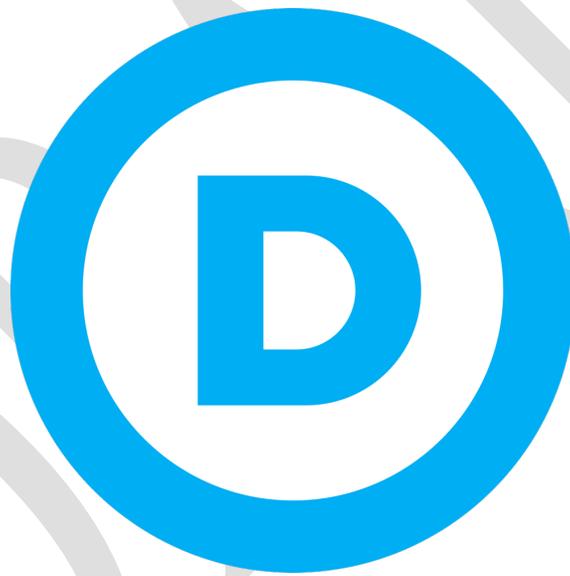


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### To Whom It May Concern:

By authority of the Democratic National Committee, the National Convention of the Democratic Party is hereby scheduled to convene on ~~July 25, 2016~~July 13-16, 2020, in ~~TBD Philadelphia, Pennsylvania~~, at an hour to be announced, to select nominees for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States of America, to adopt and promulgate a platform and to take such other actions with respect to such other matters as the Convention may deem advisable.

#### I. Distribution of Delegate Votes

The distribution of votes, delegates and alternates to the ~~2020~~2016 Democratic National Convention shall be in accordance with the following:

- A. The number of Convention votes for delegates to the Convention shall be as set forth in the compilation included in this resolution and determined as provided in paragraphs B, C, D, E, F, G, and H<sup>1</sup>.
- B. A base of 3,200 delegate votes is distributed among the 50 states and the District of Columbia according to a formula giving equal weight to the sum of the vote for the Democratic candidates in the three (3) most recent presidential elections and to population by electoral vote. The formula is expressed mathematically as follows:

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\text{SDV 2008} + \text{SDV 2012} + \text{SDV 2016}}{\text{TDV 2008} + \text{TDV 2012} + \text{TDV 2016}} + \frac{\text{SEV}}{538} \right)$$

A = Allocation Factor  
SDV = State Democratic Vote  
SEV = State Electoral Vote  
TDV = Total Democratic Vote

To determine the base delegation for each state and the District of Columbia, the allocation factors as determined by the above formula are multiplied by 3,200.

Fractions of .5 and above are rounded up to the next highest integer.

- C. 1. For purposes of this paragraph C, the period of time in which the first determining stage of the presidential nomination process takes place during ~~2020~~2016 shall be divided into Stages as follows:

Stage I: The earliest date specified in Rule ~~11-12~~ of the Delegate Selection Rules through March 31, ~~2020~~2016, inclusive.

<sup>1</sup> See Appendix B for the allocation of delegates and alternates.

1 Stage II: April 1 through April 30,  
2 ~~2020~~2016, inclusive.

3  
4 Stage III: May 1 through June 1~~6~~4,  
5 ~~2020~~2016, inclusive.

6  
7 2. A percentage of the base delegate votes  
8 determined pursuant to paragraphs B  
9 and E shall be added to the number of  
10 base pledged delegates otherwise  
11 determined pursuant to those  
12 paragraphs, for the purpose of  
13 increasing the size of the base pledged  
14 delegation, as follows:

15  
16 a. for any state in which the meeting,  
17 caucus, convention or primary  
18 which constitutes the first  
19 determining stage in the  
20 presidential nomination process in  
21 that state occurs in ~~2020~~2016 on a  
22 date in Stage II, the percentage shall  
23 be 10%; and in which the meeting,  
24 caucus, convention or primary  
25 which constitutes the first  
26 determining stage in the  
27 presidential nomination process in  
28 that state occurs in ~~2020~~2016 on a  
29 date in Stage III, the percentage shall  
30 be 20%.

31  
32 b. for any state in which the meeting,  
33 caucus, convention or primary  
34 which constitutes the first  
35 determining stage in the  
36 presidential nomination process in  
37 that state is held in a regional  
38 cluster, that percentage shall be an  
39 additional 15 ~~percent~~ % added onto  
40 the base delegate vote without  
41 accounting for any adjustments  
42 made pursuant to Article I.C.2.a.  
43 States deemed to qualify as a  
44 regional cluster shall have contests  
45 that are:

46  
47 i. held in conjunction with at least  
48 two other neighboring states  
49 holding similar contests; and

50  
51 ii. on or after the fourth Tuesday in  
52 March.

53  
54 D. Fifteen percent (15%) of the base delegate  
55 votes determined pursuant to paragraphs B  
56 and E shall be added to the number of votes  
57 allocated for the purpose of representing  
58 pledged Party and Elected Official  
59 delegates. For purposes of this paragraph,  
60 the number of base delegate votes  
61 determined pursuant to paragraph B shall  
62 be the number determined thereunder after  
63 rounding. Fractions of .5 and above  
64 resulting from the multiplication required  
65 by this paragraph are rounded up to the  
66 next highest integer.

67  
68 E. American Samoa, Guam, the Northern  
69 Mariana Islands and the Virgin Islands will  
70 each receive six (6) at-large delegate votes.  
71 Democrats Abroad will receive twelve (12)  
72 at-large and one (1) pledged Party and  
73 Elected Official delegate votes. Puerto Rico  
74 will receive forty-four (44) base delegate  
75 votes.

76  
77 F. ~~Unpledged~~ ~~Automatic~~ votes shall be  
78 allocated to each delegation to  
79 accommodate the members of the  
80 Democratic National Committee from that  
81 state or territory in which they legally  
82 reside. The size of such a member's vote  
83 (i.e., whole or fractional) shall be the same  
84 size as that which he or she is allowed to  
85 cast at meetings of the Democratic National  
86 Committee. Additional ~~unpledged~~  
87 ~~automatic~~ delegates ~~votes~~ shall be allocated  
88 for other officers serving in ~~three~~ (3)  
89 positions created by the Democratic  
90 National Committee in accordance with  
91 Article 3, Section 1.e. of the Charter of the  
92 Democratic Party of the United States.

93  
94 G. ~~Unpledged~~ ~~Automatic~~ votes shall be  
95 allocated to provide for the Democratic  
96 President, the Democratic Vice President,  
97 and all former Democratic Presidents, all  
98 former Democratic Vice Presidents, all  
99 former Democratic Leaders of the United  
100 States Senate, all former Democratic  
101 Speakers of the United States House of  
102 Representatives and Democratic Minority  
103 Leaders, as applicable, and all former  
104 Chairpersons of the Democratic National

1 Committee.<sup>2</sup> Such delegates shall be seated  
2 with the state delegations from the state in  
3 which they have their voting residences.

4  
5 H. Additional ~~unpledged~~ automatic votes shall  
6 be added if needed to provide for the  
7 Democratic Governor<sup>3</sup> (if any) from that  
8 state or territory and for the Democratic  
9 Members of the United States House of  
10 Representatives and Democratic United  
11 States Senators from that state or territory (if  
12 any).<sup>4</sup>

13  
14 I. Each state, the District of Columbia and  
15 Puerto Rico may select a number of  
16 alternates equivalent to one (1) alternate for  
17 every twelve (12) Convention votes received  
18 by it pursuant to paragraphs B, C, D, and E,  
19 provided, however, that each such  
20 delegation shall have at least two (2)  
21 alternates. American Samoa, Democrats  
22 Abroad, Guam, the Northern Mariana  
23 Islands and the Virgin Islands shall each  
24 have one (1) alternate. Fractions of .5 and  
25 above are rounded up to the next highest  
26 integer. It is further provided that each  
27 state shall have the additional number of at-  
28 large alternates necessary to provide at least  
29 one alternate for each presidential candidate  
30 who is entitled to delegates from that state,  
31 if the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee  
32 determines that the number of alternates  
33 allocated to the state is not sufficient for  
34 each presidential candidate to have at least  
35 one alternate.

36  
37 J. Members of the Democratic National  
38 Committee and delegates selected pursuant  
39 to paragraphs G and H ("Automatic  
40 delegates") may run and be elected will be  
41 ineligible to serve as Pledged delegates,  
42 under any other category. If an Automatic  
43 delegate is elected and certified as a Pledged  
44 delegate, that individual shall not serve as  
45 an Automatic delegate at the 2020 National

46 Convention. No delegate and may hold ~~no~~  
47 more than one (1) vote. Democratic  
48 Governors, Democratic Members of the  
49 United States House of Representatives and  
50 Democratic United States Senators who are  
51 members of the Democratic National  
52 Committee shall serve as delegates by virtue  
53 of their membership on the National  
54 Committee.

## 55 II. Qualifications of State 56 Delegations

57  
58 A. Notice is hereby given that delegates,  
59 alternates and standing committee members  
60 to the Democratic National Convention  
61 shall be elected in accordance with the  
62 Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party  
63 of the United States, the Delegate Selection  
64 Rules for the ~~2020~~2016 Democratic National  
65 Convention, the Call for the ~~2020~~2016  
66 Democratic National Convention, and the  
67 Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws  
68 Committee. The DNC Rules and Bylaws  
69 Committee shall have the final authority to  
70 regulate the delegate selection process,  
71 subject to the authority of the Convention  
72 Credentials Committee and the Democratic  
73 National Convention. It shall be the duty of  
74 the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee to  
75 administer the delegate selection process  
76 and ensure compliance with the rules,  
77 including equal division, and report to the  
78 Secretary of the Democratic National  
79 Committee those states which are in non-  
80 compliance. Only delegates and alternates  
81 selected under a delegate selection  
82 procedure approved by the DNC Rules and  
83 Bylaws Committee shall be placed on the  
84 Temporary Roll of the ~~2020~~2016 Democratic  
85 National Convention. Only standing  
86 committee members and convention pages  
87 chosen pursuant to a state delegate selection  
88 procedure approved by the DNC Rules and  
89 Bylaws Committee shall be qualified to  
90 serve in their respective capacities.

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92  
93 B. It is understood that a State Democratic  
94 Party, in electing and certifying delegates  
95 and alternates to the Democratic National  
96 Convention, thereby undertakes to assure  
97 all Democratic voters in the state a full,

<sup>2</sup> Former Chairpersons of the Democratic National Committee shall include National Chairs and General Chairs.

<sup>3</sup> The Mayor of the District of Columbia, if a Democrat, shall be treated as a Democratic Governor.

<sup>4</sup> The District of Columbia's Statehood Senators, if Democrats, shall be treated as Democratic United States Senators.

1 timely and equal opportunity to participate  
2 in the delegate selection process and in all  
3 Party affairs and to implement affirmative  
4 action and outreach and inclusion plans ~~and~~  
5 inclusion programs toward that end; that  
6 the delegates and alternates to the  
7 Convention shall be selected in accordance  
8 with the Delegate Selection Rules for the  
9 ~~2020~~2016 Democratic National Convention  
10 adopted by the Democratic National  
11 Committee on ~~August 25, 2018~~August 23,  
12 2014; and that the delegates it certified will  
13 not publicly support or campaign for any  
14 candidate for President or Vice President  
15 other than the nominees of the Democratic  
16 National Convention. Furthermore, voters  
17 in the state will have the opportunity to cast  
18 their election ballots for the Presidential and  
19 Vice Presidential nominees selected by said  
20 Convention, ~~and for electors pledged~~  
21 ~~formally and in good conscience to the~~  
22 ~~election of these Presidential and Vice~~  
23 ~~Presidential nominees, under the label and~~  
24 ~~designation of the Democratic Party of the~~  
25 United States.

