

RULES OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF BERNALILLO COUNTY

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 – County Credentials and Rules Revision Committee – *See DPNM Rules*

3.2 – Convention Credentials and Rules Committee

3.2.1 – 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.

3.2.2 – Chairperson – *See DPNM Rules*

3.2.3 – Secretary – *See DPNM Rules*

3.2.4 – Powers and Authority – *See DPNM Rules*

3.2.5 – Meetings – *See DPNM Rules*

3.3 – Platform and Resolutions Committee

3.3.1 – Members – *See DPNM Rules*

3.3.2 – Chairperson – *See DPNM Rules*

3.3.3 – Secretary – *See DPNM Rules*

3.3.4 – 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.

3.3.5 – 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.

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.

5.3 – Delegates – *See DPNM Rules*

5.4 – Order of Business – *See DPNM Rules*

5.5 – 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*