

Bylaws and Rules Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: July 13, 2025

Meeting was over Zoom.

Called to order by Vice Chair Moulton at 3:06pm ET.

Present: Kyle Davis, Andrew Kolstee, Dr. Chuck Moulton (VC), Bryce Thon (A1), Paul Darr (C) (arrived late), Michael Seebeck (S), Rob Latham, Data Logan, Amanda Griffiths, Silvia Arrowwood, Geoffrey Neale.

Absent: none

Vacant: Alternate #2.

No guests.

1. Proposal #4:

- Started at this point:

ARTICLE 8: REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

No officer or member-at-large shall be subject to removal from office except for failure to perform the duties of office or gross malfeasance. The process for removing officers and members-at-large shall be the trial procedure as outlined in the Party's parliamentary authority, with removal requiring a vote of 2/3 of the entire National Committee, excepting the member that is the subject of the vote who may not participate in that vote. The membership rights of the officer or member-at-large can be suspended by a 2/3 vote for up to sixty days while the matter is being investigated. The subject officer member-at-large may appeal their removal in writing to the Judicial Committee within seven days of receipt of notice of removal. Failure to appeal within seven days shall confirm the removal and bar any later challenge or appeal. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal between 20 and 40 days of receipt of the appeal. The Judicial Committee shall notify the petitioner and identified prospective respondents of their right to appear and present evidence and argument. At the hearing the burden of persuasion shall rest upon the appellant. The Judicial Committee shall either affirm the National Committee's removal of the officer or member-at-large or order reinstatement of the officer or member-at-large within 30 days of the hearing. Failure of the Judicial Committee to make a final decision on the appeal within 30 days shall constitute an overturning of the National Committee's removal of the subject officer or member-at-large and restoration of that individual to office. At such time as the removal is final, the office in question shall be deemed vacant.

- Mr. Latham moved to change "appellant" to "appellee" in burden of persuasion sentence.
 - Mr. Neale moved to change "appellee" to "National Committee." PASSES w/o objection.

- PASSES w/o objection.
- Ms. Griffiths moved to amend to add in recall language:
 1. Strike in first sentence “officer or member at-large” and insert “National Committee member”
 2. After “participate in that vote”, strike the period and add “; or upon appeal by 75% of the delegates credentialed at the most recent regular convention or 20% of the party sustaining members.”

Mr. Darr arrives late, Dr. Moulton passes gavel.

- Mr. Neale moves to divide the question. PASSES 6-1.
 1. Strike in first sentence “officer or member at-large” and insert “National Committee member”. FAILS 0-6.
 2. After “participate in that vote”, strike the period and add “; or upon appeal by 75% of the delegates credentialed at the most recent regular convention or 20% of the party sustaining members”.
 - Dr. Moulton moves to strike “or twenty percent of the Party sustaining members”. PASSES 6-0-1.
 - Dr. Moulton moves to change “seventy-five percent” to “2/3”. PASSES 9-0.
 - Mr. Latham moves to change “appeal” to “a removal petition signed”.
 - Dr. Moulton moves to add “specifying cause” after “petition.” Withdrawn w/o objection.
 - Dr. Moulton moves to add “specifying the aforementioned cause” after “petition”. PASSES 10-0.
 - Mr. Latham moves to strike “specifying” and insert “limited to” and change “cause” to “causes”. FAILS 3-4.
 - Latham amendment PASSES 9-0.
 - Part 2 PASSES 9-0.

(Back to main proposal.)

- Dr. Moulton moves to amend to strike “constitute an overturning of the National Committee’s removal of the subject officer or member at-large and restoration of that individual to office” and insert “affirm the National Committee’s removal of the officer or member at-large”. PASSES 7-0.
 - Dr. Moulton moves to amend “National Committee” back to “appellee” and delete the next two occurrences of “National Committee”. PASSES 9-0.
 - Dr. Moulton moves to strike “membership rights suspension” sentence. FAILS 0-7.
 - Dr. Moulton moved to change “2/3” to “3/4” in same sentence. PASSES 8-1.
2. Mr. Seebeck moves to extend time by 15 minutes. PASSES 5-4-1.

Mr. Darr leaves, passes gavel to Dr. Moulton.

3. Mr. Davis moves to adjourn. PASSES 5-1-2.

Proposal 4 now reads:

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Meeting adjourned at 4:03pm ET.

For the Committee,
Michael Seebeck, Secretary
August 1, 2025