

NEW HAMPSHIRE DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN

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SECTION I

INTRODUCTION & DESCRIPTION OF DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

A. INTRODUCTION

1. New Hampshire has a total of 33 delegates and 2 alternates. (Call, I. & Appendix B.)
2. The delegate selection process is governed by the *Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States*, the *Delegate Selection Rules for the 2020 Democratic National Convention* ("Rules"), the *Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention* ("Call"), the *Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2020 Democratic National Convention* ("Regs."), the rules of the Democratic Party of New Hampshire, the New Hampshire election code, and this Delegate Selection Plan. (Call, II.A.)
3. Following the adoption of this Delegate Selection Plan by the State Party Committee, it shall be submitted for review and approval by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee ("RBC"). The State Party Chair shall be empowered to make any technical revisions to this document as required by the RBC to correct any omissions and/or deficiencies as found by the RBC to ensure its full compliance with Party Rules. Such corrections shall be made by the State Party Chair and the Plan resubmitted to the RBC within 30 days of receipt of notice of the RBC's findings. (Regs. 2.5, 2.6 & 2.7)
4. Once this Plan has been found in Compliance by the RBC, any amendment to the Plan by the State Party will be submitted to and approved by the RBC before it becomes effective. (Reg. 2.9)

B. DESCRIPTION OF DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

1. New Hampshire will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the primary for apportioning delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.
2. The "first determining step" of New Hampshire's delegate selection process will occur on February 11th, 2020 (date subject to change) with a "Presidential Preference Primary." There are no other elections held in conjunction with the Democratic Presidential Preference Primary.

C. VOTER PARTICIPATION

1. Participation in New Hampshire's delegate selection process is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats.
 - a. Democrats are determined as all those registered on the voter checklist as Democrats or those registered on the voter checklist as undeclared

(“independents”) who request a Democratic ballot in the presidential preference primary on February 11th, 2020.

- b. Any person whose name is not on the voter checklist but who otherwise is a qualified voter shall be entitled to vote by requesting to be registered to vote at the polling place on Primary Election Day. Those voters who are registered undeclared (“independents”) who request a Democratic ballot have their preference marked on the voter checklist. (Rule 2.A & Regs. 4.3.A & 4.3.B)
 - c. New Hampshire state law prohibits participation of anyone under 18 in the nominating process. (Reg 4.3.C)
 - d. At no stage of New Hampshire's delegate selection process shall any person be required, directly or indirectly, to pay a cost or fee as a condition for participating. Voluntary contributions to the Party may be made, but under no circumstances shall a contribution be mandatory for participation. (Rule 2.D. & Reg. 4.4.)
 - e. No persons shall participate or vote in the nominating process for the Democratic presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating process of any other party for the corresponding elections. (Rule 2.E.)
 - f. Votes shall not be taken by secret ballot at any stage of the delegate selection process, including processes leading up to the selection of DNC Members or State Chairs or Vice Chairs, who serve as DNC Members by virtue of their office, except that use of such voting by secret ballot may be used in a process that is the first determining stage of the delegate election process and in which all individual voters who wish to participate as Democrats are eligible to do so (Rule 2.F). Ballots shall be signed by the voter, unless the ballot is cast by a standing vote.
 - g. No person shall vote in more than one meeting, which is the pre-primary caucus. (Rule 3.E. & Reg. 4.7.)
2. New Hampshire is participating in a state government run presidential preference primary that will use government-run voting systems. New Hampshire’s government-run elections only use paper ballots, utilizing two voting systems: (a) accessible precinct based optical scan systems or (b) hand counted ballots. New Hampshire process complies with Rule 2.H.1, Rule 2.H.2 and Rule 2.H.3.
- a. The New Hampshire Democratic Party opposes current state law enabling the Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck Program (“Crosscheck”), enacted into law in 2016, and support current legislative efforts to repeal the program (House Bill 315). In 2017, the State Party opposed release of the data provided in the Crosscheck Program for numerous security reasons including the potential release of sensitive data of victims of domestic violence. (Rule 2.H.1)

- b. New Hampshire has same day voter registration; any qualified voter may vote on Election Day regardless of prior purging of the voter registration list. Qualified voters may also register prior to Election Day by completing a voter registration form at their Town Clerk's Office. (Rule 2.H.2)
 - c. State law (RSA 656:1-a) requires the use of precinct based optical scan voting systems and thus, paper ballots (Rules 2.H.3 & 2.H.4). New Hampshire has a high frequency of recounts due to the size of the state legislature, which serves as de-facto audits (Rule 2.H.5). The NH Secretary of State has implemented numerous security measures, such as sealing ballots to be delivered to the Secretary of State after voting. There is a noticed public testing of machines prior to election day. Additionally, RSA 658:2 compels each State Party to appoint Inspectors of the Election (ballot clerks) at every polling location to ensure fairness and to assist voters if needed. (Rule 2.H.6)
 - d. New Hampshire RSA 652:16-d Accessible Voting System requires accessible voting machines (see Exhibit H).
3. In accordance with the Democratic Party's requirement to assess and improve participation with respect to presidential preference and the delegate selection process, New Hampshire has taken numerous steps to establish ongoing voter protection programs to support educational, administrative, legislative, and litigation-based efforts to protect and expand the vote. Historically, New Hampshire is one of the nation's leaders in voter participation.
- a. Legislation ("House Bill 611" and "CACR 6") has been introduced to permit no-excuse absentee ballot voting. New Hampshire has same day voter registration and absentee voting can be used for purposes of vote by mail and early voting under several circumstances (Rule 2.I.1.a). There is no formal early voting in New Hampshire; however, voters who will be absent from the state or unavailable on Election Day due to employment, religious holidays, or care of a family member may use their absentee ballot to vote prior to Election Day. Local clerks can accept applications for an absentee ballot until 5 pm the day before the election.
 - b. New Hampshire Revised Statute Annotated (RSA) 652:16-d Accessible Voting System requires accessible voting machines, and RSA 658:9-a requires every polling location in the state to be accessible for all voters. Municipalities can determine the number of additional voting places to meet demand and increases in registration (RSA 658:10) (Rule 2.I.1.b).
 - c. In 2018, the New Hampshire Democratic Party filed a lawsuit to challenge state law ("Senate Bill 3") passed in 2017 that contributes to lines and delays in same day registration (Rule 2.I.1.c). Legislation has been introduced to reverse the effects of "SB3" and to eliminate voter registration barriers (Rule 2.I.1.d).
 - d. In 2019, the New Hampshire Democratic Party filed a lawsuit to challenge state law ("HB1264") passed in 2018, which would add a modern-day poll tax

significantly impacting seniors and young people (Rule 2.I.1.c). “HB 1264” will require every person who registers to vote in New Hampshire and who has a driver’s license or car to obtain a New Hampshire driver’s license and register their car in New Hampshire at significant expense. Under this new law, if a voter fails to obtain a New Hampshire driver’s license or register their car within 60 days of registering to vote, they will be subject to criminal penalties. Legislation has been introduced to reverse the effects of “HB1264” and to eliminate voter registration barriers (Rule 2.I.1.d).

- e. We have prioritized elimination of problematic voter registration laws and are unaware of issues with ballots being cast in wrong precincts; therefore, we have not prioritized the issue (Rule 2.I.1.e).
 - f. New Hampshire Revised Statute Annotated (RSA) 652:16-d requires timely response to military and overseas voting (Rule 2.I.1.f).
4. As part of encouraging participation in the delegate selection process by registered voters, the State Party supports efforts to make voter registration easier (Rule 2.I.2).
- a. New Hampshire has same day voter registration, and legislation has been introduced in 2019 to allow automatic registration (Rules 2.I.2.a & 2.I.2.d).
 - b. High School Democrats and other allied organization have committed to educating and empowering students to register to vote early. A state constitutional amendment (CACR 5) has been introduced in 2019 to allow 17 year olds to vote in the Presidential Primary if they turn 18 on General Election Day; the NH State Party has supported this legislation (Rule 2.I.2.b).
 - c. The right to vote is automatically restored upon leaving incarceration; only imprisoned felons are prohibited from voting in New Hampshire, and no fees are required to vote. State law also requires that those no longer incarcerated be told that their right to vote has been reinstated (Rule 2.I.2.c).
5. In 2017, the New Hampshire Democratic Party filed a lawsuit in Hillsborough County Superior Court to enjoin the law known as Senate Bill 3 from going into effect. SB 3 restricts the right to vote in New Hampshire in violation of both the New Hampshire Constitution and the United States Constitution (Rule 2.I). Additionally, in 2019, the State Party filed a lawsuit against HB1264, which would create a modern-day poll tax impacting young people significantly.
- a. The NH Secretary of State determines the deadline to change party affiliation prior to the presidential primary, typically 14 weeks prior to the primary election. Undeclared voters, however, may choose either ballot on Election Day, and may change back to undeclared after voting. (Rule 2.J.1)
6. Scheduling of Delegate Selection Meetings

- a. The dates, times and places for all official Party meetings and events related to the state's delegate selection process have been scheduled to encourage the participation of all Democrats. Such meetings will begin and end at reasonable hours. The state party is responsible for selecting the dates and times and providing facilities for all official meetings and events related to this process. In addition, the scheduling of meetings shall consider any religious observations that could significantly affect participation. (Rule 3.A & Reg. 4)

SECTION II

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

A. BALLOT ACCESS

A presidential candidate gains access to the New Hampshire presidential preference primary ballot, by submitting a Declaration of Candidacy and paying the \$1,000.00 filing fee with New Hampshire Secretary of State William Gardner, State House, 107 N. Main Street, Concord, New Hampshire, 03301 during the filing period set by the Secretary of State (Rules 1.A.7., 1.A.8., 15.A., 15.B., 15.D., & 15.E.). Presidential candidates who cannot afford the \$1,000 filing fee by reason of indigence may appeal to be on the ballot by submitting 10 primary petitions from each county of the state signed by registered voters of the party, according to RSA 655:48.

The Secretary of State has the authority to establish the date of the Presidential Primary; as of the date of this Plan's release, the date has not yet been established. Therefore, the date for the Presidential Candidate filing deadline has not yet been established.

"Uncommitted" does not automatically appear on the ballot. Write-ins are allowed on the presidential preference primary ballot. (Rules 11.C., 14.A., 14.C., 14.D., 14.E., & 15.H.)

- B. Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the State Democratic Chair, the name(s) of his or her authorized representative(s) by September 23, 2019. (Rule 13.D.1), who must be a registered Democrat.
- C. Each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) shall use his or her best efforts to ensure that his or her respective delegation within the state delegation achieves the affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals established by this Plan and is equally divided between men and women, as self identified. (Rule 6.1.)

SECTION III

SELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

A. DISTRICT-LEVEL DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

1. New Hampshire is allocated 16 district-level delegates and 0 district-level alternates. (Rule 8.C., Call I.B., I.I. & Appendix B) Each district shall have the same boundaries as the congressional district. Alternates will be elected on an At-Large basis.
2. District-level delegates shall be elected by pre-primary caucus to slate delegates on January 25th, 2020. Delegate Candidates shall be listed in alphabetical order on a printed ballot; the starting letter shall be drawn by the State Party Chair. Each person voting at a district level pre-primary caucus shall sign a statement certifying that (i) the person will be qualified to vote in the February 11, 2020 Presidential Primary Election and (ii) the person supports the presidential candidate whose district level delegates are being chosen at the caucus. If a presidential candidate or uncommitted qualifies to receive more delegates than were elected at the pre-primary caucus, there will be a post-primary caucus to elect those delegates. That post-primary caucus will take place on the same day as the election of the PLEO, At-Large and At-Large Alternate Delegates on April 25, 2020 with the same filing periods.
3. Apportionment of District-Level Delegates
 - a. New Hampshire's district-level delegates are apportioned among the districts based on a formula giving equal weight to the average of the vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2012 and 2016 presidential elections and to Democratic Party registration or enrollment as of January 1st, 2020. The formula gives each District equal representation as equal weight to the average voter which is why this formula is used. (Rule 8.A., Regs. 4.11., 4.12. & Appendix A)
 - b. The state's total number of district-level delegates and alternates will be equally divided between men and women, which shall include gender non-binary, which, if selected, would not be counted as either male or female for equal division. (Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.9.)
 - c. The district-level delegates and alternates are apportioned to districts as indicated in the following chart:

District	Delegates		
	Males	Females	Total
#1	4	4	8
#2	4	4	8

Total 8 8 16

*Assuming no gender non-binary delegates are elected

4. District-Level Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements

- a. A district-level delegate and alternate candidate may run for election only within the district in which they will be registered to vote on Presidential Primary Election day. (Rule 13.H.)
- b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for district-level delegate or alternate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy designating his or her singular presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the State Party by 5PM January 10th, 2020 at 105 N. State St., Concord, New Hampshire. (Rules 13.B., 15.F., & Reg. 4.23) A delegate candidate is able to modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline on January 10th, 2020. Forms will be available on the NHDP website, nhdp.org and at the physical office in Concord.
- c. District level candidates must be a “bona fide” Democrat, which shall include being registered as a Democrat who has the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States at heart, and who subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States.