27 C. It is presumed that the delegates and  
28 alternates to the Democratic National  
29 Convention, when certified pursuant to the  
30 Call, are bona fide Democrats who are  
31 faithful to the interests, welfare, and success  
32 of the Democratic Party of the United States,  
33 who subscribe to the substance, intent, and  
34 principles of the Charter and the Bylaws of  
35 the Democratic Party of the United States,  
36 and who will participate in the Convention  
37 in good faith and shall not express support  
38 for any candidate who is opposed to the  
39 Democratic nominee. Therefore, no  
40 additional assurances shall be required of  
41 delegates to the Democratic National  
42 Convention in the absence of a credentials  
43 contest or challenge.

### 45 III. Delegate Selection 46 Deadline

47 All state parties are required to take all steps  
48 necessary and appropriate to complete the  
49 process of selecting delegates to the ~~2020~~16  
50 Democratic National Convention no later than  
51 June 20, 2020 ~~June 25, 2016~~.

## 54 IV. Certification 55 Requirements

56  
57 A. Pledged Delegates and Alternates: Each  
58 state's Democratic Chair shall certify in  
59 writing to the Secretary of the Democratic  
60 National Committee the election of their ~~his~~  
61 ~~or her~~ state's delegates and alternates to the  
62 Democratic National Convention ten (10)  
63 days after their election. For the purposes  
64 of this Call, the Chair of a committee  
65 constituted pursuant to Rule ~~2021~~.C. of the  
66 Delegate Selection Rules, shall be  
67 recognized to act in place of the state's  
68 Democratic Chair.

70 B. ~~Unpledged~~ Automatic Delegates:

- 71  
72 1. Pursuant to Rule 9.A. of the Delegate  
73 Selection Rules, official confirmation by  
74 the Secretary of the Democratic National  
75 Committee to each State Democratic  
76 Chair shall constitute verification of the  
77 following ~~unpledged~~ automatic  
78 delegates: members of the Democratic  
79 National Committee; the Democratic  
80 President, Vice President and  
81 Democratic Governor, if applicable; all  
82 Democratic members of the United  
83 States House of Representatives and all  
84 Democratic members of the United  
85 States Senate; and all former Democratic  
86 Presidents, Vice Presidents, Democratic  
87 Leaders of the United States Senate,  
88 Speakers and Democratic Minority  
89 Leaders of the United States House of  
90 Representatives, and Chairs of the  
91 Democratic National Committee.

93 C. Presidential Preference:

94  
95 Ten (10) days after the completion of the  
96 state's delegate selection process, each  
97 state's Democratic Chair shall certify in  
98 writing to the Secretary of the Democratic  
99 National Committee the presidential  
100 preference (including uncommitted) of the  
101 state's delegates.  
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| <p>1 D. Replacements:</p> <p>2</p> <p>3 1. Pledged Delegates and Alternates:</p> <p>4</p> <p>5 Replacement of a delegate (due to</p> <p>6 resignation or death) by an alternate</p> <p>7 and replacement of a vacant alternate</p> <p>8 position shall be certified in writing by</p> <p>9 the State’s Democratic Chair to the</p> <p>10 Secretary of the Democratic National</p> <p>11 Committee (pursuant to Rule <u>18-19</u> of</p> <p>12 the Delegate Selection Rules) within</p> <p>13 three (3) days after the replacement is</p> <p>14 selected. Certification of replacements</p> <p>15 will be accepted by the Secretary up to</p> <p>16 72 hours before the first official session</p> <p>17 of the Convention is scheduled to</p> <p>18 convene.</p> <p>19</p> <p>20 2. <del>Unpledged</del> <u>Automatic</u> Delegates:</p> <p>21</p> <p>22 a. Members of Congress and</p> <p>23 Democratic Governors shall not be</p> <p>24 entitled to name a replacement. In</p> <p>25 the event of any changes or</p> <p>26 vacancies in a state’s Democratic</p> <p>27 congressional delegation following</p> <p>28 the official confirmation and prior to</p> <p>29 the commencement of the National</p> <p>30 Convention, the Secretary shall</p> <p>31 recognize only such changes as have</p> <p>32 been officially recognized by the</p> <p>33 Democratic Caucus of the United</p> <p>34 States House of Representatives or</p> <p>35 the Democratic Conference of the</p> <p>36 United States Senate. In the event of</p> <p>37 a change or vacancy in a state’s</p> <p>38 office of Governor following the</p> <p>39 official confirmation and prior to the</p> <p>40 commencement of the National</p> <p>41 Convention, the Secretary shall</p> <p>42 recognize only such changes as have</p> <p>43 been officially recognized by the</p> <p>44 Democratic Governors’ Association.</p> <p>45</p> <p>46 b. Members of the Democratic</p> <p>47 National Committee shall not be</p> <p>48 entitled to a replacement, nor shall</p> <p>49 the state be entitled to a</p> <p>50 replacement, except in the case of</p> <p>51 death of such delegates. In cases</p> <p>52 where a state’s DNC membership</p> <p>53 changes following the Secretary’s</p> | <p>54</p> <p>55</p> <p>56</p> <p>57</p> <p>58</p> <p>59</p> <p>60</p> <p>61</p> <p>62</p> <p>63</p> <p>64</p> <p>65</p> <p>66</p> <p>67</p> <p>68</p> <p>69</p> <p>70</p> <p>71</p> <p>72</p> <p>73</p> <p>74</p> <p>75</p> <p>76</p> <p>77</p> <p>78</p> <p>79</p> <p>80</p> <p>81</p> <p>82</p> <p>83</p> <p>84</p> <p>85</p> <p>86</p> <p>87</p> <p>88</p> <p>89</p> <p>90</p> <p>91</p> <p>92</p> <p>93</p> <p>94</p> <p>95</p> <p>96</p> <p>97</p> <p>98</p> <p>99</p> <p>100</p> <p>101</p> <p>102</p> <p>103</p> <p>104</p> | <p>official confirmation, but prior to the</p> <p>commencement of the <u>2016-2020</u></p> <p>Democratic National Convention,</p> <p>acknowledgment by the Secretary of</p> <p>the certification of the new DNC</p> <p>member shall constitute verification</p> <p>of the corresponding change of</p> <p><del>unpledged</del> <u>automatic</u> delegates.</p> <p>c. Delegates allocated pursuant to</p> <p>Articles I.F., I.G. and I.H. of this Call</p> <p>shall not be entitled to name a</p> <p>replacement, nor shall the state be</p> <p>entitled to a replacement.</p> <p>E. Delegation Chair: Each delegation shall</p> <p>select one (1) person to serve as Delegation</p> <p>Chair. The State Chair shall certify the</p> <p>Delegation Chair. Such certification shall be</p> <p>in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic</p> <p>National Committee within three (3) days</p> <p>after the position is filled, which shall be no</p> <p>later than the date by which the state</p> <p>certifies its standing committee members.</p> <p>F. Convention Pages:</p> <p>1. A base of 151 Convention Pages shall be</p> <p>allocated among the 57 delegations as</p> <p>follows:<sup>5</sup></p> <p>a. Each of the 50 States, the District of</p> <p>Columbia and Puerto Rico shall</p> <p>have a minimum of two (2) pages.</p> <p>b. One (1) additional page will be</p> <p>allocated to a state for every fifty</p> <p>(50) additional delegate votes.</p> <p>Fractions of .5 and above are</p> <p>rounded up to the next highest</p> <p>integer.</p> <p>c. American Samoa, Democrats</p> <p>Abroad, Guam, the Northern</p> <p>Mariana Islands, and the Virgin</p> <p>Islands shall each be allocated one</p> <p>(1) page.</p> <p>2. The National Chairperson of the</p> <p>Democratic National Committee may</p> <p>select not more than twenty-five (25)</p> |
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<sup>5</sup> See Appendix C for the allocation of Convention Pages.

1 pages to assist him/her and the  
2 Democratic National Convention  
3 Committee in carrying out the work of  
4 the Convention.

- 5  
6 3. The State Chair shall certify the  
7 person(s) to serve as the Delegation’s  
8 Convention Page(s), as allocated to the  
9 delegation by this section. Such  
10 certification shall be in writing to the  
11 Secretary of the Democratic National  
12 Committee and shall be made no later  
13 than the time the state certifies its  
14 standing committee members pursuant  
15 to Article VIII.B.3. of this Call. The  
16 National Chairperson of the Democratic  
17 National Committee shall certify the  
18 person(s) to serve as the Chair’s  
19 Convention Page(s), as allocated to the  
20 National Chairperson by this section.  
21 Such certification shall be in writing to  
22 the Secretary of the Democratic National  
23 Committee and shall be made within  
24 three (3) days after these positions are  
25 filled, but in any event, no later than  
26 June ~~2025~~, 2020~~16~~.

- 27  
28 G. Certification Requirements: Each  
29 certification required herein will include full  
30 name, address and other information as  
31 required by the Secretary of the Democratic  
32 National Committee.  
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34 **V. Management of the**  
35 **2020~~16~~ Democratic**  
36 **National Convention**  
37 **Operations**

- 38  
39 A. The Democratic National Committee has the  
40 authority to plan, arrange, manage and  
41 conduct the Democratic National  
42 Convention.  
43  
44 B. In its sole discretion, the Democratic  
45 National Committee may establish and  
46 organize a 2020~~16~~ Democratic National  
47 Convention Committee (“DNCC”) to  
48 exercise the authority on behalf of the  
49 Democratic National Committee and the  
50 Democratic National Convention, to enter  
51 into contracts relating to business and

52 financial matters connected with the  
53 conduct of the 2020~~16~~ Democratic National  
54 Convention, in compliance with the  
55 parameters for convention operations set  
56 forth herein.

- 57  
58 C. The DNC shall make every effort to exercise  
59 its authority in accordance with the  
60 following guidelines, subject to Rule 2021.C.  
61 of the Delegate Selection Rules:

- 62  
63 1. Contractors: The DNC shall as a policy  
64 seek to engage the services of unionized  
65 firms, including those owned by  
66 minorities, women, LGBTQ+ persons,  
67 and people with disabilities. Contractors  
68 shall be engaged according to DNC  
69 policy.  
70  
71 2. Housing: The DNC shall design and  
72 implement a fair and equitable system  
73 by which hotel facilities shall be  
74 allocated to eligible state delegations  
75 and to presidential candidates.  
76  
77 3. Delegate and Alternate Seating in  
78 Convention Hall: The DNC shall design  
79 and implement a fair and equitable  
80 system by which the location of each  
81 eligible state delegation’s seating in the  
82 Convention Hall shall be determined.  
83 Alternates shall be afforded preferential  
84 seating, as close to delegate seating as  
85 arrangements will permit. Members of  
86 Democratic National Convention  
87 Standing Committees who are not  
88 already delegates or alternates shall be  
89 afforded guest seating for each session  
90 of the Convention proceedings. Those  
91 with disabilities shall be afforded  
92 seating within the delegation, or as close  
93 to the delegation seating as  
94 arrangements will permit.  
95  
96 4. Delegates’ and Alternates’ Credentials:  
97 The state’s delegate, and alternate, and  
98 standing committee credentials shall be  
99 distributed to the Chair of the state  
100 delegation from the credentials office.  
101  
102 5. Floor Access: Floor access shall be given  
103 to delegates, alternates replacing

