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DELAWARE DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN

FOR THE 2020 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

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Section I Introduction & Description of Delegate Selection Process

A. Introduction

1. Delaware has a total of 31 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 Delaware Democratic Party, the Delaware election code, and this Delegate Selection Plan. *(Call II.A)*
3. Following the Delaware Democratic Party Executive Committee’s adoption of this Delegate Selection Plan, the Delaware Democratic Party shall submit the Plan 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. *(Reg. 2.5, Reg. 2.6 & Reg. 2.7)*
4. Once this Plan has been found in Compliance by the RBC, any amendment to the Plan by the Delaware Democratic Party must be submitted to and approved by the RBC before it becomes effective. *(Reg. 2.9)*

B. Description of Delegate Selection Process

1. Delaware 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 Delaware’s delegate selection process will occur on ~~April 28, 2020~~ **July 7, 2020**, with a Presidential Primary. [NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Presidential Primary has been postponed to **July 7, 2020**.]

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C. Voter Participation

1. Participation in Delaware's delegate selection process is open to all Delaware voters who wish to participate as Democrats. *(Rule 2.A and Rule 2.C.)*
 - a. The deadline to for new voters to register as Democrats to vote in the Presidential Primary and thereby participate in the first determining step of the delegate selection process is **April 4, 2020**;
 - b. Any previously-registered Delaware voter who wishes to participate in the Democratic Presidential Primary must change their voter registration to "Democratic" with Delaware Department of Elections on or before **February 28, 2020**:
 - i. Delaware residents may register to vote as Democrats on the State of Delaware's website: ivote.de.gov or can request voter registration forms by calling the Delaware Department of Elections at **(302) 739-4277**.
 - ii. Voters who are not registered as Democrats are ineligible to participate in the Democratic Presidential Primary; *(Rule 2.A & Reg. 4.3.B)*
 - iii. Voter registration reflected in the voter rolls made publicly available by the Delaware Secretary of State shall be considered a public declaration of Party preference. *(Rule 2.A & Reg. 4.3.A)*
 - c. To encourage participation by youth in the delegate selection process, any individual who will have turned 18 by the date of the 2020 general election will be allowed to participate in Delaware's delegate selection process. *(Reg. 4.3.C)*
 - d. At no stage of Delaware'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. Any voluntary contributions made to the Delaware Democratic Party by potential delegates or alternates during this process shall be used to help defray possible convention costs for low-income delegates whose applications for assistance are approved by the Affirmative Action Committee. *(Rule 2.D & Reg. 4.4)*
 - e. No person 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 election. *(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

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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)*

- g. No person shall vote in more than one (1) meeting, which is the first meeting in the delegate selection process. *(Rule 3.E & Reg. 4.7)*
2. The Delaware Democratic Party has promoted voter security and election security in recent years, including passing a resolution directing state officials to consider election security best practices in the procurement of new voting systems. The State Party has also established an election protection hotline manned by team of volunteer attorneys to trouble shoot any reported incidents of disenfranchisement – real or perceived – across the state. The State Party is also publicly supporting a package of election reform bills like “early voting” and “no excuse absentee voting” that would ease lines on Election Day and the accompanying strain on election workers. In addition, Governor Carney’s Emergency Order that called for the postponement of Delaware’s presidential primary to **June 2, 2020** also includes language to expand absentee balloting to all Delawareans. Taken together, our efforts are aimed at accomplishing the following seven goals:
- a. Maintain secure and accurate state voter registration rolls, so that every eligible American who registers to vote has their personal information protected and secure; *(Rule 2.H.1)*
 - b. Implement transparent and accurate voter registration list maintenance procedures that comply with federal requirements and ensure that every eligible voter stays on the rolls; *(Rule 2.H.2)*
 - c. Promote the acquisition, maintenance, and regular replacement of precinct based optical scan voting systems; *(Rule 2.H.3)*
 - d. Ensure that any direct recording electronic systems in place have a voter verified paper record; *(Rule 2.H.4)*
 - e. Implement risk limiting post-election audits such as manual audits comparing paper records to electronic records; *(Rule 2.H.5)*
 - f. Ensure that all voting systems have recognized security measures; *(Rule 2.H.6)*
 - g. Use accessible and secure voting machines that make it possible for individuals with disabilities to vote securely and privately. *(Rule 2.H.7)*
3. In accordance with the Democratic Party’s requirement to assess and improve participation with respect to presidential preference and the delegate selection process, Delaware has appointed a network of *pro bono* attorneys to serve on a