5. Presidential Candidate Right of Review for District-Level Delegates and Alternates

- a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than January 11th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., a list of all persons who have filed for delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rules 12.D. & 12.F.)
- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair by January 13th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that approval be given to at least three (3) separate individuals for each position for delegate. (Rule 13.D., 13.F., 13.E.1., & Reg. 4.25)
- c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate, or the authorized representative(s), signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than January 13th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

- d. National convention delegate and alternate candidates removed from the list of bona fide supporters by a presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), may not be elected as a delegate or alternate at that level pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 13.E. & Reg. 4.24.)
 - e. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective district-level delegate candidates and district-level alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved district-level delegate candidates and district-level alternate candidates as indicated in Section III.A.5.b of this Plan.
6. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference
- a. Presidential Primary - Proportional Representation Plan (Rules 14.A., 14.B. & 14.D.)
The New Hampshire presidential primary election is a "binding" primary. Accordingly, delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential (or uncommitted) preference of the primary voters in each district. The National Convention delegates selected at the district level shall be allocated in proportion to the percentage of the primary vote won in that district by each preference, except that preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates or alternates.
 - b. Within a district, if no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the vote received in that district by the front-runner. (Rule 14.F.)
 - c. At caucus, candidates may self nominate or be nominated by someone.
7. Equal Division of District-Level Delegates
- a. To ensure the district-level delegates are equally divided between men and women (determined by gender self-identification) the gender advantage of delegate positions within each district will be designated by presidential preference beginning with the highest vote-getting presidential preference. This assignment of gender advantage to delegate positions will continue with the next highest vote-getting preferences in descending order, with gender advantage assigned as either male or female alternating by gender as mathematically practicable, until the gender advantage of each position has been assigned. In the case of non-binary gender delegates, they may be elected to any position,

regardless of pre-designated advantage, provided they have received more votes than the person who would otherwise be elected to such position. A gender non-binary candidate so elected shall not be counted in either the male or female category. (Rule 6.C., Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.10)

- b. If the presidential candidate or the uncommitted preference is allocated one (1) delegate in the First Congressional District, that one (1) position will go to the first male receiving the highest number of votes. In the Second Congressional District, if a presidential candidate or the uncommitted preference is allocated one (1) delegate in the Congressional District, that one (1) position will go to the first female receiving the highest number of votes. Each voter will have up to 8 votes. They may not vote for more than 4 males or 4 females. In the case of non-binary gender delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. Should a gender non-binary individual receive more votes than a gender binary candidate that would otherwise be entitled to a delegate position, the gender non-binary individual would be entitled to a delegate position.
- c. If the presidential candidate or the uncommitted preference is allocated two (2) delegates in the First Congressional District, one (1) position will go to the male receiving the highest number of votes and the other to the female receiving the highest number of votes. If a presidential candidate or the uncommitted preference is allocated two (2) delegates in the Second Congressional District, one position will go to the female receiving the highest number of votes and the other to the male receiving the highest number of votes. In the case of non-binary gender delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. Should a gender non-binary individual receive more votes than a gender binary candidate that would otherwise be entitled to a delegate position, the gender non-binary individual would be entitled to a delegate position.
- d. If the presidential candidate or the uncommitted preference is allocated three (3) delegates in the first congressional district, one (1) position will go to the female receiving the highest number of votes, another to the male receiving the highest number of votes, and the third to the next female receiving the highest number of votes. If a presidential candidate or uncommitted preference is allocated three (3) delegates in the Second Congressional District, one (1) position will go to the male receiving the highest number of votes, another to the female receiving the highest number of votes, and the third to the next male receiving the highest number of votes. In the case of non-binary gender delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. Should a gender non-binary individual receive more votes than a gender binary candidate that would

otherwise be entitled to a delegate position, the gender non-binary individual would be entitled to a delegate position.

- e. If the presidential candidate or the uncommitted preference is allocated four (4) delegates in the First Congressional District or the Second Congressional District, two (2) positions will go to the two (2) males receiving the highest number of votes and two (2) positions will go to the two (2) females receiving the highest number of votes. In the case of non-binary gender delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. Should a gender non-binary individual receive more votes than a gender binary candidate that would otherwise be entitled to a delegate position, the gender non-binary individual would be entitled to a delegate position.
- f. If the presidential candidate or the uncommitted preference is allocated five (5) delegates in the First Congressional District, three (3) positions will go to the three (3) females receiving the highest number of votes and two (2) positions will go to the two (2) males receiving the highest number of votes. If a presidential candidate or the uncommitted preference is allocated five (5) delegates in the Second Congressional District, three (3) positions will go to the three (3) males receiving the highest number of votes and two (2) positions will go to the two (2) females receiving the highest number of votes. In the case of non-binary gender delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. Should a gender non-binary individual receive more votes than a gender binary candidate that would otherwise be entitled to a delegate position, the gender non-binary individual would be entitled to a delegate position.
- g. If the presidential candidate or the uncommitted preference is allocated six (6) delegates in the First Congressional District or the Second Congressional District, three (3) positions will go to the three (3) males receiving the highest number of votes and three (3) positions will go to the three (3) females receiving the highest number of votes. In the case of non-binary gender delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. Should a gender non-binary individual receive more votes than a gender binary candidate that would otherwise be entitled to a delegate position, the gender non-binary individual would be entitled to a delegate position.
- h. If the presidential candidate or the uncommitted preference is allocated seven (7) delegates in the First Congressional District, four (4) positions will go to the four (4) females receiving the highest number of votes and three (3) positions will go to the three (3) males receiving the highest number of votes. In the Second

Congressional District, four (4) positions will go to the four (4) males receiving the highest number of votes and three (3) positions will go to the three (3) females receiving the highest number of votes. In the case of non-binary gender delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. Should a gender non-binary individual receive more votes than a gender binary candidate that would otherwise be entitled to a delegate position, the gender non-binary individual would be entitled to a delegate position.

- i. If the presidential candidate or the uncommitted preference is allocated eight (8) delegates in the First Congressional District or the Second Congressional District, four (4) positions will go to the four (4) males receiving the highest number of votes and four (4) positions will go to the four (4) females receiving the highest number of votes. In the case of non-binary gender delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. Should a gender non-binary individual receive more votes than a gender binary candidate that would otherwise be entitled to a delegate position, the gender non-binary individual would be entitled to a delegate position.
8. The New Hampshire Secretary of State shall certify the election results within three (3) days of the presidential preference primary. Within ten (10) days thereafter, the State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) the election of the state's district-level delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention. (Rule 8.C & Call IV.A)

B. Automatic Delegates

1. Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Officials

- a. The following categories (if applicable) shall constitute the Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Official delegate positions:
 - (1) Members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in the state. (Rule 9.A.1., Call I.F., Call I.J., & Reg. 4.15.)
 - (2) Democratic President and Democratic Vice President, if applicable. (Rule 9.A.2., & Call I.G.)
 - (3) All of New Hampshire's Democratic Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. (Rule 9.A.3, Call I.H. & Call I.J.)

- (4) The Democratic Governor, if applicable. (Rule 9.A.4, Call I.H. & Call I.J.)
 - (5) "Distinguished Party Leader" delegates who legally reside in the state, if applicable. (Rule 9.A.5, Call I.G., and Reg. 4.14.)
 - b. Automatic delegate may run and be elected as a Pledged delegate. If an Automatic delegate is elected and certified as a Pledged delegate, that individual shall not serve as an Automatic delegate at the 2020 National Convention. (Call I.J.)
 - c. The certification process for the Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official delegates is as follows:
 - (1) Not later than March 6th, 2020, the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall officially confirm to the State Democratic Chair the names of the Automatic delegates who legally reside in New Hampshire. (Rule 9.A.)
 - (2) Official confirmation by the Secretary shall constitute verification of the Automatic delegates from the categories indicated above. (Call IV.B.1.)
 - (3) Ten (10) days after the completion of the New Hampshire's delegate selection process, the State Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference, including uncommitted, of the state's Automatic delegates. (Call IV.C.)
2. For the purposes of achieving equal division between delegate men and delegate women within the state's entire convention delegation, determined by gender self-identification, the entire delegation includes all pledged and Automatic delegates, including those who identify as male or female. (Rule 6.C. and Reg 4.9)
- C. Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) Delegates
- 1. New Hampshire is allotted three (3) pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates. (Call I.D., Call I.E & Appendix B)
 - 2. Pledged PLEO Delegate Filing Requirements
 - a. Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegate positions according to the following priority: big city mayors and statewide elected officials (to be given equal consideration); state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders. Automatic delegates who choose to run for PLEO delegate will be given equal consideration with big city mayors and state-wide elected officials.

(Rule 10.A.1 & Reg. 4.16.)

- b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a pledged PLEO delegate by filing a Statement of Candidacy with the State Party office at 105 N. State Street, Concord, New Hampshire 03301 no later than April 17th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Filing forms will be available at the State Party office on March 1, 2020. The statement of candidacy will designate a singular presidential preference which can be updated prior to the filing deadline. Forms will be available on the NHDP website, nhdp.org, and at the office in Concord. (Rules 10.A.3, Rule 15.G, Reg. 4.18, & Reg. 4.17)
 - c. If persons eligible for pledged PLEO delegate positions have not already made known their presidential preference (or uncommitted status) as candidates for district-level or at-large delegate positions, their preference shall be ascertained through the following alternative procedure: submitting a signed pledge of support to the State Party simultaneously with the Statement of Candidacy. (Rule 10.A.3 & Re. 4.17)
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
- a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than April 18th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., a list of all persons who have filed for a party leader and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rules 10.A.3 & 13.D)
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file with the State Democratic Chair, by April 20th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., a list of all such candidates they have approved, as long as approval is given to at least one (1) name for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.25)
 - c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than April 20th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
 - d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective pledged PLEO delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved pledged PLEO candidates as indicated in Section III.C.3.b of the Plan.

4. Selection of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates
 - a. The pledged PLEO slots shall be allocated among presidential preferences on the same basis as the at-large delegates. (Rule 10.A.2, Rule 11.C, Rule 14.E, Rule 14.F)
 - b. Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur at 10:00 a.m. April 25th, 2020, at 105 N. State Street, Concord, New Hampshire (or a location to be announced no later than sixty (60) days prior to the meeting date), which is after the election of district-level delegates and prior to the selection of at-large delegates and alternates. The pledged PLEO delegates will be elected by signed open ballot, by majority vote. The State Chair or the State Chair's designee shall chair the meeting at which the pledged PLEO delegates will be elected. (Rule 10.A)
 - c. These delegates will only be voted upon by the district-level delegates pledged to that candidate. These delegates must be bona fide Democrats who have the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States at heart, who subscribe to the substance, intent and, principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith. (Rule 10.B)
 - d. Equal division and affirmative action provisions of Rule 6.A. apply to the selection of PLEO delegates.
 - e. The list from which the selecting body chooses the PLEO delegates shall contain at least one (1) for every PLEO position to be filled.
5. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates to the Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after their election. (Rule 8.D. & Call, IV.A.)

D. AT-LARGE DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

1. The state of New Hampshire is allotted five (5) at-large delegates and two (2) at-large alternates. (Rule 8.C., Call, I.B. & II., Appendix B, & Reg. 4.34)
2. At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements
 - a. Persons desiring to seek at-large delegate or alternate positions may file a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) with the State Party by April 17th, 2020 at 5:00

p.m., 105 North State Street, Concord, NH 03301. Filing forms will be available at the State Party office on March 1, 2020. The statement of candidacy will designate a singular presidential preference which can be updated prior to the filing deadline. All at-large delegates and alternates must be bona fide Democrats who have the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States at heart, who subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith. (Rules 13.A, 13.B, 15.G, Reg. 4.22, & Reg. 4.23)

- b. The at-large delegates are elected by a committee consisting of district-level delegates supporting that candidate. (Rule 10.B)
- c. The election procedure of at-large delegates and alternates shall be as follows:
 - (i) the State Democratic Chair shall present the Committee with a list of individuals who have filed for at-large delegate or alternate and whom have been approved by the presidential candidate(s) or the candidate's authorized representative;
 - (ii) the State Democratic Chair shall advise the Committee as to the allocation among presidential preferences according to the statewide primary vote (as may be re-allocated pursuant to paragraph 4(c) below);
 - (iii) the State Democratic Chair shall advise the Committee as to the priority of consideration required by Paragraph 5(c), below;
 - (iv) the Committee shall vote to select the at-large delegate and alternates; the vote shall be divided as necessary to comply with the equal division rules, so that separate votes shall be held for female at-large and male at-large delegates and alternates, which shall include gender non-binary individuals, in the same manner as the election of district-level delegates. In order to ensure that at-large alternates represent the state as a whole, rather than any one geographic area, no more than one alternate shall be elected from any one congressional district, unless necessary to meet the state's affirmative action goals. One alternate shall be male, and one alternate shall be female, as self-identified; gender non-binary individuals are encouraged to participate in this process. Should a gender non-binary individual file for candidacy, the other alternate can be either male or female, determined by gender self-identification.