- 1 delegates, the highest ranking 54 shall be provided for each state  
2 Democratic official in each state that 55 delegation.  
3 does not have a Democratic Governor, 56  
4 each State Democratic Party’s Executive 57 c. General: The DNC may, in its  
5 Director, such number of 58 discretion, promulgate guidelines or  
6 representatives of the presidential 59 restrictions regarding the use of  
7 candidates as may be deemed necessary 60 communications equipment on the  
8 by the DNC, and such press personnel 61 floor of the Convention.  
9 and other personnel as may be 62  
10 determined by the DNC to be necessary 63 8. Facilities for Presidential Candidates:  
11 for the proper functioning of the 64 The National Chairperson of the  
12 Convention and which does not 65 Democratic National Committee and  
13 compromise security and safety 66 representatives of the presidential  
14 requirements. Additionally, any person 67 candidates shall design and implement  
15 who is certified by Convention 68 a fair and equitable system whereby  
16 Operations as necessary to accompany 69 facilities in the Convention Hall and its  
17 an individual with Floor access who is 70 immediate environs shall be fairly  
18 in a wheelchair shall receive Floor 71 apportioned to presidential campaigns  
19 access. 72 so as not to afford an undue advantage  
20 73 to any presidential candidate. The cost  
21 6. Visitor’s Seating: Seats for members- 74 of such facilities shall be paid by the  
22 elect of the Democratic National 75 presidential campaigns.  
23 Committee as certified by the state’s 76  
24 Democratic Chair, guests and other 77 9. Facilities for News Media and Press  
25 observers shall be allocated for and shall 78 Seating: There shall be made available  
26 be fairly apportioned to the states 79 adequate facilities, as close to the  
27 according to each state’s relative 80 Convention floor as conditions permit,  
28 delegate strength. The Delegation Chair 81 for the print press, radio, on-line, and  
29 and the State Democratic Chair shall 82 television, including a limited number  
30 each be given one half of the credentials 83 of camera positions commanding a full  
31 for guest seats apportioned to the state 84 view of the proceedings. The cost of  
32 pursuant to this paragraph. Presidential 85 such facilities shall not be borne by the  
33 preference shall be taken into account in 86 DNC.  
34 the distribution of these guest 87  
35 credentials. 88 10. Security: Coordination for security  
36 89 within the Convention Hall, premises  
37 7. Communications: 90 and surrounding area shall be under the  
38 91 authority of the DNC.  
39 a. Microphones: Each state shall be 92  
40 provided one (1) floor microphone 93 11. Financial Reports: All financial reports  
41 which shall be located at the 94 relating to convention financing  
42 position of the Chair of the state 95 required by the Federal Election  
43 delegation. Each delegate shall have 96 Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and  
44 access to the microphone. 97 applicable Federal Elections  
45 98 Commission regulations shall be filed  
46 b. Telephones: Adequate provisions 99 by the DNC or its authorized  
47 shall be made for communication 100 committees.  
48 between the floor and the Chair of 101  
49 the Convention so as to advise the  
50 Chair of the identity of any delegate  
51 seeking recognition to speak and the  
52 purpose for which recognition is  
53 sought. One (1) such telephone

**VI. Presidential Candidates**

The term “presidential candidate” herein shall mean any person who, as determined by the National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee, has accrued delegates in the nominating process and plans to seek the nomination, has established substantial support for ~~their~~ ~~his or her~~ nomination as the Democratic candidate for the Office of the President of the United States, is a bona fide Democrat whose record of public service, accomplishment, public writings and/or public statements affirmatively demonstrates that ~~he~~ ~~or she~~ the candidate is faithful to the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, and will participate in the Convention in good faith. At the time a presidential candidate announces their candidacy publicly, they must publicly affirm that they are a Democrat. Each candidate pursuing the Democratic nomination shall affirm, in writing, to the National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee that they:

- A. are a member of the Democratic Party;
- B. will accept the Democratic nomination; and
- C. will run and serve as a member of the Democratic Party.

This requirement of written affirmation shall not supplant any necessary qualifications a candidate must satisfy at the state level, but is in addition to such affirmations required by individual states and territories. The written affirmation shall be done via an approved format by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee appended to this Call<sup>6</sup>.

<sup>6</sup> See Appendix E for the Presidential candidate written affirmation.

**VII. Standing Committees on Platform, Rules and Credentials of the 2020~~16~~ Democratic National Convention**

The Democratic National Committee, acting under its authority to issue the Call and establish the standing committees of the National Convention, hereby creates and organizes the Standing Committees on Platform, Rules, and Credentials of the 2020~~16~~ Democratic National Convention. The jurisdiction and rules of procedure of each standing committee are set forth in this Call to the 2020~~16~~ Democratic National Convention. Each standing committee may, by a majority of the members voting, adopt additional rules of procedure for the conduct of its business not inconsistent with this Call. The Democratic National Committee shall publish and make available all relevant requirements and deadlines for submitting proposals for consideration by the standing committees. Such information shall be distributed to the standing committee members and made available to the public as early as practicable before the committees meet.

A. Membership: Subject to Rule 2021.C. of the Delegate Selection Rules, each standing committee shall be composed of:

1. Base: A base of 162 members, casting 158.25 votes, allocated to the states and territories in accordance with the same distribution formula used to allocate delegates to the Democratic National Convention.<sup>7</sup>
2. PLEOs: 25 members, each casting one (1) vote who shall be Party Leaders and Elected Officials.
3. Delegate Status: Members of the standing committees need not be delegates or alternates to the Democratic National Convention.

<sup>7</sup> See Appendix D for the allocation of standing committee members.

1 4. Qualifications: Members of the 54  
2 Convention Standing Committees must 55  
3 be bona fide Democrats who are faithful 56  
4 to the interests, welfare and success of 57  
5 the Democratic Party of the United 58  
6 States, who subscribe to the substance, 59  
7 intent and principles of the Charter and 60  
8 the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of 61  
9 the United States, and who will 62  
10 participate in the Convention in good 63  
11 faith. 64

12  
13 4.5. Quorum: A majority of the total votes 66  
14 allocated to a standing committee shall 67  
15 constitute a quorum thereof for the 68  
16 purpose of transacting business. Such 69  
17 votes shall be present and represented 70  
18 by the standing committee members. 71  
19 Upon a point of order of no quorum, the 72  
20 Chair shall ascertain the presence or 73  
21 absence of a quorum by visual 74  
22 estimation and shall not proceed until a 75  
23 quorum is present, provided, however, 76  
24 that a roll call shall be had to determine 77  
25 whether a quorum exists if the Chair is 78  
26 in doubt or upon demand of any 79  
27 member of the standing committee 80  
28 supported by: 81

- 29  
30 a. twenty percent (20%) of the 83  
31 members of the committee as 84  
32 evidenced by a petition submitted to 85  
33 the Chair indicating support of the 86  
34 demand by not less than twenty 87  
35 percent (20%) of the members 88  
36 present, or 89  
37  
38 b. by the rising in support of the 91  
39 demand by not less than twenty 92  
40 percent (20%) of the members 93  
41 present, except that a motion to 94  
42 adjourn or to recess may be offered 95  
43 and voted upon without a quorum 96  
44 present. 97  
45

46 5.6. Proxies: As the standing committees are 99  
47 deliberative bodies of the National 100  
48 Convention, proxy voting by standing 101  
49 committee members shall not be 102  
50 permitted. 103  
51

52 6.7. Subcommittees: Any subcommittee of 105  
53 the standing committees of the National 106

Convention shall be composed only of  
members of standing committees,  
except that these subcommittees may be  
chaired by persons other than members  
of the committee.

B. Election:

1. The members of the standing  
committees allocated to the states and  
territories shall be elected by each state's  
National Convention delegates present  
at a meeting of which adequate notice of  
time and place shall be given and at  
which a quorum of the state's delegates  
shall be present. Such meeting shall be  
held in accordance with procedures  
approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws  
Committee and consistent with this Call.  
Such meeting shall take place within 14  
days after the final selection of a state's  
delegation, but no such meeting shall be  
held after June ~~27~~<sup>25</sup>, 20~~20~~<sup>16</sup>.
2. The members of the standing  
committees allocated as Party Leaders  
and Elected Officials shall be elected by  
the Executive Committee of the  
Democratic National Committee during  
the calendar year of the National  
Convention upon nomination received  
from the National Chairperson of the  
Democratic National Committee, after  
consultation with the State Chairs from  
those states from which members are  
contemplated to be nominated. Said  
members must be elected at a meeting  
of the Executive Committee or by mail  
ballot no later than 30 days prior to the  
date of the standing committee meeting.
3. Each state's Democratic Chair shall  
certify in writing to the Secretary of the  
Democratic National Committee their  
~~his or her~~ state's standing committee  
members within three (3) days after  
their selection. The National  
Chairperson of the Democratic National  
Committee shall certify in writing to the  
Secretary of the Democratic National  
Committee the Party Leader and Elected  
Official standing committee members  
within three (3) days after their election.

- 1 Certification of each person will include 52  
 2 full name, address and other 53  
 3 information as required by the Secretary 54  
 4 of the Democratic National Committee. 55  
 5 56  
 6 4. No substitutions will be permitted in the 57  
 7 case of standing committee members, 58  
 8 except in the case of resignation or 59  
 9 death. Substitutions must be made in 60  
 10 accordance with the election procedures 61  
 11 specified in Article VII.B., C., D. and E., 62  
 12 and must be certified in writing to the 63  
 13 Secretary of the Democratic National 64  
 14 Committee, in accordance with 65  
 15 procedures specified in Article VII.B.3. 66  
 16 Substitutions of standing committee 67  
 17 members are encouraged to be made up 68  
 18 to forty-eight (48) hours prior to the 69  
 19 time the standing committee meets, 70  
 20 except in the case of death. 71  
 21 72  
 22 5. Any challenge to the credentials of a 73  
 23 standing committee member shall be 74  
 24 considered and resolved by the affected 75  
 25 standing committee in accordance with 76  
 26 Appendix A of this Call. The DNC 77  
 27 Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have 78  
 28 jurisdiction over challenges brought 79  
 29 before the 56th day preceding the date 80  
 30 of commencement of the Democratic 81  
 31 National Convention. 82  
 32 83  
 33 C. Presidential Preference: 84  
 34 85  
 35 1. The members of the standing 86  
 36 committees allocated to the states and 87  
 37 territories shall proportionately 88  
 38 represent the presidential preference of 89  
 39 all candidates (including uncommitted 90  
 40 status) receiving the threshold 91  
 41 percentage used in that state's 92  
 42 delegation to calculate the at-large 93  
 43 apportionment pursuant to Rule ~~13~~14.E. 94  
 44 of the Delegate Selection Rules, 95  
 45 provided, however, that members of the 96  
 46 standing committees from primary 97  
 47 states shall be allocated to presidential 98  
 48 candidates (including uncommitted 99  
 49 status) based on the statewide popular 100  
 50 vote. 101  
 51 102  
 103
2. The presidential preference percentage of each candidate receiving the applicable percentage or more within the delegation shall be multiplied by the total number of standing committee positions allocated to that state or territorial delegation. If the result of such multiplication does not equal 0.455 or above, the presidential preference in question is not entitled to representation on the standing committee. If the result of such multiplication is 0.455 but less than 1.455, the presidential preference in question is entitled to one (1) position. Those preferences securing more than 1.455 but less than 2.455 are entitled to two (2) positions, etc.
3. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation exceeding the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is farthest from its eventual rounded-off total shall be denied that one (1) additional position. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation falling short of the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is closest to the next rounding level shall be allotted an additional committee position.
4. Standing committee positions allocated to a presidential candidate shall be proportionately allocated, to the extent practicable, to each of the three standing committees. When such allocation results in an unequal distribution of standing committee positions by candidate preference, a drawing shall be conducted to distribute the additional positions.
- D. Presidential Candidate Right of Approval:
1. Each presidential candidate or that candidate's representative authorized pursuant to Rule ~~12~~13.D.1. of the 20~~20~~16 Delegate Selection Rules shall be given adequate notice of the meeting of the

