

Proposed Rules for 2020 11th LD Democrats Reorganization Meeting

Section 1. Virtual Meeting Rules.

The KCDCC's [Standing Rules for Conducting Virtual Meetings](#) shall be in effect for the 11th LD reorganization meeting. However, if there is any conflict between these rules and the Standing Rules for Conducting Virtual Meetings, then these rules take precedence.

Section 2. Appointments.

Section 2.1. Appointment of Temporary Chair.

The County Chair shall appoint a temporary chair for the reorganization meeting. The temporary chair shall call the meeting to order and serve until the 11th Legislative District Democrats Chair election, and may then continue as chair or pass the gavel at the discretion of the incoming 11th Legislative District Democrats Chair.

Section 2.2. Appointment of Temporary Officers.

The temporary chair shall appoint a secretary, parliamentarian, sergeant-at-arms, and tally committee. These officers shall serve until the incoming 11th Legislative District Democrats Chair appoints permanent officers, or for the remainder of the meeting at the incoming 11th Legislative District Democrats Chair's discretion.

Section 3. Nominations and Speeches.

Section 3.1. Nominations Before Start of Meeting.

Candidates for elected officer positions may self-nominate before the start of the reorganization meeting by submitting a statement of candidacy (not to exceed 200 words) at least 7 days in advance. The statements of candidacy shall be provided to PCOs in advance of the meeting, and the names of candidates who self-nominate in advance shall be listed on the ballot. For officer positions subject to a gender rule (i.e., KCDCC Representatives, and State Committee Members), the statement of candidacy shall state the gender of the nominee.

Section 3.2. Floor Nominations.

Candidates may also be nominated from the floor during the 11th Legislative District Democrats reorganization meeting. For officer positions subject to a gender rule (i.e., State Committee Members, and KCDCC Representatives), the statement of candidacy shall state the gender of the nominee.

Section 3.3. Nominations Determine Ballot and Speech Order.

Candidates nominated before the start of the meeting shall appear on the ballot in the order they were nominated. Candidates nominated from the floor shall appear on the ballot in the order they were nominated and following those candidates nominated before the start of the meeting. All nominated candidates may speak in the order that they were nominated.

Section 3.4. Same Candidate Nominated for Multiple Positions.

A candidate may be nominated for more than one office, but may only be elected to one office. Any ballots cast for a candidate who has already won an election shall be treated as spoiled. A candidate may voluntarily decline their nomination in one election to preserve their eligibility for later elections.

Section 3.5. Candidate Speeches.

Each candidate may address the meeting for up to two minutes to campaign for the position being sought. Speeches may be “live” or pre-recorded at the candidate’s discretion. Candidates may yield all or part of their time to other speakers, including virtual guests.

While candidates may campaign for office as they see fit, a speech that is solely against the election of another candidate is out of order.

Section 4. Elections.

Section 4.1. Eligible Voters.

11th Legislative District Democratic Precinct Committee Officers (“PCOs”) who were elected in August 2020, including those elected by virtue of being the only candidate to file in their precinct, are eligible to vote at the 11th Legislative District Democrats reorganization meeting.

Section 4.2. Pre-Registration.

Each eligible voter shall receive a unique identification code, which will be used to “sign” electronic ballots and verify that votes were recorded correctly.

Section 4.3. Signed Ballots in Contested Races.

Voting in contested races shall be by electronic ballot, which shall be “signed” using the identification code described above. Voting in uncontested races, or on questions other than elections (e.g., voting to approve the agenda) may use participation icons.

Section 4.4. Simple Majority Required.

A candidate must receive a simple majority to win an election. If no candidate receives a simple majority and no candidate voluntarily withdraws, then a subsequent round of voting shall be held and each candidate who received less than 15% shall be dropped. If no candidates are eliminated by the above rule, then the candidate(s) receiving the fewest votes shall be dropped, unless doing so would lead to a round of voting with fewer than two candidates.

Section 4.5. Gender Rules.

The election for both State Committee Members shall be conducted simultaneously. Voters may vote for any two candidates having different gender self-identification, and ballots that vote for two candidates having the same gender self-identification shall be treated as spoiled. If only one State Committee Member receives a majority on the first ballot, then the subsequent ballot(s) shall include only those candidates having a different gender self-identification than the elected State Committee Member.

The election for both KCDCC Representatives shall be conducted in the same manner as those for State Committee Members.

Section 4.6. Order of Elections.

Elections shall be held in the following order:

- Legislative District Chair
- Vice Chair
- KCDCC Representatives
- State Committee Members

At the meeting chair's discretion and technology permitting, candidate speeches for the next election may begin while ballots are being collected and/or tallied for the current election.

The KCDCC Alternate Representatives, Secretary, and Treasurer positions will be filled at a subsequent regular meeting of the 11th Legislative District Democrats.