3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

- a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than April 18th, 2020, a list of all persons who have filed for at-large delegate or at-large alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 13.D, Reg. 4.24.D & Reg. 4.31.C)
- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s),

must then file with the State Democratic Chair, by April 25th, 2020, no later than thirty (30) minutes following the selection of the pledged PLEO delegates, a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that, at a minimum, one (1) name remains for every national convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 13.D.4, Rule 13.E.2, & Reg. 4.25)

- c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than thirty (30) minutes following the selection of the pledged PLEO delegates.
- d. The State Party shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion section of the Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates as indicated in this Section.

4. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

- a. At-large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among presidential preferences according to the statewide primary vote. (Rule 11.C)
- b. Preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold on a statewide basis shall not be entitled to any at-large delegates. (Rule 14.E)
- c. If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-runner. (Rule 14.F.)
- d. If a presidential candidate is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the at-large delegates, then those at-large slots that would have been allocated to the candidate will be proportionally divided among the remaining preferences entitled to an allocation. (Rule 11.C.)
- e. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one (1) or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one (1) at-large alternate position. (Rule 19.B, Call I.I & Reg. 4.34. & 4.36)

5. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates

- a. The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur at 10:00 a.m. on April 25th, 2020, at 105 N. State Street, Concord, New Hampshire (or at a location to be announced no later than sixty (60) days prior to the meeting date), which is after all pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been selected. (Call III.)
- b. The at-large delegates and alternates are elected by a committee consisting of district-level delegates supporting that candidate. (Rules 11.B. & 8.E.)
- c. Priority of Consideration
 - (1) In the selection of the at-large delegation priority of consideration shall be given to African Americans, Latinx/Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans, People who experience disabilities, LGBTQ+, seniors, youth and women. (Rule 6.A.3)
 - (2) To continue the Democratic Party's ongoing efforts to include groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party's affairs and to assist in the achievement of full participation by these groups, priority of consideration shall be given other groups by virtue of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability. (Rules 5.C., 6.A.3, 7, & Reg. 4.8)
 - (3) The election of at-large delegates and alternates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women as far as mathematically practicable, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion program section of this Plan. (Rule 6.A, Rule 6.C, and Reg 4.9)
 - (4) Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose. (Rules 6.C.1, Rule 11.A, Regs. 4.9 & 4.20)
- 6. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's at-large delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after their election. (Rule 8.C. & Call IV.A)

E. REPLACEMENT OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

- 1. A pledged delegate or alternate may be replaced according to the following guidelines:

- a. Permanent Replacement of a Delegate: (Rule 19.D.3)
 - (1) A permanent replacement occurs when a delegate resigns or dies prior to or during the national convention and the alternate replaces the delegate for the remainder of the National Convention.
 - (2) Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the same presidential preference and gender of the delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
 - (a) In the case where the presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, that alternate shall become the certified delegate.
 - (b) If a presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, and that alternate permanently replaces a delegate of a different gender, thereby causing the delegation to no longer be equally divided, the delegation shall not be considered in violation of Rule 6.C. In such a case, notwithstanding Rule 19.D.2, the State Party Committee shall, at the time of a subsequent permanent replacement, replace a delegate with a person of a different gender, in order to return the delegation to equal division of men and women. (Reg. 4.36.)
 - (3) If a delegate or alternate candidate who has been elected but not certified to the DNC Secretary resigns, dies, or is no longer eligible to serve, they shall be replaced, after consultation with the State Party, by the authorized representative of the presidential candidate to whom they are pledged. (Rule 19.D.2)
- b. Temporary Replacement of a Delegate: (Rule 19.D.4)
 - (1) A temporary replacement occurs when a delegate is to be absent for a limited period of time during the convention and an alternate temporarily acts in the delegate's place.
 - (2) Any alternate who temporarily replaces a delegate must be of the same presidential preference as the delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be of the same gender and from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
- c. The following system will be used to select permanent and temporary replacements of delegates: the alternate who receives the highest number of

votes from the delegation becomes the delegate. (Rule 19.D.1)

d. Certification of Replacements

- (1) Any alternate who permanently replaces a delegate shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the State Democratic Chair. (Rule 19.D.3)
- (2) Permanent replacement of a delegate (as specified above) by an alternate and replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in writing by the State's Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the replacement is selected. (Call IV.D.1)
- (3) Certification of permanent replacements will be accepted by the Secretary up to 72 hours before the first official session of the Convention is scheduled to convene. (Call IV.D.1. & Reg. 4.35)
- (4) In the case where a pledged delegate is permanently replaced after 72 hours before the time the first session is scheduled to convene or, in the case where a pledged delegate is not on the floor of the Convention Hall at the time a roll call vote is taken, an alternate may be designated (as specified above) to cast the delegate's vote. In such case, the Delegation Chair shall indicate the name of the alternate casting the respective delegate's vote on the delegation tally sheet. (Call IX.F.3.e, Call IX.F.3.c & Reg. 5.6)

- e. A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation. The replacement shall be of the same presidential preference (or uncommitted status), of the same gender and, to the extent possible, from the same political subdivision as the alternate being replaced. (Rule 19.E.)

2. Automatic delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except under the following circumstances: (Call IV.D.2 & Reg. 4.37)

- a. Members of Congress and the Democratic Governor shall not be entitled to name a replacement. In the event of changes or vacancies in the state's Congressional Delegation, following the official confirmation and prior to the commencement of the National Convention, the DNC Secretary shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives or the Democratic Conference of the U.S. Senate. In the event of a change or vacancy in the state's office of Governor, the DNC shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by

the Democratic Governors Association. (Call IV.D.2.a.)

- b. Members of the Democratic National Committee shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except in the case of death of such delegates. In the case where the state's DNC membership changes following the DNC Secretary's official confirmation, but prior to the commencement of the 2020 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of Automatic delegates. (Call IV.D.2.b.)
- c. Automatic distinguished Party Leader delegates allocated to the state pursuant to Rule 9.A.(5), shall not be entitled to name a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to name a replacement. (Call IV.C.2.e)
- d. In no case may an alternate cast a vote for an Automatic delegate. (Call IX.F.3.e)

SECTION IV

CONVENTION STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A. INTRODUCTION

1. New Hampshire has been allocated one (1) member on each of the three standing committees for the 2020 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform and Rules), for a total of three (3) members. (Call VII. A & Appendix D)
2. Members of the Convention Standing Committees shall not be delegates or alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention. (Call VII.A.3)
3. These members will be selected in accordance with the procedures indicated below. (Rule I.G)

B. STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Selection Meeting
 - a. The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of New Hampshire's National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on April 25th, 2020. (Call VII.B.1)
 - b. All members of the delegation shall receive adequate notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the standing committee members. (Call VII.B.1)
2. Allocation of Members
 - a. The members of the standing committees allocated to New Hampshire shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates the threshold percentage used in the state's delegation to calculate the at-large apportionment pursuant to Rule 14.E. of the Delegate Selection Rules. (Call VII.C.1. & Reg. 5.9) Any person selected as a Delegate or Alternate prior to selection of the standing committee shall be deemed ineligible to serve on the standing committee in order to increase participation.
 - b. The presidential preference 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 New Hampshire. 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 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. (Call VII.C.2.)

- c. 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. (Call VII.C.3)
- d. Standing committee positions allocated to a presidential candidate shall be proportionately allocated, to the extent practicable, to each of the three (3) 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. (Call VII.C.4)

3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

- a. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), shall be given adequate notice of the date, time and location of the meeting of the state's delegation authorized to elect standing committee members. (Call VII.D.1)
- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must submit to the State Democratic Chair, by April 24th, 2020 at 12:00 p.m., a minimum of one (1) name for each slot awarded to that candidate for members of each committee. The delegation shall select the standing committee members from among names submitted by the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) at its meeting on April 25th, 2020. Presidential candidates shall not be required to submit the name of more than one person for each slot awarded to such candidate for members of standing committees. (Call VII.D.2)

4. Selection Procedure to Achieve Equal Division

- a. Presidential candidates shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation of standing committee members shall achieve New Hampshire's affirmative action goals and that their respective male and female members are equally divided between the men and women determined by gender self-identification. All standing committee members must be bona fide Democrats who have the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States at heart, who subscribe to the substance, intent and, principles of

the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith. (Rule 6.1 & Reg. 4.10)

- b. The first binary gender position on each standing committee shall be assigned by binary gender as self-identified. For example, the first binary position on the Credentials Committee of the presidential candidate with the most standing committee positions shall be designated for a male, the next binary position, if one occurs, will be designated for a female, and the remaining binary positions, to the extent they occur, shall be designated in like fashion, alternating between males and females, where applicable. Positions for presidential candidates on each committee shall be ranked according to the total number of standing positions allocated to each such candidate. After positions on the Credentials Committee are designated by gender, the designation shall continue with the Platform Committee, then the Rules Committee.

- (1) A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each standing committee.
- (2) The male and female membership of the standing committees shall be as equally divided as possible under the state allocation; if the number is even, the membership shall be equally divided between men and women; if the number is odd, the variance between men and women may not exceed one (1), and the advantaged gender must not remain constant for the three standing committees. (Call VII.E.2)
- (3) Gender non-binary committee members shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided between male gender (men) and female gender (women). (Call VII.E.1)
- (4) The positions allocated to each presidential candidate on each committee shall be voted on separately, and the winners shall be the highest vote-getter(s) of the appropriate gender.

5. Certification and Substitution

- a. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the standing committee members in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection. (Call VII.B.3)
- b. No substitutions will be permitted in the case of standing committee members, except in the case of resignation or death. Substitutions must be made in accordance with the rules and the election procedures specified in this section,

and must be certified in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the substitute member is selected but not later than 48 hours before the respective standing committee meets, except in the case of death. (Call VII.B.4.)

SECTION V

DELEGATION CHAIR AND CONVENTION PAGES

- A. New Hampshire will select one (1) person to serve as Delegation Chair and two (2) to serve as Convention Pages. (Call IV.E, Call IV.F.1 & Appendix C)
- B. DELEGATION CHAIR
1. Selection Meeting
 - a. The Delegation Chair shall be selected by a quorum of the state's National Convention Delegates, at a meeting to be held on April 25th, 2020. (Call IV.E)
 - b. All members of the delegation shall receive timely notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the Delegation Chair. (Rule 3.C) Any member of the delegation may vote by proxy. No member of the delegation shall hold more than one (1) proxy.
 2. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the Delegation Chair in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection. (Call IV.E)
- C. CONVENTION PAGES
1. Two (2) individuals will be selected to serve as New Hampshire's Convention Pages by the State Democratic Chair in consultation with the members of the Democratic National Committee from the state. This selection will take place on April 25th, 2020. (Call IV.F.3., Reg. 5.7.B & Appendix C)
 2. The Convention Pages shall be as evenly divided between men and women (determined by self-identification) as possible under the state allocation and shall reflect as much as possible, the Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion guidelines in the state plan. (Reg. 5.7.A) In the case of gender non-binary pages, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the pages shall be equally divided. In order to encourage participation by youth, preference shall be given by the State Democratic Chair to individuals under the age of 20.
 3. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the individuals to serve as New Hampshire's Convention Pages in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection. (Call IV.F.3. & Reg. 5.7.B.)

SECTION VI

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS

A. New Hampshire will select four (4) persons to serve as Presidential Electors for the 2020 Presidential election.

B. SELECTION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS

1. The Presidential Electors shall be nominated by the State Chair and elected by the state party convention, made up of state committee members and convention delegates, as required under New Hampshire law, RSA 655:54. The chosen electors shall be provided to the state secretary of state upon certification of results by the Secretary of the Democratic State Convention.

C. AFFIRMATION

1. Each candidate for Presidential Elector shall certify in writing under oath that they will vote for the election of the Democratic Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees. (Call VIII)
2. In the selection of the Presidential Electors, the State Party will take the following steps to ensure the persons selected are bona fide Democrats who are faithful to the interests, welfare, and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, who subscribe to the substance, intent, and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States: (Call VIII)
 - a. The State Party will verify electors are registered members of the Democratic Party, and will require them to certify under oath.
 - b. If a situation occurs where an elector can no longer serve due to death or removal, the State Party Executive Committee is empowered to replace the elector by a majority vote, according to NH RSA 667:21.

