Rules
<i>B. Non-Secret Elections</i>	See DPNM Rules
RULE 20 <u>QUORUM AND CONDUCT OF MEETINGS</u>	See DPNM Rules
RULE 21 <u>NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS</u>	See DPNM Rules
RULE 22 <u>RESOLUTIONS</u>	See DPNM Rules
RULE 23 ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER	See DPNM Rules
RULE 24 <u>DEMOCRATIC CLUBS AND AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS</u>	
24.1 Authorization	See DPNM Rules
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24-3. Termination and Revocation	See DPNM Rules
RULE 25 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE	
25-1 Purpose	See DPNM Rules
25-2 Powers and Authority	See DPNM Rules
25-3 Members	See DPNM Rules
25-4 Meetings	See DPNM Rules

**There is no paragraph 24-2 in the most recently adopted and corrected version of the DPNM Rules.

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