- 1 state’s delegation authorized to select 54  
2 standing committee members. 55  
3 56  
4 2. The delegation shall select the standing 57  
5 committee members from among names 58  
6 submitted by the presidential 59  
7 candidates (including uncommitted 60  
8 status), and presidential candidates 61  
9 shall not be required to submit the name 62  
10 of more than one person for each slot 63  
11 awarded to such candidate for members 64  
12 of standing committees. Provided 65  
13 further, that presidential candidates 66  
14 (including uncommitted status) shall 67  
15 use their best efforts to ensure that the 68  
16 name or names of standing committee 69  
17 members submitted help achieve the 70  
18 affirmative action and outreach and 71  
19 inclusion goals established by the state’s 72  
20 Delegate Selection Plan. 73  
21  
22 E. Division Between Men and Women: 74  
23  
24 1. In the case of gender non-binary 75  
25 committee members, they shall not be 76  
26 counted as either a male or female, and 77  
27 the remainder of the delegation shall be 78  
28 equally divided between male gender 79  
29 (men) and female gender (women). 80  
30  
31 ~~1.2.~~ The membership of each of the standing 81  
32 committees from a state or territory 82  
33 shall be as equally divided among men 83  
34 and women (determined by self- 84  
35 identification) as possible under the 85  
36 state allocation; ~~if the number is even,~~ 86  
37 ~~the membership shall be equally~~ 87  
38 ~~divided between men and women;~~ 88  
39 the variance between men and women in 89  
40 any committee or among the three 90  
41 committees in aggregate shall not 91  
42 exceed one. ~~if the number is odd, the~~ 92  
43 ~~variance between men and women may~~ 93  
44 ~~not exceed one (1), and the advantaged~~ 94  
45 ~~gender must not remain constant for the~~ 95  
46 ~~three standing committees.~~ The DNC 96  
47 Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have 97  
48 continuing jurisdiction to ensure 98  
49 compliance with this equal division 99  
50 requirement. No standing committee 100  
51 members from a state shall be officially 101  
52 recognized unless the Rules and Bylaws 102  
53 Committee has certified to the Secretary 103  
104  
105
- of the Democratic National Committee  
that such state’s standing committee  
delegation complies with this equal  
division rule. It is the duty of the DNC  
Rules and Bylaws Committee to  
determine such compliance as soon as  
practicable following the certification of  
the state’s standing committee  
members.
- ~~2.3.~~ The Party Leader and Elected Official  
membership of the standing committees  
elected by the Executive Committee of  
the Democratic National Committee  
shall be divided among men and  
women so that the variance between  
men and women in any committee or  
among the three committees in  
aggregate shall not exceed one. ~~the~~  
~~variance between men and women does~~  
~~not exceed one (1), and the advantaged~~  
~~gender must not remain constant for the~~  
~~three standing committees.~~
- F. Chairs of Standing Committees:  
1. The Chair(s) of each Standing  
Committee shall be elected by the  
Executive Committee of the Democratic  
National Committee upon nomination  
of the National Chairperson of the  
Democratic National Committee. Co-  
Chair(s) and Vice Chair(s) may also be  
elected in this manner.  
2. Individuals who are not otherwise  
members of the standing committees  
who are elected Chair(s), Co-Chair(s) or  
Vice Chair(s) thereof shall not have any  
voting privileges on the standing  
committees, except that the Chair(s),  
may vote in the case of a tie.  
3. The Chair(s) of each standing committee  
shall call and preside over each  
committee meeting, prepare an agenda  
to provide for orderly conduct of the  
committee’s business, and supervise  
preparation of such research studies and  
briefing materials as are required to  
accomplish the committee’s work.

- 1 G. Temporary Standing Committee Members: 53 Chairperson of the Democratic National  
 2 54 Committee, shall determine the number,  
 3 1. In the event that a standing committee 55 place and time for conducting hearing(s)  
 4 meeting is held prior to the election of a 56 and/or forum(s) and name the  
 5 state’s standing committee members, a 57 presiding panel, who need not be  
 6 state may select temporary members for 58 members of the Platform Committee, for  
 7 those standing committee member 59 each hearing and/or forum. Any  
 8 positions. 60 person may submit a written statement  
 9 61 concerning the Platform to the Platform  
 10 2. The selection must take place at an open 62 Committee at any time prior to the  
 11 well publicized meeting of by the State 63 Platform Committee meeting, and may  
 12 Party’s governing body, provided it 64 request permission to testify at a public  
 13 meets the qualifications of Delegate 65 hearing and/or forum.  
 14 Selection Rule 10.B as if it were a state 66  
 15 party committee. The procedures for 67 3. No later than thirty (30) days before the  
 16 selection must be approved by the DNC 68 first meeting of the Platform Committee,  
 17 Rules and Bylaws Committee as part of 69 written notice of the date, time, place,  
 18 the state’s Delegate Selection Plan. 70 and the tentative agenda of such  
 19 71 meeting shall be sent to all members of  
 20 3. Members selected as temporary 72 the Platform Committee. A special or  
 21 standing committee members under this 73 emergency meeting of the Platform  
 22 provision serve only in the event that a 74 Committee may be held upon call of the  
 23 standing committee is called to meet 75 Chair(s) of the Platform Committee with  
 24 prior to completion of the state’s 76 reasonable notice to the members.  
 25 delegate selection process. Temporary 77  
 26 members selected after the first 78 4. Prior to the first meeting of the Platform  
 27 determining step has occurred in a state 79 Committee, the National Chairperson of  
 28 shall reflect the Presidential preferences 80 the Democratic National Committee  
 29 so established. No such temporary 81 shall distribute to the members of the  
 30 member may continue to serve after the 82 Platform Committee a document  
 31 permanent standing committee 83 outlining the issues to be considered by  
 32 members are selected unless he or she is 84 the committee.  
 33 elected as a permanent member 85  
 34 pursuant to the provisions in Section B 86 5. The National Chairperson of the  
 35 of this Article. 87 Democratic National Committee, in  
 36 88 consultation with the Chair(s) of the  
 37 4. Substitutions in a state’s list of 89 Platform Committee, shall appoint  
 38 temporary standing committee 90 fifteen (15) persons to serve on a  
 39 members may only be made up to 10 91 Platform Drafting Subcommittee and  
 40 days prior to the time the standing 92 the National Chairperson of the  
 41 committee meets. 93 Democratic National Committee shall  
 42 94 appoint the Chair(s) thereof. In  
 43 H. Platform Committee: 95 addition, one (1) non-voting member  
 44 96 may be appointed by each presidential  
 45 1. The Platform Committee shall be 97 candidate to serve on the Drafting  
 46 responsible for drafting and 98 Subcommittee. The Platform Drafting  
 47 recommending the Platform of the 99 Subcommittee is considered a  
 48 Democratic Party to the Democratic 100 subcommittee of the Platform  
 49 National Convention. 101 Committee as defined in Article I.A.6  
 50 102 provided, however, that members of the  
 51 2. The Chair(s) of the Platform Committee, 103 Platform Drafting Subcommittee need  
 52 in consultation with the National 104 not be members of the Platform

- 1 Committee. The Drafting Subcommittee 54  
 2 shall be responsible for the drafting of 55  
 3 the report of the Platform Committee 56  
 4 under the direction and with the 57  
 5 approval of the full Platform 58  
 6 Committee. 59  
 7  
 8 6. Upon the request of members 61  
 9 representing twenty-five percent (25%) 62  
 10 of the total votes of the Platform 63  
 11 Committee, a minority report shall be 64  
 12 prepared for distribution to the 65  
 13 Convention delegates and alternates as 66  
 14 part of the committee’s report. The 67  
 15 committee staff shall assist in the 68  
 16 preparation of such report. 69  
 17  
 18 7. The report of the Platform Committee 71  
 19 and any minority reports shall be 72  
 20 distributed to all delegates and 73  
 21 alternates, and to the public as soon as 74  
 22 practicable after their adoption. 75  
 23  
 24 I. Rules Committee: 77  
 25  
 26 1. The Rules Committee shall issue a 79  
 27 report to the Democratic National 80  
 28 Convention recommending the 81  
 29 Permanent Rules of the Convention, the 82  
 30 Convention agenda, the permanent 83  
 31 officers of the Democratic National 84  
 32 Convention, amendments to the Charter 85  
 33 of the Democratic Party of the United 86  
 34 States, and resolutions providing for the 87  
 35 consideration of any other matter not 88  
 36 provided for in the Permanent Rules of 89  
 37 the Convention and not contained in the 90  
 38 reports of other standing committees. 91  
 39 The foregoing notwithstanding, no 92  
 40 amendment to the Charter of the 93  
 41 Democratic Party shall be effective 94  
 42 unless and until it is subsequently 95  
 43 ratified by a vote of the majority of the 96  
 44 entire membership of the Democratic 97  
 45 National Committee. 98  
 46  
 47 2. No later than thirty (30) days before the 100  
 48 first meeting of the Rules Committee, 101  
 49 written notice of the date, time, place, 102  
 50 and the tentative agenda of such 103  
 51 meeting shall be sent to all members of 104  
 52 the Rules Committee. A special or 105  
 53 emergency meeting of the Rules  
 Committee may be held upon call of the  
 Chair(s) of the Rules Committee with  
 reasonable notice to the members.  
 3. Upon the request of members  
 representing twenty-five percent (25%)  
 of the total votes of the Rules  
 Committee, a minority report shall be  
 prepared for distribution to the  
 Convention delegates and alternates as  
 part of the committee’s report. The  
 committee staff shall assist in the  
 preparation of such report.  
 4. The report of the Rules Committee and  
 any minority reports shall be distributed  
 to all delegates, alternates, and to the  
 public as soon as practicable after their  
 adoption.  
 J. Credentials Committee and Procedures for  
 Challenging Delegates or State Delegations:  
 1. The Credentials Committee shall  
 determine and resolve questions  
 concerning the seating of delegates and  
 alternates to the Convention pursuant to  
 the resolution entitled the “Relationship  
 Between the 202016 Rules of Procedure  
 of the Credentials Committee and the  
 202016 Delegate Selection Rules,”  
 which includes the “Rules of Procedure  
 of the Credentials Committee of the  
 202016 Democratic National  
 Convention” hereby approved and  
 adopted by the Democratic National  
 Committee, and set forth in full in the  
 Appendix to this Call. The committee  
 shall report to the Convention for final  
 determination and resolution of all such  
 questions. This committee does not  
 have authority over the allocation and  
 distribution of convention credentials,  
 including passes for delegates,  
 alternates, guests or press.  
 2. Challenges to the seating of any  
 delegate or alternate shall be in  
 accordance with the Rules of Procedure  
 of the Credentials Committee. Any  
 challenge to the seating of a delegate or  
 alternate that is not made in conformity

with these rules shall be deemed waived.

3. Upon the request of members representing twenty-five percent (25%) of the total votes of the Credentials Committee, a minority report shall be prepared for distribution to the Convention delegates and alternates as part of the committee’s report; provided, however, that no member elected to the committee by a state delegation may join in such request as to a proposed minority report relating to a credentials challenge to any delegate or alternate from ~~their~~ ~~his or her~~ state. The committee staff shall assist in the preparation of such report.

4. The report of the Credentials Committee and any minority reports shall be distributed to all delegates, alternates, and the public as soon as practicable after their adoption.