SECTION VII

GENERAL PROVISIONS AND PROCEDURAL GUARANTEES

- A. The New Hampshire Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to an open party by incorporating the "six basic elements" as listed below. As our Party strives to progress in the fight against discrimination of all kinds, these six basic elements have evolved and grown along with the constant push for more inclusion and empowerment. These provisions demonstrate the intention of the Democratic Party to ensure a full opportunity for all minority group members to participate in the delegate selection process. (Rules 4.A, 4.B & Rule 4.C.)
1. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in New Hampshire should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as "status"). (Rule 4.B.1)
 2. No test for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to, the Democratic Party in New Hampshire should be required or used which has the effect of requiring prospective or current members of the Democratic Party to acquiesce in, condone or support discrimination based on "status." (Rule 4.B.2)
 3. The time and place for all public meetings of the Democratic Party in New Hampshire on all levels should be publicized fully and in such manner as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. Such meetings must be held in places accessible to all Party members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons. (Rule 4.B.3)
 4. The Democratic Party in New Hampshire, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on "status." (Rule 4.B.4)
 5. The Democratic Party in New Hampshire should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties a full description of the legal and practical procedures for selection of Democratic Party officers and representatives on all levels. Publication of these procedures should be done in such fashion that all prospective and current members of each State Democratic Party will be fully and adequately informed of the pertinent procedures in time to participate in each selection procedure at all levels of the Democratic Party organization. As part of this, the Democratic Party in New Hampshire should develop a strategy to provide educational programs directly to voters who continue to experience confusing timelines for registration, changing party affiliation deadlines, or lack of awareness of the process for running for delegate, to ensure all Democratic voters understand the

rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation. (Rule 4.B.5)

6. The Democratic Party in New Hampshire should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties, a complete description of the legal and practical qualifications of all positions as officers and representatives of the State Democratic Party. Such publication should be done in timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within each State Democratic Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office. (Rule 4.B.6)
- B. Proxy voting shall not be permitted at any level of the Delegate Selection Process, excluding election of Delegation Chair and Pages, and the officers of the New Hampshire Democratic Party.
- C. Discrimination on the basis of "status" in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. (Rule 5.B.)
- D. New Hampshire's delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women, and alternate men and alternate women, i.e the number of men and women shall not vary by more than one. Such goal applies to the entire delegation, which includes all pledged delegates and alternates and all automatic delegates. Delegates and alternates shall be considered separate groups for purposes of achieving equal division as determined by gender self-identification. In the case of gender non-binary delegates or alternates, they shall not be counted as either male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. (Rule 6.C.)
- E. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential preference. (Rule 13.A)
- F. No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be mandated by law or Party rules to vote contrary to that person's presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is elected. (Rule 13.I)
- G. Delegates elected to the national convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them. (Rule 13.J)
- H. All delegates, alternates and standing committee members must be bona fide a Democrat, including being registered as a Democrat in the state of New Hampshire, who is faithful to the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, who subscribe to the substance, intent and, principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith. (Rule 13.H., Call Vii.A.4 & Reg. 4.26)
- I. No less than 40% (forty percent) of the members of any Party body above the first level of

the delegate selection process shall constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to the selection of National Convention delegates, alternates, standing committee members, and other official Convention participants. (Rule 15)

- J. For the election of Delegation Chair and Pages, an accredited participant in a caucus, convention or committee meeting, after having established credentials, may register a non-transferable proxy with another duly accredited participant at that meeting, provided that no individual may hold more than one (1) proxy at a time. (Rule 17 & Reg. 4.32)
- K. The unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members of a Party unit or delegation may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the body, shall not be used at any stage of the delegate selection process. (Rule 18.A.)
- L. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for convention delegates. But no slate may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive a preferential place on a delegate selection ballot or be publicly identified on the ballot as the official Democratic Party organization slate, and all slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate selection process. (Rule 18.B.)
- M. All steps in the delegate selection process, including the filing of presidential candidates, must take place within the calendar year of the Democratic National Convention, except with respect to the implementation of the Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion Plan. (Rules 1.F & 12.B)
- N. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention, New Hampshire thereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in the state full, timely and equal opportunity to participate in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs and to implement affirmative action and outreach and inclusion programs toward that end, and that the delegates and alternates to the Convention shall be selected in accordance with the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2020 Democratic National Convention, and that the voters in the state will have the opportunity to cast their election ballots for the Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees selected by said Convention, and for electors pledged formally and in good conscience to the election of these Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees, under the label and designation of the Democratic Party of the United States, and that the delegates certified will not publicly support or campaign for any candidate for President or Vice President other than the nominees for the Democratic National Convention. (Call, II.B.)

SECTION VIII

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN AND OUTREACH AND INCLUSION PROGRAM

A. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND ORGANIZATION

1. Purpose and Objectives

- a. In order that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party that includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action is hereby adopted by New Hampshire. (Rule 5.A)
- b. Discrimination on the basis of "status" in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. (Rule 5.B)
- c. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in New Hampshire should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation and gender identity and expression, economic status or physical disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as "status"). (Rule 4.B.1)
- d. In order to continue the Democratic Party's ongoing efforts to include groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party's affairs, by virtue of race, age, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or disability, New Hampshire has developed Party outreach programs. Such programs include recruitment, education and training, in order to achieve full participation by such groups and diversity in the delegate selection process and at all levels of Party affairs for 2020. (Rule 5.C, Rule 7, & Reg. 48)
- e. In order to encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the New Hampshire Democratic Party has adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Latinx/Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, women, people who experience disabilities, LGBTQ+, seniors, and youth. (Rule 6.A. & 7)
 - (1) The goal of the programs shall be to encourage participation in the delegate selection process and in Party organizations at all levels by the aforementioned groups as indicated by their presence in the two Democratic electorates. (Rule 6.A.1) The Affirmative Action Committee has established a goal of at least two male and female delegate candidates from each of the historically under-represented groups in each presidential candidate's pre-primary district level caucus in January 2020. The

Committee has also established an overall affirmative action goal that at least twelve of the total of thirty-five members of the New Hampshire Delegation (which includes thirty three delegates and two alternate delegates and three standing committee members) should be from the historically under-represented groups.

(2) This goal shall not be accomplished either directly or indirectly by the Party's imposition of mandatory quotas at any level of the delegate selection process or in any other Party affairs. (Rule 6.A.2)

- f. Youth is defined as any participant younger than 36 years old at the time of the election.
- g. For the delegate selection process, individuals identifying as Native Americans should provide their tribal affiliation and indicate if they are enrolled in a tribe.

2. Organizational Structure

- a. An Affirmative Action Committee shall be appointed by the State Democratic Chair on March 1, 2019. (Rule 6.F.)
- b. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Rules and Bylaws Committee of the Democratic National Committee the compliance of the State's Affirmative Action Committee with Rules 5.C, 6.A and 7, and submit the names, demographic data and contact information no later than 15 days after their appointment. (Reg. 2.2.J)
- c. The Committee shall consist of members who are regionally diverse and represent the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction to the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. The Committee may be expanded at any time by the State Democratic Chair to further the effectiveness of the Committee's work.
- d. The Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:
 - (1) Helping develop and design the proposed Delegate Selection, Affirmative Action, and Inclusion Plans and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair. (Rule 6.F)
 - (2) Directing the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan.
 - (3) Implementing a specific outreach and financial assistance program for

persons of low and moderate income to encourage their participation and representation in the national convention delegation. (Rule 6.G.)

- (4) Ensuring, on behalf of the State Party Committee, that district lines used in the delegate selection process are not gerrymandered to discriminate against African Americans, Latinx/Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, women, disabled Americans, LGBTQ+, seniors, and youth. (Rule 6.E)
 - (5) Working with the State Chair and Party staff on the site selection and balloting process of the pre-primary district level caucuses and the April 25th, 2020 delegate selection meeting.
- e. Financial and staff support for the Affirmative Action Committee shall be provided by the State Party Committee to the greatest extent feasible, including, but not limited to, making available on a priority basis, the State Party staff and volunteers and covering all reasonable costs incurred in carrying out this Plan.
3. Implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan shall begin on September 7th, 2019, with the distribution of the media package, and will continue through the end of the delegate selection process. (Rule 1.F)

B. REPRESENTATION GOALS

1. In cooperation with the National Committee, the State Party has determined the demographic composition of African Americans, Latinx/Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the state's Democratic electorate. These constituency percentages shall be established as goals for representation in the state's convention delegation. (Rule 6.A)
2. In cooperation with the National Committee, the State Party has determined the demographic composition of members of the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and youth in the state's Democratic electorate. The State Party has chosen to establish these percentages as goals for representation in the state's convention delegation. (Rule 7 & Reg. 4.8.C.iii)
3. Recognizing that (a) members of the non-caucasian and other historically under represented communities trend towards the Democratic Party; (b) Independents may elect to register as Democrats to vote in New Hampshire presidential preference primary; and (c) the State Party's expectation is that more Independents shall vote in the Democratic presidential preference, and based on the demographic information provided by the Democratic National Committee, the estimated numbers are:

African American	1%
Latino/Hispanic:	4%
Native American	0%
Asian/Pacific American	2%
Youth (18-36)	30%
People who experience disabilities	15%
LGBT	8%

Based on the foregoing, we have established the following minimum numeric goals:

- 2 African American Delegates
- 2 Latino/Hispanic Delegates
- 1 Native American Delegate
- 2 Asian/Pacific Islander Delegates
- 5 Delegates who experience disabilities
- 5 LGBT Delegates
- 10 Youth Delegates

4. When selecting the at-large portion of the delegation, the demographic composition of the other delegates (district-level, pledged PLEO, and automatic) shall be compared with the State Party's goals in order to achieve an at-large selection process which helps to bring about a representative balance.
5. Although the selection of the at-large delegation may be used to fulfill the affirmative action goals established by this Plan, the State Party will conduct outreach and inclusion activities such as recruitment, education and training at all levels of the delegate selection process. (Rule 6.A.3)

C. EFFORTS TO EDUCATE ON THE DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

1. Well-publicized educational workshops will be conducted in each of the delegate districts beginning in September 2019. These workshops will be designed to encourage participation in the delegate selection process, including appraising potential delegate candidates of the availability of financial assistance. These workshops will be held in places that are easily accessible to persons with disabilities. The times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all education workshops, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the party organization and include mailings to various organizations representative of the Democratic voting populace. (Rules 3.A. & 3.C. & 3.D)
2. A speakers bureau of volunteers from the State Party, including the Affirmative Action Committee, shall be comprised of individuals who are fully familiar with the

- process, will be organized to appear before groups, as needed, to provide information concerning the process.
3. The State Party's education efforts will include outreach to community leaders within the Democratic Party's constituencies and making sure that information about the delegate selection process is available to Democratic clubs and Party caucuses representing specific constituencies.
 4. The State Party will publish and make available at no cost: a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection process. As well, the State Party shall also make available copies of the State Party Rules, the Delegate Selection Plan (and its attachments), the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program, and relevant state statutes at no cost. Copies of documents related to the state's delegate selection process will be prepared and the State Party and Affirmative Action Committee will distribute them in the various delegate districts not later than June 1, 2019 (Rule 1.H)
 5. Participation in the delegate selection process shall be open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. Democratic voters shall be those persons who publicly declare their Party preference and have that preference publicly recorded. (Rule 2.A)
 6. The State Party shall take all feasible steps to encourage non-affiliated voters and new voters to register or enroll, to provide simple procedures through which they may do so and to eliminate excessively long waiting periods for voters who wish to register or to change their party enrollment status. (Rule 2.C)
 7. The Affirmative Action Committee will develop a State Party strategy to be implemented beginning September 7, 2019 that will provide education programs directly to voters who continue to experience confusing timelines for registration, changing party affiliation deadlines, or lack of awareness of the process for running for delegate, to ensure all Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation. (Rule 4.B.5)

D. EFFORTS TO PUBLICIZE THE DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

1. Special attention shall be directed at publicizing the delegate selection process in the state. Such publicity shall include information on eligibility to vote and how to become a candidate for delegate, the time and location of each stage of the delegate selection process and where to get additional information. The foregoing information will also be published in State Party communications and on the State Party's website. The Party will also request presidential candidates to post the plan on their state websites. The Party organization, official, candidate, or member calling a meeting or scheduling an event, shall effectively publicize the role that such meeting

or event plays in the selection of delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention. (Rules 3.C. and 3.D.)

2. The State Party shall have a Delegate Selection Media Plan (see Exhibit J) for using all available and appropriate resources, such as social media, websites, newspapers, radio and television, to inform the general public how, when and where to participate in the delegate selection process. Specifically, the Delegate Selection Media Plan will provide details as to how to qualify to run as a delegate candidate. Regular updates should be posted/released throughout the state's delegate selection process to ensure broad and timely coverage and awareness about the process to all interested persons. (Rule 4.B.3 & Rule 6.D)
3. A priority effort shall be directed at publicity among the Democratic Party's constituencies.
 - a. Information about the delegate selection process will be provided to minority newspapers and radio stations, ethnic press, Native American, Asian American & Pacific Islander, Spanish-speaking and other non-English press, radio stations and, publications, and women's organizations, student newspapers, LGBT press, disability press, and any other specialty media in the state that is likely to reach the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction of this Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion Plan.
 - b. The State Party shall be responsible for the implementation of this publicity effort. For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate selection process, the times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of post-primary caucuses and the presidential preference primary shall be effectively publicized, bilingually where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority groups. (Rule 6D)
4. Not later than September 7th, 2019, the State Party will make information about the delegate selection process available on its website and publicize the resource through press releases and communications to Party leaders, activists and targeted constituencies. Information to be posted on the website will include:
 - a. Materials designed to encourage participation and inform prospective delegate candidates;
 - b. A summary explaining the role of the 2020 Convention in nominating the Party's Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates and adopting the National Platform;

- c. A summary of the State Party's delegate selection process including all pertinent rules, dates, and filing requirements related to the process;
- d. A map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within each district, along with filing forms or information on how to obtain the filing forms.

E. OBLIGATIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES TO MAXIMIZE PARTICIPATION

1. Presidential candidates shall assist the New Hampshire Democratic Party in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program, including, but not limited to, appointing an affirmative action outreach coordinator, for the purpose of identifying and recruiting delegate candidates from non-Caucasian and other historically under represented groups. (Rule 6.H)
2. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair by October 15, 2019 which indicates the specific steps they will take to encourage full participation by their supporters in New Hampshire's delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate pledged to the presidential candidate. (Rule 6.H.1)
3. Each presidential candidate must submit demographic information with respect to all candidates for delegate and alternate pledged to them. Such information shall be submitted in conjunction with the list of names approved for consideration as delegate and alternate candidates pledged to the presidential candidate. (Rule 6.H.2)
4. Presidential candidates shall use their best effort to ensure that their respective delegates, alternates and standing committee members shall achieve the affirmative action goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and that the number of men and the number of women in their respective delegations shall not differ by more than one (as determined by gender self-identification). Furthermore, presidential candidates shall use their best efforts at the district level to approve delegate, alternate, and standing committee candidates who meet applicable equal division and affirmative action considerations to promote and achieve the state's affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals and equal division for their respective delegations. (Rule 6.C., Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10) On or before December 2nd, 2019, each presidential candidate's affirmative action outreach coordinator shall provide the state party chair and chair of the affirmative action committee with a written statement of the steps taken by the presidential candidate to try to achieve affirmative action goals and equal division at the district level.

F. OUTREACH AND INCLUSION PROGRAM

1. The State Democratic Party is committed to help achieve full participation of those groups of Americans who have historically been explicitly denied the right to vote or who have been subjected to discriminatory and exclusionary practices that have denied them voting rights and full participation in the delegate selection process and other Party meetings, events and elections, along with other groups of Americans who are also underrepresented in Party affairs.
2. As such, the State Democratic Party has developed outreach and inclusion programs and is committed to fully implementing the programs so that all persons who wish to participate as Democrats understand they are welcome and encouraged to be a part of the delegate selection process and in the Party at the local, state and national levels.
3. The State Party will make accommodations to facilitate greater participation by people with disabilities. All meetings, trainings or caucuses held by the State Democratic Party, Affirmative Action Committee and Presidential Campaigns regarding any aspect of the delegate selection process will be held in easily accessible locations for people with disabilities and compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. In accordance with NH law, any blind individual may select any other individual to accompany them and cast their ballot for them in pre-primary caucuses. Each Presidential Candidate will make their best effort to secure and provide for an ASL interpreter at both of their pre-primary caucuses.
4. In addition to the education, publicity and other steps described above, the State Party will charge the Affirmative Action Committee to create a pro-active detailed constituency outreach, inclusion and education program for each of the following constituencies: women, African Americans, Latinx/Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, LGBTQ+ Americans, people with disabilities, youth, seniors, to heighten the awareness about the delegate selection process for these groups and the Democratic Party's desire to have them fully participate. Those individualized plans will be attached to the plan.

SECTION IX CHALLENGES

A. JURISDICTION & STANDING

1. Challenges related to the delegate selection process are governed by the *Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2020 Democratic National Convention* (Reg. Sec. 3), and the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2020 Democratic National Convention.” (Call Appendix A)
2. Under Rule 21.B. of the *2020 Delegate Selection Rules*, the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction over challenges pertaining to the submission, non-implementation and violation of state Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. (Rule 21.B & Call Appendix A)
3. The Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction to hear and decide any challenge provided it is initiated before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the 2020 Democratic National Convention. (Call Appendix A & Reg. 3.1)
4. Challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention initiated on or after the 56th day preceding the date of commencement of the Democratic National Convention shall be processed in accordance with the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2020 Democratic National Convention.” (Call Appendix A)
5. Any challenge to the credentials of a standing committee member shall be considered and resolved by the affected standing committee in accordance with Appendix A of the *Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention*. The Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have jurisdiction over challenges brought before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the Democratic National Convention. (Call VII.B.5)
6. Copies of the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee and/or the Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention, including the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee (Appendix A), shall be made available by the State Party upon reasonable request.
7. Any group of 15 Democrats with standing to challenge as defined in Reg. 3.2 or the Call (Appendix A, Sec. 2.A), may bring a challenge to this Plan or to the implementation of this Plan, including its Affirmative Action provisions.

B. CHALLENGES TO THE STATUS OF THE STATE PARTY AND CHALLENGES TO THE PLAN

1. A challenge to the status of the State Party Committee as the body entitled to sponsor a delegation from that state shall be filed with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than 30 calendar days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process. (Rule 21.A & Reg. 3.4.A)
2. A challenge to the state's Delegate Selection Plan shall be filed with the Chair of the New Hampshire Democratic Party and the Co-Chairs of the Rules and Bylaws Committee within 15 calendar days after the adoption of the Plan by the State Party. (Reg. 3.4.B)
3. A challenge to a Plan must be brought in conformity with the Rules and the RBC Regulations, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

C. CHALLENGES TO IMPLEMENTATION

1. A challenge may be brought alleging that a specific requirement of an approved Plan has not been properly implemented. Jurisdiction over all challenges initiated in a timely fashion shall reside with either the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Credentials Committee of the National Convention. However, the Rules and Bylaws Committee may provide advice, assistance or interpretations of the Delegate Selection Rules at any stage of the delegate selection process. (Reg. 3.1.C)
2. An implementation challenge brought before the Rules and Bylaws Committee is initiated by filing a written challenge with the State Party Committee and with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than 15 days after the alleged violation occurred. The State Party has 21 days to render a decision. Within 10 days of the decision, any party to the challenge may appeal it to the Rules and Bylaws Committee. If in fact, the State Party renders no decision, any party to the challenge may request the Rules and Bylaws Committee to process it. The request must be made within 10 days after expiration of the above 21-day period. (Reg. 3.4.C, Reg. 3.4.E & Reg. 3.4.H)
3. Performance under an approved Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and composition of the convention delegation shall be considered relevant evidence in the challenge to any state delegation. If a State Party has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action program, the State Party shall not be subject to challenge based solely on delegation composition or primary results. (Rule 6.B) The procedures are the same for challenges alleging failure to properly implement the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Programs of a Plan, except

that such challenges must be filed not later than 30 days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process. (Reg. 3.4.C)

4. Depending on the appropriate jurisdiction, implementation challenges must be brought in conformity with the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

SECTION X

SUMMARY OF PLAN

A. SELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

New Hampshire will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the presidential preference primary for apportioning its delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

The "first determining step" of New Hampshire's delegate selection process will occur on February 11th, 2020 (subject to change) Presidential Preference Primary.

Delegates and alternates will be selected as summarized on the following chart:

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body Filing Requirements and Deadlines
District-Level Delegates and Alternates	16	0	01/25/20 (subject to change)	District Level Caucuses: 01/25/20, subject to change based on date of presidential primary. Deadline for filing, 01/10/20.
Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	9	n/a	n/a	Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 9.A of the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules.
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs)	3	0	04/25/20	By committee of a quorum of district level delegates. Filing deadline: 04/17/20.
At-Large Delegates and Alternates	5	2	04/25/20	Selecting Body: By committee of a quorum of district level delegates. Filing deadline: 04/17/20.
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	33	2		

* Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates includes the following categories, if applicable, who legally reside in the state: the Democratic National Committee Members, the Democratic President, the Democratic Vice President, all Democratic Members of the U.S. House of Representative and the U.S. Senate, the Democratic Governor, and any other Distinguished Party Leader as specified in Rule 9.A. of the *2020 Delegate Selection Rules*. The exact number of Automatic PLEO Delegates is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections or special elections.

** Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) alternates are selected with the At-Large alternates.

B. SELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS (FOR THE CREDENTIALS, PLATFORM AND RULES COMMITTEES)

Standing committee members will be selected by the state's National Convention delegates as summarized below:

Members Per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Filing Requirements and Deadlines
1	3	April 25 th , 2020	April 24 th , 2020

C. SELECTION OF DELEGATION CHAIR AND CONVENTION PAGES

The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on April 25th, 2020.

Two (2) Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on April 25th, 2020.

D. SELECTION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS

Four (4) Presidential Electors will be selected by the State Convention Delegates at the 2020 New Hampshire State Convention on a date not yet selected due to logistical inability to reserve space at this time.

E. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE

Presidential candidates must file with the New Hampshire Secretary of State on a date to be established and pay a filing fee of \$1,000.00. (Rules 11.B & 15.E)

Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representatives to the State Democratic Chair by September 23, 2019.

F. TIMETABLE

- 03/01/19 Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee Members are appointed by the State Chair.
- 03/14/19 Affirmative Action Committee meets to draft proposed Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Plan.
- 03/15/19 Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are open for public comment by the State Party Committee. Press releases are sent announcing the public comment period.
- 04/14/19 Period for Public Comment on State Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the state party committee.
- 04/14/19 State Party Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and

Affirmative Action Plans for submission to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Press releases are sent out announcing the approval of the plan.

- 05/03/19 Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
- 09/07/19 State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. Media packages, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan are sent out.
- 09/23/19 Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party.
- 10/15/19 Deadline for each announced presidential candidate to submit a statement specifying steps the candidate will take to encourage full participation in the delegate selection process.
- TBD Presidential Candidates deadline for filing the petition of candidacy with the Secretary of State.
- 12/02/19 Presidential candidates provide written statements of steps taken to achieve the Affirmative Action Committee goals and equal division at the district level to the Affirmative Action Committee Chair and State Chair.
- 01/06/20 District-Level Delegate Candidate Filing Period Opens
- 01/10/20 District-Level Delegate Candidate Filing Period Closes
- 01/11/20 State Party provides list of District-Level Delegate Candidates to respective presidential candidates
- 01/13/20 Presidential candidates provide list of approved district-level delegate candidates to state party
- 01/15/20 State Chair notifies RBC if Presidential Candidates used best efforts to ensure that District Level Delegate Candidates meet Affirmative Action Committee goals
- 01/25/20 Pre-Primary Congressional District Caucuses Slate District-Level Delegate Candidates
- 02/11/20 Presidential Preference Primary (Date subject to change by SOS)
- 02/14/20 Secretary of State certifies results of primary
- 02/20/20 State Chair certify in writing the District-Level Delegates to the DNC; pre-slated district level delegates are allocated according to presidential preference
- 02/22/20 NHDP notices location of District-Level Delegates caucus on 4/25
- 03/01/20 PLEO, At-Large Delegates and At-Large Alternate filing forms will be available at the State Party office
- 04/13/20 Filing period for PLEO, At-Large Delegates and At-Large Alternates Opens
- 04/17/20 Filing period for PLEO, At-Large Delegates and At-Large Alternates Closes
- 04/18/20 State Chair notifies Presidential Candidates of filed candidates for PLEO, At-Large Delegates and At-Large Alternates

- 04/20/20 Presidential Candidates give list of approved candidates for PLEO, At-Large Delegates and At-Large Alternates
- 04/24/20 Presidential Candidates provide list of approved candidates for Standing Committees
- 04/25/20 District-Level Delegates Caucus. PLEO Delegates Selected, then At-Large Delegates, then At-Large Alternates then Standing Committee Members
- 04/25/20 Delegation Chair Selected
- 04/25/20 Convention Pages Selected by State Chair
- 04/28/20 State Party certifies remainder of elected delegates and alternates along with standing committee members, delegation chair and convention pages. State Chair certifies to Rules and Bylaws Committee whether presidential candidates used best efforts to meet Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion goals detailed in the Plan.
- 05/05/20 State Chair certifies to Secretary of DNC the presidential preference, including uncommitted, of the PLEO, At-Large Delegates
- TBD Presidential Electors nominated by State Party Chair; approved by State Party Convention Delegates at 2020 NHDP State Convention (date TBD). State Party Constitution requires the Convention to be held in even-numbered years on a Saturday after April 1st but before June 30th.
- NOTE: There is no vote by mail provision in NH law; therefore, there is no date by which vote by mail ballots are mailed and no deadline to register

EXHIBITS TO THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN

A. MEMBERS OF THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

Chair: Representative Joshua Query (LGBTQ, Youth)

Members:

