

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. PARTY NAME
- 1-1. State Name. See DPNM Rules
 - 1-2. County Names. The name of the Democratic Party organization of this County shall be “Democratic Party of *Bernalillo County*”.
 - 1-3. Seal. See DPNM Rules
 - 1-4. Members. See DPNM Rules
- RULE 2. PARTY RULES
- 2-1. Scope See DPNM Rules
 - 2-2. Filing of Rules and Amendments See DPNM Rules
 - 2-3. Changes to Rules
 - A. Amendments See DPNM Rules
 - B. Corrections. 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 Convention.*
 - 2-4. Standards for Rules See DPNM Rules
- RULE 3. PARTICIPATION IN PARTY ACTION See DPNM Rules
- RULE 4. STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE N/A
- RULE 5. STATE OFFICERS N/A
- RULE 6. STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE N/A
- RULE 7. STATE CONVENTIONS N/A
- RULE 8. NATIONAL CONVENTIONS N/A
- RULE 9. COUNTY PARTY ORGANIZATION
- 9-1. Notice of Party Actions
 - A. Method of Notification See DPNM Rules
 - B. Proof of Publication See DPNM Rules
 - C. Failure to Comply See DPNM Rules
 - 9-2. County Central Committee
 - A. Powers and Authority See DPNM Rules
 - B. Assessments 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	<u>Voting</u>	
	A. <u>Proxy.</u>	See DPNM Rules
	B. <u>Elections.</u>	See DPNM Rules
	C. <u>Alternate Delegates.</u>	See DPNM Rules
11-6	<u>Minority Reports</u>	See DPNM Rules
11-7	<u>Distribution of Materials</u>	See DPNM Rules

RULE 12 WARD AND PRECINCT ORGANIZATION

12-1	<u>Application to Wards and Precincts and Substitution of Precincts for Wards.</u>	N/A
12-2	<u>Election of Ward Officers and County Central Committee Members.</u>	See DPNM Rules
12-3	<u>Chairperson – Powers and Duties</u>	See DPNM Rules
12-4	<u>Vice-Chairperson – Powers and Duties.</u>	See DPNM Rules
12-5	<u>Secretary – Powers and Duties</u>	See DPNM Rules
12-6	<u>Treasurer – Powers and Duties</u>	See DPNM Rules
12-7	<u>Removal of Ward Officers and County Central Committee Members.</u>	See DPNM Rules
12-8	<u>Vacancies in Ward or Precinct Offices or County Central Committee</u>	See DPNM Rules
12-9	<u>Ward Meetings</u>	
	A. <u>Call</u>	See DPNM Rules
	B. <u>Place of Ward Meeting.</u>	See DPNM Rules
	C. <u>Conduct of Ward Meetings</u>	See DPNM Rules
12-10	<u>Voting</u>	
	A. <u>Proxy</u>	See DPNM Rules
	B. <u>Method</u>	See DPNM Rules
	C. <u>Ballots.</u>	See DPNM Rules
	D. <u>Challenged Voters</u>	See DPNM Rules
	E. <u>Preserving Ballots</u>	See DPNM Rules
12-11	<u>Observers.</u>	See DPNM Rules
12-12	<u>Elections</u>	
	A. <u>Ward Elections.</u>	See DPNM Rules
	B. <u>Precinct Elections</u>	See DPNM Rules
12-13	<u>Violation of Rules</u>	See DPNM Rules
12-14	<u>Failure to Hold Ward or Precinct Meetings.</u>	See DPNM Rules

RULE 13 FILLING VACANCIES FOR NOMINEES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

13-1	<u>Vacancies Filled by State Central Committee.</u>	N/A
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	13-2	<u>Vacancies Filled by County Central Committee</u>	See DPNM Rules
	13-3	<u>Call for a Meeting.</u>	See DPNM Rules
RULE 14		<u>JUDICIAL COUNCIL</u>	
	14-1	<u>Powers and Duties</u>	See DPNM Rules
	14-2	<u>Members</u>	See DPNM Rules
	14-3	<u>Procedures</u>	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>	See DPNM Rules
RULE 19		<u>ELECTIONS AND VOTING</u>	
	19-1	<u>Majority Vote</u>	See DPNM Rules
	19-2	<u>Proxy Voting</u>	See DPNM Rules
	19-3	<u>Tie Votes</u>	See DPNM Rules
	19-4	<u>Prohibition of the Unit Rule</u>	See DPNM Rules
	19-5	<u>Secret Ballot</u>	See DPNM Rules
	19-6	<u>Elections</u>	
	A.	<u>Secret Elections (Ward and Precinct Meetings)</u>	See DPNM Rules
	B.	<u>Non-Secret Elections</u>	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		<u>ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER</u>	See DPNM Rules
RULE 24		<u>DEMOCRATIC CLUBS AND AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS</u>	
	24-1	<u>Authorization</u>	See DPNM Rules
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	24-3	<u>Termination and revocation</u>	See DPNM Rules
RULE 25		<u>AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE</u>	
	25-1	<u>Purpose</u>	See DPNM Rules
	25-2	<u>Powers and Authority</u>	See DPNM Rules
	25-3	<u>Members</u>	See DPNM Rules
	25-4	<u>Meetings</u>	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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