**VIII. Elector Qualifications**

Each State Democratic Party shall take adequate steps, as set forth in its Delegate Selection Plan, to assure that presidential electors will vote for the election of the Democratic Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees including, having each candidate for presidential elector sign a certification to so vote.

**VIII.IX. Procedural Rules of the 2020~~16~~ Democratic National Convention**

The following Procedural Rules shall serve as the Temporary Rules of Procedure for the 2020~~16~~ Democratic National Convention and are recommended to the Rules Committee and to the Convention as the Permanent Rules of Procedure for the conduct of the 2020~~16~~ Democratic National Convention.

A. Temporary Chair:

1. The National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee shall

call the Convention to order and shall preside until the Permanent Chair of the Convention shall be chosen in accordance with these rules.

2. The National Committee Secretary shall serve as Temporary Secretary. The Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee shall ~~appoint a Temporary Secretary and~~ appoint such other temporary officers as may be required to assist in the conduct of the business of the Convention. These officers shall be ~~composed~~ divided ~~equally of men and women.~~ In the case of gender non-binary temporary officers, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the officers shall be equally divided.

B. Temporary Roll:

1. The Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall determine a Temporary Roll of delegates to the Convention which shall consist only of those persons selected and certified as delegates in accordance with the Rules and pursuant to this Call, unless a credentials contest shall have arisen with respect to any such person(s), in which case the Secretary shall include on the Temporary Roll the name of the credentials contestant recommended for inclusion by the Credentials Committee in its report.

2. Persons whose names are included on the Temporary Roll of delegates shall be permitted to vote on all matters before the Convention until after the adoption of the report of the Credentials Committee; provided that no person shall be permitted to vote on ~~their~~ ~~his or her~~ credentials contest.

C. Order of Business: The order of business for the Democratic National Convention shall be as provided in these rules and in any special order of business adopted under Section D. of these rules. The Chair of the Convention may, at appropriate times,

1	interrupt the order of business provided for	54	minority reports, the Temporary
2	in these rules for introductions,	55	Chair shall put the question on the
3	announcements, addresses, presentations,	56	adoption of the report of the
4	resolutions of tribute and appreciation, or	57	Credentials Committee with
5	remarks appropriate to the business of the	58	amendments previously adopted, if
6	Convention.	59	any, without intervening motion. A
7		60	<del>favorable</del> majority vote of the
8	1. Report of the Committee on Credentials:	61	Convention delegates eligible to
9	The Report of the Credentials	62	vote shall constitute adoption of the
10	Committee shall be acted upon before	63	report.
11	the consideration of other business.	64	
12		65	d. In the event that the committee's
13	a. The Temporary Chair shall	66	report shall not be adopted when
14	recognize the Chair(s) of the	67	the question is put, the committee
15	Credentials Committee for up to	68	shall immediately reconvene to
16	thirty (30) minutes to present the	69	reconsider its report and shall
17	committee's report unless a longer	70	present a new report to the
18	period of time shall be provided in a	71	Convention as soon as possible.
19	special order of business agreed	72	
20	upon by the Convention. The	73	2. Report of Rules Committee: The
21	Chair(s) of the committee may	74	Temporary Chair(s) may then recognize
22	present committee amendments,	75	the Chair(s) of the Rules Committee to
23	yield part of <del>their his or her</del> time to	76	present the committee's report for the
24	others and may yield for the	77	Rules of the Convention and minority
25	presentation and disposition of	78	reports, if any, in the same manner as
26	minority reports without losing the	79	that provided for the presentation of the
27	right to the floor.	80	Report of the Credentials Committee.
28		81	However, the Temporary Chair may, in
29	b. The Temporary Chair shall arrange	82	the interest of conducting an orderly
30	for the orderly presentation of	83	proceeding, opt to place before the
31	amendments and of minority	84	Convention the election of the
32	reports offered at the direction of	85	Permanent Chair, the Co-Chairs and the
33	the committee. Twenty (20) minutes	86	Secretary, prior to the presentation of
34	shall be allowed for the presentation	87	the Rules Committee report.
35	of each committee amendment or	88	
36	minority report unless a longer	89	3. Convention Chair: The Convention shall
37	period for any committee	90	proceed to elect the Permanent
38	amendment or minority report is	91	Convention Chair in the following
39	provided in special orders of	92	manner:
40	business agreed to by the	93	
41	Convention. Time shall be allotted	94	a. In accordance with the requirements
42	equally to proponents and	95	of the 1984 Democratic National
43	opponents of each committee	96	Convention Resolution which calls
44	amendment or minority report. The	97	for alternating the Convention Chair
45	questions shall be put on each	98	by gender, the Permanent Chair of
46	committee amendment or minority	99	the 2016 Democratic National
47	report immediately following its	100	Convention shall be a female.
48	presentation without intervening	101	
49	motion.	102	b. The Chair(s) of the Rules Committee
50		103	shall be recognized to offer a
51	c. Upon conclusion of the	104	nomination for Convention Chair as
52	consideration and disposition of	105	recommended by the Committee on
53	committee amendments and		

1	Rules. Nominations from the floor	53	the day designated for the
2	shall then be received.	54	commencement of presidential
3		55	nominations.
4	c. When there are no further	56	
5	nominations or upon adoption of a	57	b. Each such request must be
6	motion to close nominations, the	58	accompanied by a petition
7	Temporary Chair of the Convention	59	indicating support for the proposed
8	shall conduct a vote for Permanent	60	nominee signed by delegates
9	Convention Chair.	61	representing not less than 300 or
10		62	more than 600 delegate votes, not
11	d. A majority vote of the delegates	63	more than 50 of which may come
12	present and voting shall be required	64	from one (1) delegation. A delegate
13	to elect the Convention Chair.	65	may not sign more than one (1)
14	Balloting shall continue until a Chair	66	nominating petition for president
15	is elected. The Permanent Chair	67	and for vice president. <u>Pledged and</u>
16	shall then take the gavel.	68	<u>automatic delegates may sign the</u>
17		69	<u>petition.</u>
18	4. Convention Co-Chairs: The Convention	70	
19	shall proceed to elect Co-Chairs and a	71	c. The order for nominating
20	Secretary in the same manner in which	72	presidential candidates shall be
21	it elected the Chair. The Co-Chairs shall	73	determined by the National
22	be divided equally <del>between men and</del>	74	Chairperson of the Democratic
23	<del>women.</del>	75	National Committee, the Permanent
24		76	Chair of the Convention and each
25	5. Committee on Platform: The Permanent	77	presidential candidate, or <u>their his</u>
26	Chair shall recognize the Chair(s) of the	78	<u>or her</u> authorized representative,
27	Platform Committee to present the	79	who qualifies to be nominated
28	committee's report and minority	80	pursuant to this section.
29	reports, if any, in the same manner as	81	
30	that provided for the presentations of	82	d. Each presidential candidate shall be
31	the reports of the Credentials and Rules	83	allowed a total of twenty (20)
32	Committees.	84	minutes for the presentation of <u>their</u>
33		85	<u>his or her</u> name in nomination by
34	6. Nomination of the Democratic	86	nominating and seconding speeches,
35	Candidate for President: The Permanent	87	the time to run without interruption
36	Chair shall receive nominations from	88	from the recognition of the
37	the floor for the Democratic candidate	89	nominator.
38	for the Office of President of the United	90	
39	States in the following manner:	91	e. Delegates and alternates shall
40		92	maintain order during and
41	a. Requests to nominate a presidential	93	following nominations for the Office
42	candidate shall be in writing and	94	of President and demonstrations
43	shall have affixed thereto the written	95	shall not be permitted.
44	approval of the proposed nominee	96	
45	and the name of the individuals	97	7. Roll Call for Presidential Candidate:
46	who shall be recognized to make the	98	
47	nominating and seconding speeches	99	<u>a.</u> After nominations for presidential
48	on behalf of a presidential candidate	100	candidates have closed, the
49	and shall be delivered to the	101	Convention shall proceed to a roll
50	Convention Secretary at a location	102	call vote by states on the selection of
51	as specified by the Secretary no later	103	the presidential candidate. The roll
52	than 6:00 p.m. of the day preceding	104	call voting shall follow the

1 alphabetical order of the states with  
2 the District of Columbia and Puerto  
3 Rico and the territories treated as  
4 states for the purpose of the  
5 alphabetical roll call.

6  
7 b. On the first ballot of the presidential  
8 roll call, only pledged delegates will  
9 be permitted to vote unless a  
10 presidential candidate has been  
11 certified by the DNC Secretary to  
12 have obtained a number of pledged  
13 delegates equal to a majority of all  
14 pledged and automatic delegates to  
15 the Convention<sup>8</sup>, at which point  
16 automatic delegates will also be  
17 permitted to vote on the first ballot.

18  
19 a.c. In the event that a nominating  
20 contest moves beyond the first ballot  
21 of the presidential roll call, all  
22 pledged and automatic delegates  
23 will be permitted to vote for a  
24 presidential candidate on all  
25 subsequent ballots until a nominee  
26 is chosen.

27  
28 b.d. A majority vote of the all  
29 Convention's delegates eligible to  
30 vote on the ballot in question shall  
31 be required to nominate the  
32 presidential candidate.

33  
34 e.e. Eligible D delegates may vote for the  
35 candidate of their choice whether or  
36 not the name of such candidate was  
37 placed in nomination. Any vote cast  
38 other than a vote for a presidential  
39 candidate meeting the requirements  
40 of Article VI of this Call and Rule  
41 1213.K. of the 202016 Delegate

<sup>8</sup> The determination that a presidential candidate has secured the requisite number of pledged delegates shall be made by the DNC Secretary upon certification of pledged delegates at the conclusion of the delegate selection process (the Secretary's calculation shall not take into account any alternates). The DNC Secretary shall publicly announce his or her determination as soon as practicable after receiving every delegation's certification of pledged delegates. Subsequent events after the Secretary's announcement shall not change the determination.

42 Selection Rules shall be considered a  
43 vote for "Present."

44  
45 d.f. Balloting will continue until a  
46 nominee is selected. Upon selection,  
47 balloting may be temporarily  
48 suspended, provided that the  
49 balloting shall continue at a time  
50 certain determined by the  
51 Convention Chair, until all states,  
52 the District of Columbia, Puerto  
53 Rico and the territories shall  
54 publicly deliver their vote prior to  
55 the nominee's acceptance speech.  
56 The nominee shall become the  
57 candidate of the Democratic Party of  
58 the United States for the Office of  
59 President upon the conclusion of  
60 their his or her acceptance speech.

61  
62 8. Acceptance Speech by Presidential  
63 Candidate: Immediately after the  
64 selection of the Democratic nominee for  
65 President, the Permanent Chair shall  
66 invite the nominee to deliver an  
67 acceptance speech to the Convention.

68  
69 9. Nomination for the Democratic  
70 Candidate for Vice President: The  
71 selection of a nominee for the Office of  
72 Vice President of the United States shall  
73 be conducted in the same manner as  
74 that heretofore provided for the  
75 selection of the nominee for President of  
76 the United States except that (i) a  
77 request to nominate must be delivered  
78 to the Convention Secretary at a location  
79 as specified by the Secretary not later  
80 than 9:00 a.m. of the day designated for  
81 the commencement of Vice Presidential  
82 nominations, and (ii) automatic  
83 delegates shall be permitted to vote on  
84 all ballots for the nomination of the  
85 Democratic candidate for Vice  
86 President.