- Jenn Alford-Teaster (Woman, Rural)
- Hon. Mo Baxley (LGBTQ, Rural, Woman)
- Luz Bay (AAPI, Woman)
- Rep. Gerri Cannon (LGBTQ, Woman, Senior)
- Carlos Cardona (LGBTQ, Latinx, Rural, Youth)
- Patrick Carroll (LGBTQ, Youth)
- Molly Cowan (LGBTQ, Woman, Youth)
- Hassan Essa (Youth, AAPI)
- Cathleen Fountain (Woman, Rural, Person with Disability)
- Mike Harper (African American, Youth)
- Rep. Linda Harriott-Gathright (African American, Woman, Senior)
- Pam Jorgensen (Woman, Senior)
- Rep. Shoshanna Kelly (African American, Woman)
- Anne Ketterer (Woman)
- Walter King (AAPI, Senior)
- Sen. Melanie Levesque (African American, Woman)
- Sharon Nichols (Woman, Senior, LGBTQ)
- Crystal Paradis (Youth, Woman)
- Stephanie Payeur (Woman)
- Maria Socorro Quisumbing-King (AAPI, Woman)
- Rep. Julie Radhakrishnan (AAPI, Woman)
- Ryan Richman (LGBTQ, Youth)
- Rep. Katherine Rogers (Person with Disability, Woman)
- Rep. Denny Ruprecht (Youth, Rural)
- Dario Scalco (LGBTQ, Labor, Youth)
- Shideko Terai (AAPI, Rural, Woman)
- Jim Tetreault (LGBTQ, Rural)
- Gloria Timmons (African American, Woman, Senior)
- Alejandro Urrutia (Latinx, Senior)
- Hon. Jackie Weatherspoon (African American, Woman)

B. MEDIA OUTLETS TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

1. Major Daily Newspapers, Radio and Television Stations

Manchester Union Leader
Boston Globe
Concord Monitor
Fosters Daily Democrat
Laconia Daily Sun
Keene Sentinel
Seacoast Online
Nashua Telegraph
Valley News
Conway Daily Sun
Berlin Daily Sun
Hippo Press
The Dartmouth (Dartmouth College)
The New Hampshire (University of New Hampshire)
Pierce Arrow (Franklin Pierce University)
The Clock Online (Plymouth State)
The Equinox (Keene State College)
The Saint Anselm Crier (St. Anselm College)
WMUR Channel 9
NECN (NBC 10 Boston)
WCVB (ABC 5 Boston)
WBZ (CBS 4 Boston)
WHDH (Channel 7 Boston)
WZID 95.7 FM
WGIR 610 AM

2. Other "Non-Minority" Media Outlets

Associated Press

3. Constituency and Specialty Media Outlets and Targeted Groups

NAACP Newsletter
NH Stonewall Democrats
Spirit Magazine

ATTACHMENTS TO THE DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN

1. **Summary** of the process for selecting delegates, alternates, standing committee members, the delegation chair and convention pages, along with related deadlines. (Reg. 2.2.A) (See Section X of Plan)
2. **Timetable** reflecting all significant dates on the state's delegation selection process. (Reg. 2.2.B) (See Section X of Plan)
3. **Statement from the State Democratic Chair** certifying the Plan as submitted to the RBC was approved by the State Democratic Committee. (Reg. 2.2.C) (See Statement attached as Exhibit A)
4. **Copy of the press release** distributed by the State Party Committee announcing its adoption of the Plan and summarizing the major components of the Plan. (Reg. 2.2.D) (See Release attached as Exhibit B)
5. **Statement from the State Democratic Chair certifying compliance with Rule 1C**, that the proposed Plan was placed on the State Party website during the 30-day public comment period prior to the adoption of the Plan by the State Party. (Reg. 2.2.E & 2.2.F) (See Statement attached as Exhibit C)
6. **Copies of all written public comments on the Plan.** (Reg. 2.2.G) (See Comments attached as Exhibit D)
7. **A blank copy of forms to be filed with the State or the State Party by delegate candidates.** (Reg. 2.2.H) (See Forms attached as Exhibit E)
8. **A statement from the Chair of the Affirmative Action Committee certifying compliance with Rule 6.F**, which requires that the Affirmative Action Committee has reviewed and approved the proposed Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. (Reg. 2.2.I) (See Statement attached as Exhibit F)
9. **A statement from the State Democratic Chair certifying that the State Affirmative Action Committee composition complies with Rules 5.C, 6.A, and 7** and that the names, demographic data and contact information of members was submitted to the RBC no later than 15 days after their appointment. (Reg. 2.2.J) (See Statement attached as Exhibit G)
10. **Copies of all state statutes reasonably related to the Delegate Selection Process.** (Reg. 2.2.K) (See Copies attached hereto as Exhibit H)
11. **A copy of all qualifying forms to be filed with the State or the State Party by presidential candidates.** (Reg. 2.2.L) (See Copy attached as Exhibit I)
12. **Media Plan** (See Media Plan attached as Exhibit J)

EXHIBIT A

STATEMENT FROM STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR

The undersigned, Raymond Buckley, hereby certifies that the Delegate Selection Plan was approved by the New Hampshire Democratic Party State Committee on April 14, 2019.

Dated this 29th day of April, 2019.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond P. Buckley". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Raymond Buckley
Chair

EXHIBIT B

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Monday, April 15, 2019

Contact: Amy Kennedy, akennedy@nhdp.org or 603-854-1793

NHDP State Committee Approves Delegate Selection Plan

Concord, N.H. - Yesterday, the New Hampshire Democratic Party State Committee unanimously approved the delegate selection plan for the 2020 Democratic National Convention. This delegate selection plan includes specific programs designed to increase outreach and inclusion. These programs will educate and encourage members of historically underrepresented groups to participate in the delegate selection process.

NHDP Chair Ray Buckley issued the following statement:

"The NHDP State Committee's unanimous approval of our 2020 delegate selection plan clearly demonstrates our commitment to representation and inclusion. While Trump and his Republican Party continue to promote and accept racist rhetoric, New Hampshire Democrats are working hard to ensure that everyone has a seat at the table. This plan shows the stark differences between our two parties and is just one of the many reasons why we'll take back the Oval Office come November 2020."

At the 2020 Democratic National Convention, the New Hampshire Democratic Party will have 33 delegates and 2 alternates, with the delegates evenly divided between men and women. The plan also includes language on the inclusion of gender nonbinary delegates. The 33 delegate positions break down as follows: 16 elected District-Level delegates, 5 elected At Large delegates, 3 elected Party Leader and Elected Official delegates, and 9 Automatic delegates who shall not have a vote on the 1st ballot. In addition, there will be 2 At-Large alternates.

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EXHIBIT C

STATEMENT FROM STATE CHAIR

The undersigned, Raymond Buckley, hereby certifies as follows:

1. On March 15, 2019, a copy of the draft of the New Hampshire Delegate Selection Plan was posted on the New Hampshire Democratic Party website. A copy of the Plan was either mailed or emailed to each member of the New Hampshire Democratic Party State Committee. The Plan was made open for public comment on this date.
2. On March 15, 2019, a press release was sent to media outlets listed in Exhibit B of the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion plan of the Delegate Selection Plan on the New Hampshire Democratic Party website, announcing the commencement of the thirty day public comment period.
3. The period for public comment ended on April 14, 2019, more than thirty days after the commencement of the public comment period on March 14, 2019.

Dated this 29th day of April, 2019.



Raymond Buckley
Chair

EXHIBIT D

WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED ON THE PLAN

Steve Upton, Manchester, Registered Democrat

For the sake of clarity and consistency, it would probably be worthwhile to explicitly state that the provisions pertaining to (or similar to) affirmative action in III. D. 5. C. and in VIII are NOT deemed to be prohibited discrimination on the basis of "status" in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs (the prohibitions are explicitly stated in VII.B. and in VIII. A. 1. b.).

Marcia Garber, Manchester, Registered Democrat

You lost me at "male" "female"totally leaves out non-binary folks....just sayin'. We're doing ALL this work expanding gender definitions and it is killed in this document. (ie. amending birth certificates, x gender markers on driver's license/id for voting, and updating all non-discrimination spaces to include gender and gender identity....)

Lucy Weber, Walpole, Registered Democrat

My thanks to all who worked on this monumental document. I have 20 years of formal education; my law degree has the words "magna cum laude" on it. I read, draft and review statutes regularly. I cannot read this document. I am very concerned that the convoluted nature of the document itself will be a considerable barrier to participation.

Peter Oldak, South Hampton, Registered Democrat

On page 6, last paragraph, 2nd and third sentence- Subject and predicate do not agree: singular subject, plural predicate.

With so many candidates running this year and possibly in the future, we should be considering rank choice voting or proportional delegate allocation.

Diane Renzi, Dover, Registered Democrat

Support Rank Choice voting for NH; Eliminate Super Delegates

John Shea, Nelson, Registered Democrat

The 2017 Manual for the General Court special 100th Anniversary of the NH Presidential Primary says it all

House Bill 430 May 1916 to elect state delegates to national convention "'by direct vote of the people." Prior to this, delegates were chosen at party caucuses dominated by party leaders, leaving little participation in the process for the average person" This worked right up into the 1960's when in the primary PARTY leaders and money men lost out in the primary. We now are right back to the old boy, party caucuses. a small group of people living within 10 miles of the caucus control

most times the wrong choice of the vast D. votes

David Erikson, Weare, Registered Democrat

I believe we should eliminate "superdelegates" (or are they called automatic delegates) so that the delegation from NH more accurately represents the will of the voters.

Rachel Cisto, Weare, Registered Democrat

I support the elimination of super delegates. I believe ALL elected delegates should be pledged to the candidate that won that state.

Jan Schmidt, Nashua, Registered Democrat

I am sure that the process of selecting pledged delegates is as fair and honest as always. I would simply like to ensure that the folks known as "Super Delegates" do not express in the media their intent to override the will of the state's primary choice. At the Convention, where it belongs is fine, but thumbs on the scale was part of what lost us the Presidency.

Hali Beckman, Holderness, Registered Democrat

I believe that there should be a popular vote and not delegates.

Kevin Oskar, Nashua, Registered Democrat

I found the Delegate section process to be fair, comprehensive, and inclusive as drafted. As such I approve of this document.

Virginia Irwin, Newport, Registered Democrat

I have read most of this draft having skimmed the challenge sections. On Page 11 Section 5, b there is a mention of how alternates are chosen yet on Page 10, Section A, 1 it says we do not have alternates, only 16 delegates. Pages 12 and 13 speak to equal numbers but it seems to me that the "if X number are chosen" adds up to more than 16. I don't understand this section. On Page 18, section d there is an explanation of delegates at large and there they mention alternates. Are PLEO just another name for super delegates but with a new hat? And the section on affirmative action is confusing. The apportionment adds up to 26, so that is more than the 16 allowed. Or do you mean that there are 26 people on the Affirmative Action Committee? Thank you for sharing the draft. I have always wondered how delegates get chosen.

Cora Quisumbing-King, Dover, Registered Democrat

Section X is very helpful. Please describe each TYPE of delegate. The description does not cover all. Also, is it possible to have a finalized printed copy upon request? This is a very "heady" document :) and requires a lot of study. Thanks!

Michael Conlon, Goffstown, Registered Democrat

Section III(A)(1) states that there are 0 district-level alternates. I am concerned that this is not accurate and it should be a number greater than zero. I hope that alternates are included to permit full representation should delegates not be able to attend the convention in 2020. Thanks,
Michael

Walter King, Dover, Registered Democrat

It should read: Each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) shall include in his or her respective delegation within the state delegation a statement on how it plans to achieve the affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals established by this Plan and is equally divided between men and women, as self identified.

Question: So for each district there would have to be 24 separate individuals 12 men and 12 women (4 men x 3 & 4 women x 3). Should this be specifically stated for more clarity? So if there are 10 Presidential Candidates, the pool of candidates could be much larger than 24 for each district?

With 16 delegates specified (8 from each district), can we do some math?

-So with 16 pledged delegates representing the 2 districts for the Presidential candidates and 4 for our Congressional delegation = 20 out of 33 (Intro on page 4).

-One is our NHDP Chair – I assume this is Delegation Chair... that leaves 12.

-NH allotted three (3) pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates, so leaves 9.

-We are allotted five (5) at-large delegates who are the Affirmative Action delegates leaving 4.

Are these the four people the ones to serve as Presidential Electors?

-Bottom line is that can NHDP put all these 33 headcounts in a table for clarity??

Based on the foregoing, we have established the following minimum numeric goals (for delegates I presume):

2 African American Delegates

2 Latino/Hispanic Delegates

2 Asian/Pacific Islander Delegates

5 Disabled Delegates

5 LGBT Delegates

10 Youth Delegates

That add up to 26... how can 26 be a minimum if the goal is 12... can we clarify please?

Judith Kaufman, Cornish, Registered Democrat

It has always been difficult for Democrats that live in regions that are not an easy commute to Concord or Manchester to run for any statewide or national office, or as a delegate to the national Democratic convention. This problem has resulted in a lack of statewide diversity in NHDP leadership roles. The current situation is due to many factors including:

1. A lack of name recognition for activists that live in other regions;
2. The difficulty of getting people to take the time and spend the money on the weekends to travel to participate in a voting process; and
3. Democratic activists in other regions are not always taken as seriously as activists that might have the geographic opportunities to network on a regular basis with NHDP elected officials and staff.

As a result, I'd like to recommend the following processes:

2020 Democratic Delegate election events and any NHDP election is held in a more centralized state location other than Concord or Manchester. This will allow delegate candidates to bring supporters to vote for them. If possible, the voting process could be done in multiple geographic diverse meeting locations and/or using electronic methodologies.

