



The Democratic Party of Valencia County

Executive Committee Minutes  
13 February 2024

- I. The Executive Committee was formally convened at 6:03 pm, with Party Chair Summer Ludwig presiding. This meeting was In-person at the Belen Public Library.
- II. Attendees were: George Columbo, Jeffrey Cooper, William Ludwig, Kathy McCord, Mike Melendez, Lisa Guenley, Michelle Tafoya, Jim Renshaw and Torres G. Leyba.
- III. The agenda was reviewed, and a motion was made by Kathy McCord to table approval of the January Minutes until they could be provided to the Committee for review. The motion was approved.
- IV. The floor was opened for general inquiry and local political updates
  - The recent Los Lunas Council meeting re: Niagara Bottling Company was discussed, and a brief was given regarding public protest of the Council's decision. General discussion of this topic was held.
- V. General logistical briefing and planning was undertaken in preparation for the Valencia County Democratic Party Convention on February 17th.
  - It was announced that the State DPNM Pre-Primary Convention would be an all-virtual event for 2024.
- VI. Chair Ludwig held a roundtable discussion and run-of-show for the Party Convention on the 17th:
  - A. 30-day Dem sheets are to be provided for Ward sign-in
  - B. Laptops and supplementary electronics may be required
  - C. Logistical brief of the day's timeline and schedule
  - D. DPNM to help with text invites
  - E. Check-in protocols reviewed

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- F. Run of Show for the formal proceedings covered
  - G. Overview of governing Rules and guidelines for the Convention
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- VII. The Executive Committee formally convened a meeting of the Rules Committee
    - A. Rules review presentation, including proposed amendments to the current DPNM Rules
    - B. General discussion of the amendments as written and presented by the Committee
    - C. A motion was made by Kathy McCord to formally strike Proposed Supplemental Rule 2.3.5.4.1 (Valencia County Federation of Democratic Women). Seconded by Mike Melendez. Following discussion of the motion, each member of the Rules Committee was polled as to their vote on the motion. The vote to approve the motion and strike the proposed supplemental Rule was unanimous.
  - VIII. Secretary Leyba excused himself from the proceedings at 8:15pm.
  - IX. The Meeting was formally adjourned by Chair Ludwig at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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