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|----|---|-----|--|
| 1  | 10. Roll Call Ballot for Vice Presidential            | 53  | the Convention and to preserve order                             |
| 2  | Candidate:  | 54  | and decorum in its proceedings.                                  |
| 3  |   | 55  |  |
| 4  | a. After nominations for Vice                         | 56  | 2. The Chair is authorized to appoint such                       |
| 5  | Presidential candidates have closed,                  | 57  | Convention officers as may be required                           |
| 6  | the Convention shall proceed to a                     | 58  | to assist in the conduct of the business                         |
| 7  | roll call vote by states on the                       | 59  | of the Convention, such officers to be                           |
| 8  | selection of the Vice Presidential                    | 60  | <del>composed</del> <u>divided</u> equally <del>of men and</del> |
| 9  | candidate. The roll call voting                       | 61  | <del>women</del> <u>(In the case of gender non-binary</u>        |
| 10 | procedure shall be conducted in the                   | 62  | <u>convention officers, they shall not be</u>                    |
| 11 | same manner as that heretofore                        | 63  | <u>counted as either a male or female, and</u>                   |
| 12 | provided for the selection of the                     | 64  | <u>the remainder of the delegation shall be</u>                  |
| 13 | nominee for President of the United                   | 65  | <u>equally divided</u> ); to appoint any                         |
| 14 | States <u>except that automatic</u>                   | 66  | delegate temporarily to perform the                              |
| 15 | <u>delegates shall be permitted to vote</u>           | 67  | duties of the Chair; and to take such                            |
| 16 | <u>on all ballots for the nomination of</u>           | 68  | lawful action as may be necessary and                            |
| 17 | <u>the Vice President.</u>                            | 69  | appropriate to preserve order                                    |
| 18 |   | 70  | throughout the Convention Hall; and to                           |
| 19 | b. A majority vote of the Convention's                | 71  | take any other actions consistent with                           |
| 20 | delegates shall be required to select                 | 72  | the Charter and the Bylaws of the                                |
| 21 | the Vice Presidential candidate.                      | 73  | Democratic Party of the United States                            |
| 22 | Delegates may vote for the                            | 74  | and this Call.   |
| 23 | candidate of their choice whether or                  | 75  |  |
| 24 | not the name of such candidate was                    | 76  | F. Voting:   |
| 25 | placed in nomination. Balloting will                  | 77  |  |
| 26 | continue until a nominee is selected.                 | 78  | 1. Secret Ballot: No secret ballots shall be                     |
| 27 |   | 79  | permitted at any stage of the                                    |
| 28 | 11. Acceptance Speech by Vice Presidential            | 80  | Convention or its committee                                      |
| 29 | Candidate: Immediately after the                      | 81  | proceedings.   |
| 30 | selection of the Democratic nominee for               | 82  |  |
| 31 | Vice President, the Permanent Chair                   | 83  | 2. Proxy Voting: Neither delegate nor                            |
| 32 | shall invite the nominee to deliver an                | 84  | alternate delegate votes may be cast by                          |
| 33 | acceptance speech to the Convention.                  | 85  | proxy.   |
| 34 | The nominee shall become the candidate                | 86  |  |
| 35 | of the Democratic Party of the United                 | 87  | 3. Roll Call Votes:  |
| 36 | States for the office of Vice President               |     |  |
| 37 | upon completion of <del>their</del> <u>his or her</u> | 88  | <u>a. On all votes, except the first ballot of</u>               |
| 38 | acceptance speech to the Convention.                  | 89  | <u>the presidential roll call as described</u>                   |
| 39 |   | 90  | <u>in Article IX.C.7, automatic</u>                              |
| 40 | D. Special Orders of Business: It shall be in         | 91  | <u>delegates retain their ability to vote</u>                    |
| 41 | order at any time for the Rules Committee             | 92  | <u>according to their own preferences.</u>                       |
| 42 | at the request of the Chair of the                    | 93  |  |
| 43 | Convention, or pursuant to its rules, to              | 94  | <u>a.b.</u> Voting shall be by voice vote or,                    |
| 44 | report a resolution providing a special order         | 95  | when prescribed by these rules, by                               |
| 45 | of business for debate of any resolution,             | 96  | roll call vote. The roll call voting                             |
| 46 | motion, committee report or minority report           | 97  | shall follow the order as specified in                           |
| 47 | or for the consideration of any matter.               | 98  | Article <del>VIII</del> <u>XI</u> .C.7.a. A roll call vote       |
| 48 |   | 99  | shall also be had if the Chair is in                             |
| 49 | E. Powers and Duties of the Chair:                    | 100 | doubt or upon demand of any                                      |
| 50 |   | 101 | delegate supported by twenty-five                                |
| 51 | 1. It shall be the responsibility of the Chair        | 102 | percent (25%) of the Convention's                                |
| 52 | to conduct and expedite the business of               |     |  |

1	delegates as evidenced by one of the	53	sentiments of those who elected
2	following methods:	54	them.
3		55	
4	(1) A petition submitted to the	56	<u>d.e.</u> In the case where a pledged delegate
5	Chair indicating support of the	57	is not on the floor of the Convention
6	demand by not less than twenty-	58	Hall at the time a vote is taken, an
7	five percent (25%) of the	59	alternate may be designated
8	Convention's delegates.	60	according to the rules to cast the
9		61	vote. In no case may an alternate
10	(2) By the rising in support of the	62	cast a vote for a delegate allocated
11	demand by not less than twenty-	63	under I.F., I.G., or I.H. of this Call.
12	five percent (25%) of the	64	
13	delegates present.	65	<u>e.f.</u> On a roll call vote by states, the vote
14		66	cast on behalf of a delegation may
15	<u>b.c.</u> When a roll call vote is ordered, the	67	be challenged by communication to
16	roll call shall be called by states, and	68	the Convention Secretary by
17	the Chair of each delegation or <u>Their</u>	69	telephone or other means by any
18	<u>his or her</u> designee shall report the	70	voting member of that state's
19	vote of <u>their his or her</u> delegation	71	delegation within ten (10) minutes
20	and shall send to the Convention	72	after the Convention Secretary's
21	Secretary a tally showing the vote of	73	announcement of the state's vote.
22	each member of <u>their his or her</u>	74	The votes of that delegation shall
23	delegation indicating whether such	75	then be recorded as polled without
24	vote was cast in person or by an	76	regard to any state law, party rule,
25	alternate. Such roll call votes may	77	resolution or instruction binding the
26	be conducted by having the Chair	78	delegation or any member thereof to
27	for each delegation report by	79	vote for or against any candidate or
28	telephone, or electronic voting	80	proposition. The Convention Chair
29	mechanism, the vote of <u>their his or</u>	81	may send a parliamentarian to the
30	<u>her</u> delegation to the rostrum,	82	delegation to conduct the poll. At
31	provided that the telephone poll	83	the discretion of the Convention
32	shall not be used in the balloting for	84	Chair, the roll call may continue
33	the Presidential and Vice	85	instead of waiting for the result of
34	Presidential nominees. Business	86	the polling.
35	shall be permitted to proceed during	87	
36	the telephone roll call and votes may	88	<u>f.g.</u> On a roll call vote conducted by
37	be conducted by electronic	89	telephone or other electronic voting
38	mechanism. After each official vote,	90	mechanism, the vote of a delegation
39	the Delegation Chair shall record	91	as shown on the video projection
40	and tally votes of the delegation on	92	system may be challenged by
41	official roll call tally sheets provided	93	communication to the Convention
42	by the Convention Secretary. All	94	Secretary by telephone or other
43	official roll call tally sheets shall be	95	means by any voting member of the
44	turned in to the Convention	96	delegation within ten (10) minutes
45	Secretary at a specified location not	97	after the delegation's vote is shown
46	more than thirty (30) minutes after	98	on the screen.
47	the close of each voting period.	99	
48		100	<u>g.h.</u> A demand to poll a delegation may
49	<u>e.d.</u> All delegates to the National	101	be withdrawn at any time before the
50	Convention pledged to a	102	actual polling has begun.
51	presidential candidate shall in all	103	
52	good conscience reflect the	104	4. Interruption of Vote: When the question
		105	has been put, the vote thereon may not

- 1 be interrupted for any purpose other 53  
 2 than a demand for a roll call vote or a 54  
 3 point of order directed to the conduct of 55  
 4 the vote. 56  
 5 57  
 6 5. Determination of Question: Except as 58  
 7 otherwise provided in these rules, all 59  
 8 questions, ~~including the question of~~ 60  
 9 ~~nominations of candidates for President~~ 61  
 10 ~~and Vice President of the United States,~~ 62  
 11 shall be determined by a majority vote 63  
 12 of the delegates to the Convention. 64  
 13 65  
 14 G. Filling a Vacancy on the National Ticket: In 66  
 15 the event of death, resignation or disability 67  
 16 of a nominee of the Party for President or 68  
 17 Vice President after the adjournment of the 69  
 18 National Convention, the National 70  
 19 Chairperson of the Democratic National 71  
 20 Committee shall confer with the Democratic 72  
 21 leadership of the United States Congress 73  
 22 and the Democratic Governors Association 74  
 23 and shall report to the Democratic National 75  
 24 Committee, which is authorized to fill the 76  
 25 vacancy or vacancies. 77  
 26 78  
 27 H. Interpretation of the Rules: In interpreting 79  
 28 the rules, the Chair may have recourse to 80  
 29 the ruling of Chairs of previous Democratic 81  
 30 Conventions, to the precedents of the 82  
 31 United States House of Representatives and 83  
 32 to general parliamentary law. 84  
 33 85  
 34 I. Appeals: 86  
 35 87  
 36 1. The Chair shall decide all questions of 88  
 37 order subject to an appeal by any 89  
 38 delegate which may be debated for not 90  
 39 more than ten (10) minutes, the time to 91  
 40 be equally divided between the delegate 92  
 41 appealing the ruling and a delegate in 93  
 42 favor of sustaining the ruling of the 94  
 43 Chair; provided that an appeal shall not 95  
 44 be in order while another appeal is 96  
 45 pending or from decisions on 97  
 46 recognition or from decisions on 98  
 47 dilatoriness of motions or during a roll 99  
 48 call vote or on a question on which an 100  
 49 appeal has just been decided or, when in 101  
 50 the opinion of the Chair, such appeal is 102  
 51 clearly dilatory. 103  
 52 104  
 53 105
2. Before the question is put on any  
 appeal, the Chair shall be entitled to  
 state briefly the reasons for the ruling  
 being appealed.
- J. Motion to Suspend the Rules: The Chair  
 shall entertain a motion to suspend the  
 rules, which shall be decided without  
 debate and which shall require a vote of two  
 thirds (2/3) of the delegates voting, a  
 quorum being present.
- K. Motion:
1. No question of privilege or any motion  
 other than those provided under these  
 rules shall be entertained, except the  
 motion to recess (to a time certain or at  
 the call of the Chair), which shall be  
 privileged, and the motion to adjourn,  
 which shall be the highest privilege.
2. Motions to adjourn or to recess shall be  
 in order at any time except when the  
 question has been put or a vote is in  
 progress and shall be decided without  
 debate. The Chair shall not entertain a  
 motion to adjourn or recess when such  
 motion closely follows another such  
 motion if in the opinion of the Chair  
 such motion is dilatory.
- L. Amendments: No amendments to  
 resolutions or motions before the  
 Convention shall be permitted, except  
 amendments to standing committee reports  
 or resolutions offered at the direction of the  
 standing committee or in a minority report  
 of that standing committee; provided that  
 no motion or proposition on a subject  
 different from that under consideration  
 shall be admitted in the form of such an  
 amendment.
- M. Minority Reports: Minority reports of  
 committees shall not be considered unless  
 adopted in writing by members  
 representing at least twenty-five percent  
 (25%) of the total votes of a committee. A  
 minority report may be withdrawn at any  
 time prior to or during the Convention. A  
 minority report shall be deemed to be  
 withdrawn when support for the report falls  
 below the number of members representing