Moving forward, I'd like to propose that NHDP as a whole make a commitment to geographic diversity and representation at the highest levels of the organization. Stronger outreach efforts need to be implemented to ask Democrats living in other regions to run for any open position or slot.

Donna M. Soucy, President NH State Senate, Manchester, Registered Democrat

I write today to once again express my frustration with the Democratic National Party's charter Article 9, section 16 establishing equal division (between genders).

I greatly respect and appreciate that when equal division was passed nearly fifty (50) years ago it was an extraordinary accomplishment which empowered women to rise within the ranks of the Democratic Party at all levels. However, the well-intentioned equal division floor has now become an "impenetrable ceiling" preventing women leaders and activists from participating in our delegate process.

Let me attempt to illustrate why this so called "equal division" is anything but in a state like mine, New Hampshire. In the State of New Hampshire, we have been allocated thirty-three (33) delegates to the Democratic National Convention. Nine (9) automatic delegates, eighteen (18) district level delegates, three (3) PLEO delegates and five (5) at-large. The equal division rule requires that the delegation be equally divided with a variant of no more than one if it is an odd number. This means there will be sixteen (16) males and seventeen (17) females or seventeen (17) males and sixteen (16) females, no more no less. New Hampshire's nine (9) automatic delegates are composed of three (3) males and six (6) females, with the eighteen (18) district delegates evenly divided bringing the delegation to fourteen (14) females and eleven (11) males. The remaining eight (8) delegates must now be divided in a manner to bring the delegation into equal division compliance. This means that of the eight (8) remaining delegates as few as two (2) women could be selected with six (6) men (or three (3) women and five (5) men). The result of this encourages women party leaders and elected officials, who have an advantage of name recognition, to run at the district level which in turn discourages and blocks activist women from becoming a delegate.

Article 9, Section 16 of the Charter should be changed to state, "No less than 50% of the membership of the Democratic National Committee, the Executive Committee, Democratic state central committees, and all national Party Conventions, committees, commissions, and like bodies shall be comprised of women."

Women are the only historically underrepresented group as outlined by the Democratic National Committee that has a ceiling. There is no provision in our Charter or rule that prevents any Democratic body of being comprised of over 50% of youth, seniors, LGBTQ, AAPI, Latinx,

Native American, African Americans or people with disabilities. Only women.

In the 2018 New Hampshire State Democratic primary, Democratic women were 58% of those who voted. The 58% turnout is not considered to be an anomaly. Voting patterns and the overwhelming success of Democratic women candidates in our primaries over the past two decades provides further evidence.

If the NH delegation to the Democratic National Convention truly reflected the Democratic electorate it would be comprised of two African Americans, two Latinx, two AAPI, five LGBTQ, five people with disabilities, ten youth AND nineteen (19) women/fourteen (14) men. Lifting the equal division ceiling would empower more Democratic grassroots activists to run for delegate and would more properly reflect today's New Hampshire Democratic Party. I strongly encourage the 2020 Democratic National Convention to revise the charter to do so.

Eric Rasmussen, Frankestown, Registered Democrat

Section I.A.2 (page 4)

"The delegate selection process is governed by the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2020 Democratic National Convention ("Rules"), the Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention ("Call"), the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2020 Democratic National Convention ("Regs."), the rules of the Democratic Party of New Hampshire, the New Hampshire election code, and this Delegate Selection Plan."

Please add web links to the referenced documents so as to facilitate access.

Section I.B.2 (page 4)

"The "first determining step" of New Hampshire's delegate selection process will occur on February 11th, 2020 (date subject to change) with a "Presidential Preference Primary." There are no other elections held in conjunction with the Democratic Presidential Preference Primary."

Please add references to where in the rules documents we can find the definitions of "first determining step" and "presidential preference primary".

Section I.C.1.e (page 5)

"No persons shall participate or vote in the nominating process for the Democratic presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating process of any other party for the corresponding elections."

Please add something to the effect that voters must not have voted, and/or must not plan to vote, in the Democratic primary or caucus of another State, Federal District, or Territory during this election cycle.

Section I.C.1.e (page 5)

"... voting by secret ballot may be used... ...Ballots shall be signed by the voter, unless

the ballot is cast by a standing vote.”

It seems appropriate to add “or secret ballot” to the end of the last sentence.

Section II.B (page 9)

“Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the State Democratic Chair, the name(s) of his or her authorized representative(s) by September 23, 2019. (Rule 13.D.1), who must be a registered Democrat.”

In this sentence, "who" is an ambiguous pronoun that could refer to the State Party Chair or Authorized Representative(s). Please reword for clarity.

Section III.A.2 (page 10)

“District-level delegates shall be elected by pre-primary caucus to slate delegates on January 25th, 2020. Delegate Candidates shall be listed in alphabetical order on a printed ballot; the starting letter shall be drawn by the State Party Chair. Each person voting at a district level pre-primary caucus shall sign a statement certifying that (i) the person will be qualified to vote in the February 11, 2020 Presidential Primary Election and (ii) the person supports the presidential candidate whose district level delegates are being chosen at the caucus. If a presidential candidate or uncommitted qualifies to receive more delegates than were elected at the pre-primary caucus, there will be a post-primary caucus to elect those delegates. That post-primary caucus will take place on the same day as the election of the PLEO, At-Large and At-Large Alternate Delegates on April 25, 2020 with the same filing periods.”

1. This one paragraph contains many topics, each of which could use more detail. Please break this up into subsections (a,b,c) as appropriate.
2. Is the alphabetical order of delegates by first or last name? What is a "starting letter", what is the drawing process, and how is it used with respect to selecting delegates? Please define.
3. Who is eligible to vote in the pre-primary and post-primary caucuses? Please add a reference. (Rule 2.A?)
4. Rule 2.A.b seems to require the Delegate Selection Plan to explicitly specify whether or not non-Democrats are allowed to vote in the Delegate selection process. Please add unless this is defined elsewhere.
5. In the event that the NH Presidential Primary is scheduled for a date earlier than January 25, 2020, what flexibility does the Delegate Selection Plan allow for delegate selection?

Section III.B.1.a.(2) (page 15)

“The following categories (if applicable) shall constitute the Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Official delegate positions:

...

(2) Democratic President and Democratic Vice President, if applicable.

...”

Do Democratic Presidents and Vice Presidents serve as automatic delegates in the New Hampshire delegation even if they do not live in/come from NH, or does this mean something else? If not, then why is this in the Delegate Selection Plan for NH?

Section III.B.1.b (page 15)

“Automatic delegate may run and be elected as a Pledged delegate. If an Automatic delegate is elected and certified as a Pledged delegate, that individual shall not serve as an Automatic delegate at the 2020 National Convention.”

Does the definition of “Pledged Delegate” include PLEO, At-Large and/or Alternate delegates? If not, they should probably be enumerated here.

Section III.C Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) Delegates (pages 15-17)

Section III.B.1.b (page 15), regarding Automatic Delegates, states that: *“Automatic delegate may run and be elected as a Pledged delegate. If an Automatic delegate is elected and certified as a Pledged delegate, that individual shall not serve as an Automatic delegate at the 2020 National Convention.”*

I don't see any similar language preventing PLEO Delegates from also serving as District-Level, At-Large, Alternate and/or Automatic Delegates at the 2020 National Convention. I recommend something to this effect this be included. (i.e. No person shall hold multiple delegate roles at any Democratic Party convention.)

Section III.B.1.c.(2) (page 15)

“Ten (10) days after the completion of the New Hampshire's delegate selection process, the State Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference, including uncommitted, of the state's Automatic delegates.”

1. I am aware that, historically, Automatic Delegates from NH have chosen to vote as a unified block for the candidate expected to win the overall national presidential primary, and that this is done in order to encourage party unity. I don't understand how this timing will allow the Automatic Delegates to predict an eventual winner before certification, given that the delegate selection process for NH will conclude far in advance of primaries in the rest of the country. Are Automatic Delegates allowed to modify their presidential preference subsequent to this certification?
2. During the last presidential primary, it became apparent that many voters did not understand the intricacies of Pledged and Automatic delegates, and incorrectly had the expectation that their votes would be the sole determining factor in the allocation of delegates for the presidential primary candidates. Upon public recognition subsequent to the statewide primary that Automatic Delegates might vote in a manner inconsistent with the results of the public vote, the unfortunate effect was to create significant party disunity. I therefore believe that party unity would be best served by having all Automatic Delegates representing NH pledge to cast their votes in the same proportions

as Pledged Delegates (i.e. based on the process documented in section III.A.6 Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference), as this is based on the democratically expressed will of NH voters and will help reunite the party membership after the convention.

3. I wish to recognize and heartily commend the party for the courageous changes already adopted by the DNC with respect to Automatic Delegates. I know this represents a significant change that affects some of the most loyal and hardworking members of the party, and believe this represents not a condemnation of those people, but rather a commitment to the principle of equal representation.

Section III.C.2.a (page 16)

“Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegate positions according to the following priority: big city mayors and statewide elected officials...”

1. The term “big city” seems subjective and could lead to confusion about priority order. We should either enumerate the “big” city names or specify an easily determined quantifiable metric such as % of state population, land area, and/or economic output. We should possibly take into account a city’s size relative to its local area, such as county.
2. Aren’t statewide elected officials already considered Automatic Delegates?

Section III.D AT-LARGE DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES (pages 18-21)

Section III.B.1.b (page 15), regarding Automatic Delegates, states that: *“Automatic delegate may run and be elected as a Pledged delegate. If an Automatic delegate is elected and certified as a Pledged delegate, that individual shall not serve as an Automatic delegate at the 2020 National Convention.”*

1. I don’t see any similar language preventing At-Large Delegates from also serving as District-Level, PLEO, Alternate and/or Automatic Delegates at the 2020 National Convention. I recommend something to this effect this be included.
2. I don’t see any similar language preventing Alternate Delegates from also serving as District-Level, PLEO, At-Large and/or Automatic Delegates at the 2020 National Convention. I recommend something to this effect this be included.

Section III.E REPLACEMENT OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES (pages 21-23)

There does not seem to be any provision for the removal and replacement of delegates that are found to have acted in bad faith (such as misrepresenting presidential preference) or who’s actions bring shame on the party (arrest, credible accusations of misdeeds, etc.) Given recent incidents such as with the Governor of Virginia, or, sadly, one of our own State Senators, both of whom refused to resign, it seems that such a provision might be warranted, just in case.

Section IV.B.5.b (pages 26-27)

“No substitutions will be permitted in the case of standing committee members, except in

the case of resignation or death...”

There does not seem to be any provision for the removal and replacement of Standing Committee members that are found to have acted in bad faith (such as misrepresenting presidential preference) or who’s actions bring shame on the party (arrest, credible accusations of misdeeds, etc.) It seems that such a provision might be warranted, just in case.

Section VII.A.7 (page 31)

“Proxy voting shall not be permitted at any level of the Delegate Selection Process, excluding election of Delegation Chair and Pages, and the officers of the New Hampshire Democratic Party.”

Does this mean that we should not be using proxy votes during the process of determining the Delegate Selection Plan itself?

Section VII.E (page 31)

“No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be mandated by law or Party rules to vote contrary to that person's presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is elected.”

Does this apply to Automatic Delegates, who are not elected, or only to Pledged Delegates who are elected? The next section (VII.F) seems to focus only to Delegates that are elected, so the end of the sentence here could be interpreted to mean the same delineation. I recommend updating the wording for clarity.

Section VII.L (page 32)

“All steps in the delegate selection process, including the filing of presidential candidates, must take place within the calendar year of the Democratic National Convention, except with respect to the implementation of the Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion Plan.”

What happens if the NH Secretary of State moves the primary into 2018 (as per NH law) in order to retain NH first-in-the-nation status?

Section VIII.A.1.e.(1) (pages 33-34)

“... The Committee has also established an overall affirmative action goal that twelve of the total of thirty-five members of the New Hampshire Delegation (which includes thirty three delegates and two alternate delegates and three standing committee members) should be from the historically under-represented groups.”

Shouldn’t this be “...at least twelve...”, rather than exactly twelve?

Section VIII.A.2.a (page 34)

“An Affirmative Action Committee shall be appointed by the State Democratic Chair on March 1, 2019.”

While I have no issue with this, it seems odd that we are drafting and voting on a plan that includes a step which has, presumably, already happened.

Section VIII.E. (page 39)

This section contains several “Presidential candidates shall...” and “Each presidential candidate must...” conditions. If a Presidential candidate does not meet one or more of these conditions, what penalties, if any, are incurred?

Section VIII.F.3 (page 40)

“...any blind individual may select any other individual to accompany them and cast their ballot for them in pre-primary Caucuses. ...”

What about post-primary caucuses, such as to select PLEO and other delegates?

Section IX.B.1. (page 42)

“A challenge to the status of the State Party Committee as the body entitled to sponsor a delegation from that state shall be filed with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than 30 calendar days prior to the initiation of the state’s delegate selection Process.”

There are numerous actions documented throughout the Delegate Selection Plan, beginning as early as March 1, 2019. Which specific action/date is considered as “initiation of the state’s delegate selection Process”? Please add language to clarify.

