



# 2021 virtual STATE CONVENTION

## CONVENTION INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

The following information is intended for delegates and alternate delegates to the SCDP State Convention.

The South Carolina Democratic Party Executive Committee met virtually on Saturday, March 13, and unanimously voted to hold our 2021 State Democratic Convention in a remote format May 19 -May 22, 2021.

**If you have any questions about the State Convention or process, please call 803-799-7798 and we will be happy to assist you.**

### HOW TO VOTE

#### **Register to Vote by Email:**

If you wish to cast your votes via email ballot **you must register by 10 PM on Monday, May 17** and provide the email address you prefer to use to receive your ballots. **To register, go to [www.scdp.org](http://www.scdp.org) and click on the 2021 State Convention button on the top menu bar.** Your first ballot will be sent at 3:30 p.m. on May 19. If you have registered and you don't receive a ballot in your email, please call 803-799-7798.

If you do not have an email address and wish to vote by telephone, you do not need to register by May 17 at 10 p.m.

The **Platform and Resolutions Committee** and the **Rules and Credentials Committee** will hold an information and comment Zoom session on Tuesday, **May 18 at 6 p.m.** for delegates and alternates who wish to learn more or comment about the proposed committee reports included in this mailing. To join the Zoom session go to zoom.us. Click Join a Meeting. Enter Meeting ID: 859 7395 6116 Passcode: 322485. To join by telephone, dial: 301-715-8592 use the same meeting ID and Passcode.

#### **Voting by Telephone:**

If you wish to vote by phone, please dial **803-799-7798**. If you do not register by 10 PM on Saturday, May 17, you may vote by telephone.

#### **Phones will be answered by SCDP staff members to take your votes on:**

**Wednesday, May 19 from 3:30 p.m. until 7 p.m.**

**Thursday, May 20 from 3:30 p.m. until 7 p.m.**

**Saturday, May 22 from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.**

If you call and the phone is not answered by a live voice, please try again until a live voice answers. Do not leave a message. Your call will not be returned and a message will not constitute a vote.

## THE VOTING PROCESS

**Beginning at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19, until 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19**, delegates and alternates will vote on *the Rules Committee Report, which includes the Convention Rules and two proposed State Party Rules changes*, via secure online ballots or by phone. **Please pay attention to the Register to Vote and Vote by Phone information above.**

**Beginning at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 20, until 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 20**, State Convention delegates and alternates will vote on the Platform and Resolutions Committee Report as well as the Convention Officers. Delegates will vote via secure online ballots or by phone.

## SCDP OFFICER CANDIDATES

The following individuals have filed as candidates for SCDP Offices ( listed alphabetically):

### Chair

Johnnie Cordero, Richland  
Trav Robertson, Jr., Richland

### 1<sup>ST</sup> Vice Chair

(shall be different gender from the chair)

Lessie Price, Aiken

### 2<sup>ND</sup> Vice Chair

(shall be different race from the chair)

Dr. Anthony B. Thompson, Jr., Lexington

### 3<sup>RD</sup> Vice Chair

(shall be between the ages of 18 and 36)

Jalen Elrod, Greenville  
*Jeni Atchley has withdrawn*

## ALTERNATE VOTES

Alternates to the State Convention may vote. Following each round of voting, if a county has not cast all of its allotted votes, the County Chair will determine which alternates will be moved up to delegate, just as the County Chair would do if we were meeting in an in-person convention. The votes of those alternates will then be counted.

## VIRTUAL CONVENTION MAY 22

**On Saturday, May 22, at 9 a.m.**, we will hold our convention online. We will feature announced candidates for elected office and hear nominations and speeches from the candidates for SCDP office. All Democrats are invited to join us on our Facebook page as we stream our virtual convention live. To join the Zoom session. Go to [zoom.us](https://zoom.us). Click Join a Meeting. Enter Meeting ID: 826 4158 5944 Passcode: 880087. To join by telephone, dial: 312-626-6799 and use the same Meeting ID and Passcode.

## SCDP CAUCUS MEETINGS

All SCDP Caucuses will meet the weeks of May 16 and May 23 to elect new officers. All caucus meetings will be held virtually via Zoom. You were mailed the caucuses meeting dates, times and dial-in information in a previous mailing. If you wish to participate by Zoom, register for each caucus meeting by visiting [scdp.org/convention2021-caucuses](https://scdp.org/convention2021-caucuses).

If you have any questions, please email Executive Director Jay Parmley ([jay@scdp.org](mailto:jay@scdp.org)) or Ann Smith ([ann@scdp.org](mailto:ann@scdp.org)) or call the state party office at 803-799-7798.