



## SUMMARY OF THE 2021 FINAL DRAFT OF WILMINGTON CITY COMMITTEE RULES

Wilmington Rules committee was formed in November 2018 by the Wilmington City Executive Committee. The Rules Committee included: Andrew Wilson, Chair; Alanna Mozeik; Bill Cortes; Aruku Davis; Lauren Vella; Willie Patrick; Evan Douglass; Cassandra Marshall, *ex-officio*. They were charged with revising the 2005 version of the City Committee Rules and ensuring that they were aligned with the new State Party Rules that were coming into Final Draft for approval.

The Rules Committee had its first meeting on 12/14/2018, followed by multiple meetings to discuss proposed changes. This committee delivered a Draft for Executive Committee Review in October 2019. Andrew Wilson handed off Chair responsibilities to At Large Member Meyem Dede in January 2020. Final Executive Committee review January 2021, Final City Committee Review March 2021, Final Draft April 2021. The Final Draft recommended by acceptance by the City Committee is on the DelDems website.

The following is a summary of the major changes to this document:

- Completely revised the Preamble.
- Added a Definitions section.
- Reordered the text, so that after Definitions, text follows the logic of City Committee operation – Standards Governing Membership and Meetings, Election District Elections and Operations, Ward Elections and Operation, City Committee Elections and Operation, then Committee-wide rules on Conventions, Filing Fees, Recruitment & Endorsement of Candidates, Grievances, Removal of Ward Members, Removal of Elected City Committee Officers and Appointees, Amending the City Rules.
- Aligns the Wilmington Subdivision with State Rules on the organization and operation of RDs 1, 2, and 3.
- Changed the minimum meetings for each Ward from 4 to 6.
- Revised the composition of the Elected City Committee Leadership from 4 Vice Chairs to 2 Vice Chairs
- Revised Standing Committees to include only the permanent ones – Appeals and Rules. Other committees can be formed by Chair appointment.
- Revised the Appeals Committee so that it is led by the City Parliamentarian.
- Ensured that electronic means of communication and meetings can stand in for written communications and for meetings while under State imposed gathering restrictions.
- Removed the 2 Associate limit for Wards. Wards and RDs may now have unlimited number of Associates.
- We are aware of changes to be made to the Cover Page and Table of Contents when this is approved. Will make those changes once these rules are accepted before final distribution to the Committee.