



Fairfax County Democratic Committee—General Membership Meeting

Amended Meeting Minutes, July 27, 2021

I. Documents provided in advance of the meeting

- A. Agenda;
- B. Minutes from the last General Meeting, May 2021;
- C. Resolution Supporting End-of-Life Care Including Medical Aid in Dying;
- D. Special Rules of Order for Resolutions;
- E. Resolution Creating the FCDC AAPI Caucus;
- F. Resolution Calling on Sen. Warner to Co-Sponsor the PRO Act.

II. Call to Order

- A. The meeting was called to order at 7:36pm.

III. Hybrid Meeting Instructions

- A. The Chair provided a brief overview of the rules and processes for managing communications during the meeting, which was held as a “hybrid” meeting, with some attendees in person, and others attending via Zoom.

IV. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- A. The Chair asked if there were any objections to adopting the Agenda. No objections were offered and the Agenda was adopted.
- B. The Chair asked if there were any objections to adopting the minutes of the May 2021 FCDC General meeting. A member offered an amendment to the May meeting minutes and asked that they reflect the fact that the FCDC National Affairs Standing Committee introduced the Resolution urging the 117th Congress to pass H.R. 350 The Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act of 2021. The amendment was accepted and no members

offered any objections to the minutes as amended. The amended May 2021 meeting minutes were adopted by the Committee.

V. Approval of New Members

- A. A listing of new members recommended by the district committees was displayed for review by the membership;
 - 1. A motion was made to make the individuals on the list members of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved via voice vote.

VI. Introduction of Special Guests

- A. Several elected officials, special guests, and candidates for office addressed the Committee, including:
 - 1. Del. Vivian Watts (D-39);
 - 2. School Board Members Abrar Omeish (At-Large);
 - 3. Ally Dalsimer (Candidate, 11th Congressional District);
 - 4. School Board Member Karen Keys-Gamarra (At-Large);
 - 5. School Board Member Karen Corbett Sanders (Mt. Vernon);
 - 6. Benjamin Tripp of the Virginia Turnout Project.

VII. Treasurer's Report

- A. The treasurer, Nadja Golding, provided an update on the financial status of the Committee. She emphasized the importance of the upcoming Jefferson-Obama Dinner on the financial health of the Committee. She also noted the strong financial position of the District Committees.

VIII. Chair's Report

- A. The Chair, Bryan Graham discussed the plan to continue to have virtual options at FCDC meetings for the foreseeable future. He discussed the need for bylaws changes to make the virtual meeting component permanent.
- B. The Chair noted that an FCDC Member had recently been named the Secretary of the Navy, Carlos Del Toro, and congratulated him on the appointment.
- C. The Chair commented on the recent faux outrage by some people on social media regarding some out of context video from a rally in support of the Fairfax County School Board that made the Fox News website. He commented on the bad faith of the Republican operatives pushing the story, and reaffirmed his support for the School Board and keeping children safe.

IX. Vice Chairs 'Reports

- A. Tina Barchik, Vice Chair, Finance, made a request for members of FCDC to become sustainers, and reminded everyone of the importance of the Jefferson-Obama Dinner give that this is an election year;
- B. Nora Dell, Chair, State & Local Affairs Standing Committee, provided an update on recent successful events held by the Committee, and brought to the attention of FCDC members the number of Fairfax County public meetings that are not recorded or broadcast, suggesting public meetings should have virtual options.
- C. Maria Vorel, Co-Vice Chair, Precinct Operations, recommended that members reach out to the precinct operations chairs of their local committees to ask how best to engage to support candidates.
- D. Janice Yohai, Vice Chair, Voter Registration and Education, indicated that the Voter Registration and Education Committee is getting back to work reminding voters what our Democratic elected officials have done. She urged all members to talk to their networks to urge voting in November.
- E. Greg Brandon, Chair, Central Communications Standing Committee (C3), discussed recent and upcoming redistricting meetings.
- F. Sandra J. Klassen, Chair, National Affairs Standing Committee, provided information on an upcoming forum being hosted by the Standing Committee on single payer healthcare, which will feature a number of high level expert speakers on healthcare, economics, and public policy.
- G. Kelly Hebron, Chair, FCDC Black Caucus, provided an update on the rapidly expanding membership of the Caucus, and on strategic planning efforts.
- H. Eddie Eitches, Chair, Labor Standing Committee, provided an update on the PRO Act, and encouraged support of a resolution relating to the PRO Act that will come up later in the Agenda.

X. Old Business

- A. Resolution Supporting End-of-Life Care Including Medical Aid in Dying
 - 1. Nora Dell, Chair, State & Local Affairs Standing Committee, moved to postpone consideration of the Resolution Supporting End-of-Life Care Including Medical Aid in Dying to the November, 2021 meeting of FCDC. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved by voice vote and the consideration of the resolution was postponed until the November, 2021 meeting.

XI. New Business

- A. Special Rules of Order for Resolutions.

1. The Chair, Bryan Graham provided a brief overview for the proposed Special Rules of Order for Resolutions, and the reasons for them. A copy of the proposal was provided to members in advance of the meeting.
2. Sandra J. Klassen, Chair of the Task Force on Resolutions, moved to adopt the Special Rules of Order for Resolutions. The motion was seconded. The Committee engaged in substantial debate on the motion.
 - a) A member moved to amend the proposed rules by striking point 5 of the proposed special rules (“No amendments to the resolution from the floor shall be accepted.”) The amendment was seconded. The Committee engaged in substantial debate on the amendment. The Committee held a voice vote on the amendment, which was inconclusive. The Committee then voted by Zoom poll for those participating online, and by show of hands for those participating in the room. The Nays carried, and the amendment was not adopted.
 - b) The Committee then voted on the main motion to adopt the Special Rules. Those participating online voted via Zoom poll and those attending in-person voted via show of hands. The motion carried by a vote of 78–48 among online participants, and the vote in favor was unanimous among the in-person attendees. The total votes in favor surpassed the 2/3 threshold required for adoption of the Special Rules. The proposed Special Rules of Order for Resolutions were adopted.
3. Resolution Creating the FCDC AAPI Caucus
 - a) Rose Chu, Chair, FCDC 8th Congressional District Committee, introduced and discussed a Resolution Creating the FCDC AAPI Caucus. She moved to adopt the resolution. No second was required for the motion because the caucus formation rules require multiple people to sign on in order to present the proposal to the Committee.
 - (1) After a brief discussion, the Committee voted via Zoom poll and show of hands. The ayes carried and the Resolution was adopted.
4. Resolution calling on Sen. Warner to co-sponsor the PRO Act
 - a) The Chair, Bryan Graham, read a summary of a proposed Resolution calling on Sen. Warner to co-sponsor the PRO Act. Eddie Eitches Chair, FCDC Labor Standing Committee, moved the resolution and spoke in favor of the resolution. No second was required because the Resolution was recommended by the Labor and Steering Committees.
 - (1) The Committee voted on the resolution via Zoom poll and show of hands. The ayes carried and the Resolution was adopted.
5. FCDC Position on School Bond
 - a) The Chair presented to the Committee the text of a resolution stating the FCDC Position on a School Bond. The text of the Resolution read: “Be it resolved that

the Fairfax County Democratic Committee supports a 'Yes' vote in favor of the 2021 Fairfax County School Bond, and that such position shall be reflected on sample ballots.”

- (1) The Committee voted on the resolution. The initial vote failed to afford virtual attendees the opportunity to vote, so the vote was called a second time. The ayes carried in both the initial and the subsequent vote, and the resolution was adopted.

XII. Announcements

- A. Several announcements were made from the floor.

XIII. Adjournment

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.