- 1 twenty five percent (25%) of the total votes  
2 of the standing committee as evidenced by  
3 the written withdrawal of support by  
4 proponents of the report. A committee  
5 member may withdraw their his or her  
6 support for a minority report by written  
7 notice to the Secretary of the Democratic  
8 National Committee.  
9
- 10 N. Responsibility: By participating in the  
11 Democratic National Convention, each  
12 delegate assumes the responsibility for  
13 doing all within their his or her power to  
14 assure that voters of their his or her state  
15 will have the opportunity to cast their  
16 election ballots for the Presidential and Vice  
17 Presidential nominees selected by the  
18 Convention or, should a vacancy arise,  
19 pursuant to Article VIII.G. of these rules,  
20 and expressly agrees that he or she will not  
21 publicly support or campaign for any  
22 candidate for President or Vice President  
23 other than the nominees of the Democratic  
24 National Convention, or, should a vacancy  
25 arise, the nominee(s) selected pursuant to  
26 Article VIII.G.  
27
- 28 O. Debate: Unless otherwise provided in these  
29 rules or in a resolution providing for a  
30 special order of business, debate on any  
31 question shall be limited to a total of twenty  
32 (20) minutes and shall be equally divided  
33 between proponents and opponents unless  
34 they and the Chair agree upon an additional  
35 or lesser amount of time.  
36
- 37 P. Quorum: A majority of the delegates to the  
38 Convention shall constitute a quorum  
39 thereof for the purpose of transacting  
40 business. Upon a point of order of no  
41 quorum being made, the Chair shall  
42 ascertain the presence or absence of a  
43 quorum by visual estimation and shall not  
44 proceed until a quorum is present; provided  
45 that a motion to adjourn may be offered and  
46 voted upon without a quorum present.  
47
- 48 Q. References to the "Chair": All references to  
49 the authority and responsibilities of the  
50 "Chair" shall pertain to the Temporary  
51 Chair, the Permanent Chair, the Co-Chair(s)  
52 and any other person assuming the duties of
- 53 the Chair as appropriate during the  
54 Convention.  
55
- 56 R. Equal Division: The Charter of the  
57 Democratic Party of the United States  
58 provides that the National Convention shall  
59 be composed of delegates and alternates  
60 equally divided between men and women  
61 (as determined by self-identification). This  
62 Call, in compliance with the Charter, and  
63 pursuant to Rule 6.C. of the 2016-2020  
64 *Delegate Selection Rules*, mandates that  
65 delegates and alternates from each state and  
66 jurisdiction shall be equally divided  
67 between men and women with a variance of  
68 no more than one (1). In the case of gender  
69 non-binary delegates, they shall not be  
70 counted as either a male or female, and the  
71 remainder of the delegation shall be equally  
72 divided between male gender and female  
73 gender.  
74
- 75 S. Non-Discrimination: Discrimination on the  
76 basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national  
77 origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual  
78 orientation, gender identity, economic  
79 status or physical disability in the conduct  
80 of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited.  
81
- 82 T. Territories: The term "territories" shall refer  
83 to American Samoa, Democrats Abroad,  
84 Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and  
85 the Virgin Islands in this Call.  
86
- 87 U. Journal of Proceedings:  
88
- 89 1. A record of all actions taken each  
90 day by the Convention shall be  
91 made available to all delegates and  
92 alternates the following day by the  
93 Convention Secretary.  
94
  - 95 2. The Secretary of the Democratic  
96 National Committee will provide a  
97 journal of the full proceedings of the  
98 Convention, which shall be made  
99 available printed within the year  
100 following the Convention.  
101

# Appendix A

## Relationship Between the 202016 Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee and the 202016 Delegate Selection Rules

Under Rule 2021.B. of the 2016-2020 *Delegate Selection Rules*, the Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction over challenges pertaining to the submission, non-implementation and violation of state Delegate Selection Plans, Affirmative Action Plans, and Outreach and Inclusion Programs. The following “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 202016 Democratic National Convention” describes the procedure for considering challenges once the Credentials Committee assumes responsibility for the challenge process as otherwise described in Rule 2021.B.

All delegates and alternates to the 202016 Democratic National Convention shall be selected in accordance with the 202016 *Delegate Selection Rules* and the 202016 *Call*. Only delegates and alternates selected under a delegate selection system approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee pursuant to the 202016 *Delegate Selection Rules* shall be placed on the Temporary Roll of the 202016 Democratic National Convention.

All challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 202016 Democratic National Convention shall be processed in accordance with the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 202016 Democratic National Convention.”

## Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 202016 Democratic National Convention

### 1. Jurisdiction of the Credentials Committee

The Credentials Committee shall have jurisdiction to hear and decide:

- A. Any challenge brought before the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee and not resolved before the 56th calendar day preceding the date of commencement of the Democratic National Convention; and,
- B. Any challenge alleging:
  1. Failure to implement a final order of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee; or
  2. Failure to implement a plan approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee, if such challenge is initiated on or after the 56th day preceding the date of commencement of the Democratic National Convention, except with regard to Rule 19.E. of the Delegate Selection Rules.

### 2. Parties

- A. Challenging Parties: A challenge to the credentials of any delegate or alternate to the 202016 Democratic National Convention shall be brought by at least fifteen (15) Democrats who are residents of the state and level at which delegates to the National Convention are elected in which the challenge arises, and who fulfill (1), or if there is no Democratic Party enrollment or registration in the state, then either (2) or (3) below:

1. Registration or enrollment as Democrats in those states which employ such procedures. Persons not registered to vote or persons registered as unaffiliated voters or enrolled as members of other parties or as independents shall not have standing to bring a challenge.
2. Participation in Democratic Party affairs. Persons who have participated in the affairs of another political party during the preceding 12-month period shall not have standing to bring a challenge. Participation in a party's affairs shall include, but not be limited to, voting in the immediately preceding primary of that political party.
3. Any person who lacks standing under paragraphs (1) and (2) and who demonstrates that he or she attempted to participate in the affairs of the Democratic Party in good faith shall have standing to challenge.
4. Each challenge shall include a statement indicating that each challenger subscribes to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States. Each challenger must have been personally injured with respect to ~~their~~ ~~his or her~~ participation in the delegate selection process by any violation complained of or shall be so situated that he or she clearly will be personally injured by such violation.

B. Challenged Parties:

1. Where delegates or alternates to the Convention have been selected from the level at which delegates to the National Convention are elected in which the challenge arises, the challenged party or parties shall be a delegate or alternate or a group of

delegates or alternates or the entire delegation from that level.

2. Where delegates or alternates to the Convention have not yet been selected from the level at which delegates to the National Convention are elected in which the challenge arises, the challenged party shall be the Democratic Party organization responsible for that level; provided that where any state law or state party rule, regulation, decision or other state party action or omission is challenged, the State Democratic Party shall also be named as a challenged party. If during the tendency of the challenge, any delegate(s) or alternate(s) to the Convention are selected from the level involved, such delegate(s) or alternate(s) shall be joined as challenged parties if any relief with respect to their credentials at the Convention is sought.
3. The State Democratic Party shall be joined as a challenged party if a challenged party so requests.

C. Intervening Parties:

1. A State Democratic Party may intervene as of right in any challenge proceeding for the purpose of protecting any interest it may have with respect to that proceeding.
2. A presidential candidate may intervene as of right in any challenge proceeding for the purpose of protecting any interest he or she may have with respect to that proceeding.
3. For good cause shown, any other person having standing under Section 2.A. may be permitted to be heard as an amicus curiae or, in appropriate circumstances, to intervene, for all or limited purposes, by leave of the Chair of the

Credentials Committee or the Hearing Officer.

3. Filing, Service of Documents and Computation of Time

- A. Filing: Any challenge, answer and accompanying documents to be considered in the processing of any challenge shall be filed by hand delivery (receipt to be retained), certified mail (return receipt requested), or by an overnight delivery service (signature required) to: Chair, 2020~~16~~ Convention Credentials Committee, c/o Democratic National Committee, 430 South Capitol Street, S.E., Washington, DC 20003 with a copy to the Chair of the Democratic Party of the state in which the challenge arises. The original and a copy of each document shall be filed. Filing shall be deemed complete upon receipt, or in the case of hand delivery, upon delivery.
- B. Service: Any document filed in any proceeding pursuant to these rules shall be served at the same time by the filing party upon all other parties to the proceeding, with a copy to the Chair of the Democratic Party of the state in which the challenge arises. Service shall be made by hand delivery (receipt to be obtained), certified mail (return receipt requested), or an overnight delivery service (signature required) to each party or ~~their~~ his or her attorney, if any. Any document filed pursuant to these rules shall be accompanied by a certificate of service signed by the filing party or by ~~their~~ his or her attorney, if any. Service shall be deemed complete, in the case of hand-delivery, on the date of receipt by the served party or, in the case of service by certified mail or an overnight delivery service, on the first business day on which delivery is attempted.

C. Time:

1. In computing any period of time prescribed by these rules, the day of the act or event from which the designated period of time begins to run shall not be included. Weekends and holidays shall be included.
2. The Chair(s) of the Credentials Committee shall have authority for good cause, on application or sua sponte, to enlarge or shorten any period of time prescribed by these rules. An extension of time shall be granted only when compelling need is shown.

4. Challenges

- A. A credentials challenge shall be commenced by the filing of a written challenge not later than:
1. Fifteen (15) calendar days after the violation occurred, or
  2. Fifteen (15) calendar days after the selection of any delegate or alternate whose credentials to the Democratic National Convention are to be put in issue, whichever occurs first. The challenging parties shall, within the period provided by the State Democratic Party in its Delegate Selection Plan, invoke, and shall thereafter exhaust, the remedies provided by State Democratic Party procedures for the violations alleged.
- B. The challenge shall be verified by the notarized signature of each challenging party, and shall include the following:
1. The name, address and telephone number of each challenging party and allegations of fact fulfilling the requirements of Section 2.A.; and the name, address and telephone number of each challenging party's attorney

or other representative authorized to receive documents on behalf of the challenger.

2. The name, address and telephone number of each delegate or alternate whose credentials are challenged, or a statement that such information is unavailable to the challenging parties; or, where delegates or alternates have not yet been selected, the name, address and telephone number of each challenged party.
3. An identification of the state and level at which delegates to the National Convention are elected in which the challenge arises.
4. A plain, concise and specific statement of each violation of a state delegate selection plan approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee, or of a final order of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee; or a statement that the state does not have an approved delegate selection plan.
5. A plain, concise and specific statement of how each challenging party has been injured with respect to ~~their~~ ~~his or her~~ participation in the delegate selection process by each alleged violation.
6. A plain, concise and specific statement of the remedies each challenging party has invoked with respect to each alleged violation before filing a credentials challenge with the Credentials Committee, and a statement of the expected length of time for exhaustion of the state party procedures.
7. A plain, concise and specific statement of the relief requested and the reason therefore. If a challenging party proposes that he or she be seated in the state's delegation, the

challenge shall include a plain, concise and specific statement of the reasons why that party has a right to be seated, superior to that of the delegate or alternate whose seat he or she seeks; and a plain, concise and specific statement of how the challenging party has complied with all applicable laws, rules and regulations and has participated in the delegate selection process.

- C. The challenge shall be accompanied by the following documents:
  1. A plain, concise and specific statement that contains, by separately numbered paragraphs, each violation alleged and each form of relief sought.
  2. A list of the name, address and telephone number of each witness who is likely to be called to testify in support of the challenge.
  3. A list of the documents likely to be offered in support of the challenge, together with copies of those documents.