EXHIBIT E

CANDIDACY FORMS

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

THE UNDERSIGNED, _____, of _____, New Hampshire, hereby declares my candidacy for Democratic Party District Level Delegate for the _____ Congressional District.

I hereby pledge my support for _____, candidate for President of the United States (the "Candidate"), and hereby pledge to cast my vote in all conscience to reflect the sentiments of those who elect me if I am selected as a delegate.

I further certify that I am a registered Democrat, qualified to vote in the State of New Hampshire and the _____ Congressional District, or will be eligible to vote in the 2020 General Election.

Dated: _____

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR THE AT-LARGE/ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO THE 2020 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

THE UNDERSIGNED, _____, of _____, New Hampshire, hereby declares my candidacy for Democratic Party At-Large/Alternate Delegate for the _____ Congressional District.

I hereby pledge my support for _____, candidate for President of the United States (the "Candidate"), and hereby pledge to cast my vote in all conscience to reflect the sentiments of those who elect me if I am selected as a delegate.

I further certify that I am a registered Democrat, qualified to vote in the State of New Hampshire

and the _____ Congressional District, or will be eligible to vote in the 2020 General Election.

Dated: _____

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR PLEDGED PARTY LEADER AND ELECTED OFFICIAL DELEGATE TO THE 2020 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

THE UNDERSIGNED, _____, of _____, New Hampshire, hereby declares my candidacy for Democratic Party Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegate for the _____ Congressional District.

I hereby pledge my support for _____, candidate for President of the United States (the "Candidate"), and hereby pledge to cast my vote in all conscience to reflect the sentiments of those who elect me if I am selected as a delegate.

I further certify that I am a registered Democrat, qualified to vote in the State of New Hampshire and the _____ Congressional District, or will be eligible to vote in the 2020 General Election.

Dated: _____

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

Contact Information:

Name:

Gender (circle): Male Female Gender Non-Binary

Phone Number (home):

Phone Number (cell):

Email Address:

Street Address:

City/Town:

Zip:

In order to assist us in meeting our affirmative action goals, please check below if you are a member of any of the following communities:

African American

Latinx/Hispanic

Native American

Asian/Pacific American

Youth (18-36)

Disabled

LGBTQ+

Please list any elected offices (state, county or local) that you hold:

EXHIBIT F

STATEMENT FROM AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE CHAIR

I, Joshua Query, Chair of the Affirmative Action Committee of the New Hampshire Democratic Party State Committee, hereby certify that the Affirmative Action Committee has reviewed and approved the proposed Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program.

Dated this 29th day of April, 2019.



Joshua Query
Chair

EXHIBIT G

STATEMENT FROM STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR

The undersigned, Raymond Buckley, hereby certifies that the State Affirmative Action Committee composition complies with Rules 5.C, 6.A, and 7. The names, demographic data and contact information of the Affirmative Action Committee members were sent to the Rules and Bylaws Committee on March 15, 2019.

Dated this 29th day of April, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raymond P. Buckley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and 'B'.

Raymond Buckley
Chair

EXHIBIT H

COPIES OF ALL STATUTES REASONABLY RELATED TO DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

CHAPTER 656 PREPARATION OF VOTING MATERIALS

General Provisions

Section 656:1-a Paper Ballots. - For purposes facilitating the examination and recounting of votes cast, all elections shall be conducted using paper ballots in accordance with this title.

Source. 2006, 23:1, eff. May 30, 2006.

CHAPTER 658 PRE-ELECTION PROCEDURE

Inspectors of Elections

Section 658:2 Appointment. - Each state political committee of the 2 political parties which received the largest number of votes cast for governor at the last previous general election is authorized through their respective chairmen to appoint between May 15 and July 15 of each general election year 2 inspectors of election to act at each polling place. If the number of voters qualified to vote at a polling place shall exceed 2,000, said political committees may each appoint for such polling place one additional inspector for each 1,500 qualified voters or fraction thereof in excess of 2,000. By April 15 of each general election year, the secretary of state shall provide a list to the chairman of each such state political committee of the number of inspectors of election that should be appointed for each town or ward. Each such state political committee may also appoint such equal number of additional inspectors as the moderator considers necessary for the efficient conduct of the election. On or before July 15, the chairmen of said political committees shall notify the appointees and the town or ward clerk concerned as to appointments made under this authority. If any such appointments are not made by said political committees and proper notification thereof given on or before July 15, then the appointments shall be made by the selectmen of the town or ward in equal numbers from said 2 political parties.

Source. 1979, 436:1. 1983, 426:7. 2014, 27:1. 2015, 55:1, eff. Aug. 1, 2017

CHAPTER 658
PRE-ELECTION PROCEDURE

Preparation of Polling Place

Section 658:9-a Accessibility. - Every polling place in which state elections are held shall be easily accessible to all persons, including persons with disabilities and elderly persons who are otherwise qualified to vote in the choice of any officer or officers to be elected or upon any question submitted at such election. In order for a polling place to be considered accessible to elderly persons and to persons with physical disabilities, the following conditions shall be met; provided, however, that the provisions of paragraph I may be adopted by each municipality on an optional basis:

I. Where parking is provided for the polling place, there shall be at least one van-accessible parking space that is in compliance with the New Hampshire building code, RSA 155-A, and with standards implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 28 C.F.R. part 36 and designated with the international symbol of accessibility. The van-accessible parking space shall be at least 8 feet wide with an adjacent and parallel access aisle that is at least 8 feet wide and located on a level surface as close as possible to the accessible entrance. There shall be a clear path of travel without curbs or steps to the accessible entrance of the polling place from the van-accessible parking.

II. The paths of travel to and from the polling place shall comply with the accessible route requirements of the New Hampshire building code, RSA 155-A, and with standards implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 28 C.F.R. part 36.

III. If there is a curb in a path of travel to the accessible entrance to the polling place, there shall be a curb ramp that complies with the New Hampshire building code, RSA 155-A, and with standards implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 28 C.F.R. part 36.

IV. Where a ramp is provided, the ramp shall comply with the New Hampshire building code, RSA 155-A, and with standards implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 28 C.F.R. part 36.

V. Entrances, doors, and doorways shall comply with the New Hampshire building code, RSA 155-A, with standards implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 28 C.F.R. part 36, and with the following requirements:

(a) There shall be at least one primary entrance to the polling place accessible to elderly persons and persons with disabilities and clearly marked with the international symbol of accessibility.

(b) If there are entrances that are not accessible, they shall have signs posted directing voters to the accessible entrance.

VI. The path of travel in the interior of the polling place shall comply with the accessible route requirements of the New Hampshire building code, RSA 155-A, and with standards implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 28 C.F.R. part 36.

Source. 1987, 210:2. 2007, 312:2, eff. Sept. 1, 2008.

**CHAPTER 658
PRE-ELECTION PROCEDURE**

Additional Polling Places

Section 658:10 In Towns. – If any town shall so vote, the selectmen shall provide one or more additional polling places in such town and shall, at least 30 days before the next following general election, determine the boundaries of the voting district to be served by each such additional polling place.

Source. 1979, 436:1, eff. July 1, 1979.

**CHAPTER 652
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Terms and Definitions

Section 652:16-d Accessible Voting System. – "Accessible voting system" shall mean the system chosen by the state to meet the accessibility for individuals with disabilities requirements of section 301 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002, 42 U.S.C. section 15481, that has the capacity to print a paper ballot marked with the votes chosen by the voter.

Source. 2010, 317:3, eff. July 18, 2010.

**CHAPTER 655
NOMINATIONS**

Presidential Nominations

Section 655:48 Fees. –

I. No candidate for the office of president shall have his or her name placed on the ballot for the presidential primary unless the candidate shall pay to the secretary of state at the time of filing the declaration of candidacy a fee of \$1,000.

II. Any person otherwise qualified to run for president, who is unable to pay the filing fee as prescribed in paragraph I by reason of indigence may, after proving such indigence, have his or her name printed on the presidential primary ballot of any party by filing with the secretary of state 10 primary petitions from each county of the state signed by registered voters of the party, who are domiciled in New Hampshire, together with one written assent to candidacy pursuant to RSA 655:25. The primary petition shall be in substantially the following form:

State of New Hampshire

I do hereby join in a petition for the printing on the presidential primary ballot of the name of _____ whose domicile is in the city (town) of _____ (street and number and ward if in a city) _____, in the county of _____, state of _____, for the office of president to be voted for on Tuesday, the _____ day of _____, 20____, and certify that I am qualified to vote for a candidate for said office, that I am a registered member of the _____ party, and am not at this time a signer of any other similar petition for any other candidate for the above office.

Voter's Signature

Print Voter's Name

Voter's Domicile

street address

Town or City (Ward)

Voter's Mailing Address

street

Town or City Zip Code

I certify that the signer above is a registered member of the _____ party and a registered voter in the town/city of _____.

Date of Filing _____

Signature of Town (City) Clerk _____

Source. 1979, 436:1. 1983, 298:2. 1998, 246:2. 2009, 33:2, eff. July 14, 2009.

CHAPTER 655 NOMINATIONS

Presidential Nominations

Section 655:54 Nomination of Presidential Electors. – Presidential electors shall be nominated by state party conventions as provided in RSA 667:21.

Source. 1979, 436:1, eff. July 1, 1979.

CHAPTER 667

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTIONS AND STATE PARTY CONVENTIONS

State Party Conventions

Section 667:21 Date, Call and Purposes. –

I. Not earlier than the third Tuesday of September following any primary, and not later than the last Tuesday of October, upon the call of the chairman of the state committee of the party, the nominees of each party for the offices of governor, United States senator, United States representative, executive councilors, state senators, county officers, representatives, state delegates elected, the incumbent United States senator or senators and the incumbent county commissioners serving 4-year terms, if any, whose term or terms shall not expire during the January following that year's general election, shall meet in state convention for the purpose of adopting the platform of their party, nominating presidential electors and effecting an organization for the following 2 years. The names and domiciles of the presidential electors nominated by such convention shall be forthwith certified to the secretary of state by the chairman and the clerk of the convention. Upon receipt of the foregoing certifications, the secretary of state shall publish in some paper of general circulation the names of the persons found by him to have been chosen as candidates for presidential electors by the several parties.

II. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph I, a political party may, in accordance with the provisions of the party's constitution or bylaws, provide for an alternative method of determining the date, call and purpose of the party's state convention and the selection of delegates and composition of such convention. If a party decides to hold a convention for the purpose of adopting a platform of the party, nominating presidential electors, effecting an organization for the following 2-year period and other party business as the political party determines, the convention shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements of the party under this section.

Source. 1979, 436:1. 1983, 168:1. 1987, 73:1. 1992, 183:11. 2001, 37:1, eff. Aug. 7, 2001.

EXHIBIT I

**QUALIFYING FORMS TO BE FILED WITH
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES**

Declaration of Candidacy forms are available from the New Hampshire Secretary of State's Office. The Declaration must be filed with the New Hampshire Secretary of State's Office during the filing period, which will begin on _____, and will end on _____. A filing fee of \$1,000.00 must also be paid. The information required on the Declaration is as follows:

I, _____, declare that I am domiciled in the City (or Town, or unincorporated place) of _____, State of _____, and meet the qualifications for the office for which I am a candidate; that I am a registered member of the _____ party; that I am a candidate for nomination of the office of _____ to be made at the primary election to be held on the _____ day of _____, 2020; and I hereby request that my name be printed on the official primary ballot of said _____ party as a candidate for such nomination.

Name: _____

Address: _____

EXHIBIT J

2020 NEW HAMPSHIRE DEMOCRATIC PARTY DELEGATE SELECTION MEDIA PLAN

- The Executive Director and Communications Director of the New Hampshire Democratic Party will work closely with the State Chair, Executive Committee, Affirmative Action Committee and the Delegation, as they are elected, to the 2020 National Convention to provide a Delegate Selection Media Plan.
- The Delegate Selection Media Plan is for the purpose of using all available and appropriate resources, such as social media, websites, newspapers, radio and television, to inform Granite Staters, with emphasis on including those from historically underrepresented communities, how, when, and where to participate in the delegate selection process. The NHDP will achieve these outreach goals of this media plan through the use of our social media accounts and media outlets.
- Social Media:
 - The NHDP maintains a robust social media presence through Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram and will use those platforms to inform, educate, and promote.
 - The NHDP will also ask county parties, constituents, constituency caucuses, and elected Democrats to help us reach greater audiences by sharing our social media content.
- Media Outlets: See Exhibit B to the Affirmative Action Plan
- In addition to social media, the NHDP will work with media outlets around the state via daily newspapers, radio and television stations to reach constituents through:
 - Statewide press releases announcing the process for participating in our delegate selection process.
 - Working with New Hampshire outlets that provide current affairs programming through radio and TV.
 - Special emphasis will be made to work with media outlets and programs that reach underrepresented audiences including, but not limited to, NAACP Newsletter, NH Stonewall Democrats, and Spirit Magazine.
 - Other major daily newspapers, radio and television stations, and “Non-Minority” media outlets are listed in Exhibit B of the Affirmative Action Plan.