5. Answer

- A. Within ten (10) calendar days after service of a challenge, each challenged party shall file a written answer, verified by the notarized signature of each challenged party, including the following:
  1. The name, address and telephone number of each challenged party and the name, address and telephone number of ~~their~~ ~~his or her~~ attorney or other representative authorized to receive documents on behalf of the challenged party.
  2. A statement as to whether the standing under Section 2.A. of the challenging parties is in dispute.

3. A response to the challenge, separately admitting or denying each statement therein, or stating that the challenged party is without sufficient information to admit or deny. A response to a statement shall fairly meet its substance, admitting those parts that are true and denying those parts that are false.
  4. A plain, concise and specific statement of each and every affirmative defense to the alleged violations.
  5. A plain, concise and specific statement of any other reasons why the challenged party should prevail.
- B. The answer shall be accompanied by the following documents:
1. A plain, concise and specific statement that contains, by reference to each numbered paragraph of the challenging statement required by Section 4.C.1., a response to each alleged violation or request for relief. A response to a proposition shall fairly meet its substance, admitting those parts that are true and denying those parts that are false. Wherever a proposition is denied in whole or in part, the proposition supported by the challenged party on that point shall be stated.
  2. A list of the name, address and telephone number of each witness who is likely to be called in opposition to the challenge.
  3. A list of the documents likely to be offered in opposition to the challenge, together with copies of those documents.
- C. Challenged parties may consolidate their answers.
6. Dismissal and Decision on the Pleadings
    - A. Dismissal:
      1. The Chair of the Credentials Committee shall dismiss any challenge, or part of a challenge, which does not fall within the jurisdiction of the Credentials Committee.
      2. If a state party has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action and outreach and inclusion program, the Chair shall dismiss any challenge, or part of a challenge, which is based solely on composition of the Convention delegation, except in the case of a challenge based upon the failure to achieve equal division.
      3. The Chair shall have authority to dismiss any challenge which is brought by persons lacking standing under Section 2.A., or which otherwise fails to comply substantially with these rules, or which is otherwise manifestly insufficient.
      4. Any dismissal shall be accompanied by a written opinion by the Chair.
    - B. Decision on the Pleadings: The Chair of the Credentials Committee shall have authority to make a decision on the pleadings where it is plain from the challenge and the answer, together with the documents accompanying those pleadings, that there is no genuine issue of material fact between the parties. Any decision on the pleadings shall be accompanied by a written opinion by the Chair.
    - C. Review of Dismissal or Decision on the Pleadings: Within five (5) calendar days after service of a notice of the entry of a dismissal under Section 6.A. or under

Section 1.B., an aggrieved party may file a Petition for Review by the Credentials Committee stating the objections to the Chair's action, and may file a brief. Within five (5) calendar days after service of the petition, any other party may file a brief. Consideration of the challenge by the Credentials Committee shall proceed as in other cases, except that the challenge shall be given precedence on the committee's docket.

7. Decision of State Party Body

- A. The Chair(s) of the Credentials Committee may defer, for such period as is appropriate, proceedings on a challenge in order to give time for the consideration of any challenge or other related matter under State Democratic Party procedures. The deferral period shall not be so long as to interfere with the processing and consideration of the challenge by the Credentials Committee if that should prove necessary.
- B. The State Democratic Party body may take such action with respect to the challenge or other related matter as it is authorized to take under state law and state party rules.
- C. After a decision by a state party body on a challenge or other related matter, any party to the challenge pending before the Credentials Committee may request the Committee to process the challenge and the Committee shall do so. The party making the request shall file any written decision or order made with respect to the challenge by the state party body. The decision of the state party body shall be given such weight as the Credentials Committee finds warranted in the circumstances.
- D. Records of proceedings conducted by the state party body with respect to the challenge or other related matter, and other papers relating to the state party proceedings, shall be admissible in

Credentials Committee proceedings on the challenge.

8. Hearing

- A. With respect to any challenge or part of a challenge not dismissed or decided on the pleadings under Section 6., an open and public hearing shall be held on the specific factual and legal matters in dispute. An electronic or stenographic recording or clerical notes shall be made of the proceedings at any such hearing.
- B. The hearing shall be held in Washington, D.C. unless the Chair(s) of the Credentials Committee determines that in the interest of justice it should be held elsewhere.
- C. The hearing shall be conducted by a Hearing Officer appointed by the Chair(s) of the Credentials Committee. The Hearing Officer shall be a Democrat, neutral in the context of the challenge, experienced in the law, known by reputation to be fair and shall not be involved in or identified with any presidential campaign or any group promoting or opposing credentials challenges. The Chair(s) shall make a reasonable effort to secure the agreement of the parties to the Hearing Officer.
- D. The Hearing Officer shall have all power necessary to conduct the hearing in such manner, consistent with these rules, as to secure the just, speedy and inexpensive determination of the challenge, including the right to require the parties to participate in a pre-hearing conference.
- E. Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Hearing Officer shall announce a ruling identifying, on the basis of the papers filed in the challenge and any pre-hearing conference, the specific issues in dispute. The Hearing Officer shall have power to rule that on certain issues only documentary evidence shall be received. Any party

objecting to a ruling under this paragraph may make a proffer of the evidence that would have been presented but for the ruling.

- F. The Hearing Officer shall hear the evidence, dispose of procedural requests and similar matters and, to the extent possible, obtain stipulations of the parties as to the facts of the challenge.
- G. A challenging party shall have the burden of proof by clear and convincing evidence on all factual issues necessary to the challenge, except that the burden of proof shall rest with the challenged party in the case of:
  - 1. any unresolved challenges to a state's affirmative action program filed thirty (30) days or more prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process other than a challenge made on the basis of non-implementation of a specific requirement of a state plan; and,
  - 2. any challenge for failure to submit and implement an approved affirmative action program by the deadline specified in the Delegate Selection Rules.
- H. The Hearing Officer shall have authority to receive all competent evidence relevant to the specific matters in issue and to assign to it appropriate weight.
- I. The Hearing Officer shall have authority to order for good cause, on application or sua sponte, that a party produce at the hearing designated evidence in the interest of justice. Where a party fails to produce such evidence, the Hearing Officer may make findings of fact adverse to the party on all issues to which the evidence would have been material.

J. Subject to any ruling under Section 8.E., each party shall have the right to present competent oral and documentary evidence relevant to the specific matters in issue and to conduct cross-examination.

K. The Hearing Officer may require parties to consolidate their challenges or defenses for purposes of the hearing.

L. The Hearing Officer shall make and file a written report to the Credentials Committee, which shall include findings of fact, conclusions of law and a recommendation for disposition of the challenge. The reports shall be served on all parties to the challenge.

M. Any transcript or other papers in the record from any proceedings before the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall be part of the record.

9. Consideration by the Credentials Committee

A. The Credentials Committee shall begin meeting at the call of the Chair(s) in Washington, D.C., or elsewhere at the call of the Chair(s), to hear challenges. No later than thirty (30) days before the first meeting of the Credentials Committee, written notice of the date, time, place, and the tentative agenda of such meeting shall be sent to all members of the Credentials Committee. A special or emergency meeting of the Credentials Committee may be held upon call of the Chair(s) of the Credentials Committee with reasonable notice to the members.

B. All meetings of the Credentials Committee shall be open to the public; provided that the Chair(s) of the Committee shall exclude from the specific area where the committee is conducting its business all persons whose presence in that area is not required for the proper conduct of the business.

C. Request for hearing by Full Committee: Within two (2) days after service of the Hearing Officer's report, an aggrieved party may file a written Petition for Review by the Credentials Committee. The petition shall contain a plain, concise and specific statement of the reasons for appeal and the procedural and/or substantive errors claimed by the petitioner.

D. Briefs:

1. Within three (3) calendar days after filing the Petition for Review, the petitioner for review may file a brief.
2. Within three (3) calendar days after service of the petitioner's brief, a respondent may file a brief.
3. Any party filing a brief shall file as many copies as there are members of the committee, plus ten (10) copies for the Chair(s) and staff of the committee.

E. Argument:

1. Each side of a challenge shall be entitled to present oral argument before the Committee for a period determined by the Chair(s) of the committee, generally not to exceed fifteen (15) minutes.
2. The Chair(s) of the committee may require parties to consolidate or separate their challenges or defense for purposes of oral argument.
3. The Chair(s) of the committee shall notify the parties of the time and place of oral argument.

F. Resolutions:

1. All proposed resolutions relating to the disposition of a credentials challenge shall be in writing and

signed by the proponent and at least one (1) second. Proposed resolutions relating to the seating or unseating of delegates or alternates shall be seconded in writing by at least seven (7) members, no more than two (2) of whom may be members elected by the delegation from the same state as the proponent of the resolution.

2. All proposed resolutions relating to the disposition of a credentials challenge shall be framed so as to be dispositive of the entire challenge and, to that end, shall be specific in stating the action recommended to be taken by the Convention.
3. Following the submission of all proposed resolutions to the Chair(s), the resolution having the largest number of signed seconds shall become the pending order of business. Twenty (20) minutes of debate shall be allotted to each proposed resolution, equally divided between the proponents and the opponents. At the conclusion of the debate, the resolution shall be put to a vote. In the event the resolution is not adopted, the proposed resolution having the next largest number of signed seconds shall become the pending order of business, and so on until the challenge is disposed.
4. No amendment to any proposed resolution shall be permitted, except with the consent of the proponent, and no resolution or propositions on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted in the form of such an amendment.

G. Presidential Preference of Delegation: Except where the issue is the expressed presidential preference of the level at which delegates to the National Convention are elected represented by the challenged delegates, any remedy for a violation shall fairly reflect the

expressed presidential preference of that level.

H. Voting: A member of the Credentials Committee elected by a state delegation shall not vote on a challenge arising in that state. All matters shall be determined by a majority vote of those present and voting, a quorum of the full Committee being present. A quorum shall consist of members present in person representing a majority of the total number of committee votes entitled to be counted in the matter.

I. Proxies: Proxy voting shall be prohibited.

10. Committee Report

The Report of the Credentials Committee shall be distributed to all delegates, alternates and the public as soon as practicable after its adoption.

11. Minority Reports

Upon the request of members representing at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the total votes of the Credentials Committee, a minority report shall be prepared for distribution to all Convention delegates, alternates and the public as part of the Committee's report. This minority report shall be distributed at the same time the Credentials Committee Report is distributed. No member elected to the committee by a state delegation may join in such request as to a proposed minority report relating to a credentials challenge to any delegate from ~~their~~ ~~his or her~~ state. The committee staff shall assist in the preparation of such report.

12. Record

A. The official record of any proceedings under these rules shall be maintained in the office at the Democratic National Committee in Washington, D.C. and shall be open and available for public inspection and duplication at reasonable times.

B. All meetings of the full Credentials Committee shall be transcribed.

13. Interpretation and Waiver of Rules and Provision for Special Rules

A. These rules shall be interpreted and applied in the interests of justice and fairness to all parties, speed and economy. To serve these interests, and for good cause, on application or sua sponte, the Chair(s) of the committee shall have the authority to waive any provision of these rules other than Sections 1.B. and Section 5.

B. In the case of any challenge filed on or after the 56th calendar day before the convention begins, the Chair(s) may shorten the time periods specified in these rules for processing the challenge, including the time to file documents and conduct hearings, as the interests of justice and the orderly disposition of challenges dictate; provided, however, that in any event:

3. The challenge and accompanying papers shall be filed not later than three (3) days after the occurrence of the violation alleged.

4. The answer and accompanying papers shall be filed not later than three (3) days after service of the challenge.