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voter protection panel and has met with election officials to convey and address key concerns regarding election protection and polling place accessibility. The Delaware Democratic Party is working with our members in the General Assembly to advance four pieces of legislation the State Party is confident will increase voter participation and improve our democracy. The Delaware Democratic Party is publicly supporting this legislation and is optimistic that each bill will become law during the 150th General Assembly:

- a. [House Bill 38](#) (Early voting)
- b. [House Bill 39](#) (Same-day registration)
- c. [House Bill 41](#) (Moving state primary to spring and coupling it in presidential years)
- d. [House Bill 73](#) (No-excuse absentee voting)
- e. [House Bill 175](#) (Vote by mail)

Taken together, these efforts are aimed at accomplishing the following six goals:

- a. Expand access to voting, including by early voting, no excuse absentee, same-day voter registration, and voting by mail; *(Rule 2.1.1.a)*
- b. Ensure that voting locations are accessible, fairly placed, and adequate in number, and have a sufficient number of voting machines; *(Rule 2.1.1.b)*
- c. Speed up the voting process and minimize long lines; *(Rule 2.1.1.c)*
- d. Eliminate onerous and discriminatory voter identification requirements by defeating GOP-led voter ID proposals in the General Assembly, and allowing those without identification who appear on the voter rolls to affirm their identity via affidavit; *(Rule 2.1.1.d)*
- e. Count and include in the final total ballots from voters who are eligible to vote but cast their ballots in the wrong precinct, by utilizing electronic poll books that enhance the ability for poll workers to direct voters to their correct polling places, but by also offering provisional ballots to those who wish to cast their ballots without going to a second polling place; and *(Rule 2.1.1.e)*
- f. Facilitate military and overseas voting by extending the Presidential Primary registration deadline to **April 13, 2020**, and allowing for the electronic conveyance of ballots for those serving in parts of the world with unreliable mail or those requesting absentee ballots in the days approaching the noon, **April 28, 2020** deadline for their issuance. *(Rule 2.1.1.f)*

By law, non-military and non-overseas voters can begin requesting absentee ballots on **January 29, 2020** for the Presidential Primary. Military and overseas voters could begin requesting absentee ballots beginning on **November 7, 2018**. Due to COVID-19, the Department of Elections will mail all registered Democrats and Republicans in Delaware

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absentee ballot request forms the week of ~~April 20, 2020~~ **May 18, 2020**, and all Delaware voters will be eligible to vote absentee by selecting “sick” or “temporarily disabled” on their ballot request form. *(Rule 2.1 and 2.1.1)*

4. As part of encouraging participation in the delegate selection process by registered voters, the Delaware Democratic Party has undertaken efforts to make voter registration easier, including engaging in voter registration drives in key communities and constituency groups, and increasing our investment in candidate-agnostic GOTV efforts (field and paid communications) to successfully increase turnout. The State Party has also supported:
 - a. Voter registration modernization, including online voter registration at ivote.de.gov and advocating for automatic voter registration, while currently pursuing same-day registration legislation ([House Bill 39](#)), which is likely to take effect in 2022; *(Rule 2.1.2.a)*
 - b. Allowing for the pre-registration of high school students at the Delaware Department of Motor Vehicle who will turn 18 prior to the next general election; *(Rule 2.1.2.b)*
 - c. Restoration of voting rights to all people who have served the time for their criminal conviction, without requiring the payment of court fees or fines or a waiting period ([Senate Bill 242, 2016](#)); *(Rule 2.1.2.c)* and
 - d. Same-day or automatic registration of voters for the Democratic presidential nominating process. *(Rule 2.1.2.d)*
5. Delaware is participating in a government-run presidential preference primary that will utilize state-operated voting systems. The Delaware Democratic Party has taken steps to reduce the risk of voter fraud by promoting investment in new, state-of-the-art voting technologies that include a corresponding paper ballot. We will continue to seek enactment of legislation; rules and policies at the state and local level to ensure that emphasize recognized security measures, including manual audits comparing paper records to electronic records following every election and prior to certification or results where possible; parallel testing on election day; physical and electronic security for equipment; banning use of wireless components and connections except where required to provide a voter with a disability a secure and approved means to access voting materials and exercise the right to vote; public disclosure of software design; use of transparent and random selection for all auditing procedures; and effective procedures for addressing evidence of fraud or error.
6. The Delaware Democratic Party supports further efforts to reduce disenfranchisement in the presidential primary process by supporting the alignment of the registration deadline with the deadline for switching party affiliation, and are pursuing legislative buy-in for this code change. *(Rule 2.J and Rule 2.J.1)*

7. Scheduling of Delegate Selection Meetings

The dates, times and places for all official Party meetings and events related to Delaware's delegate selection process have and will be scheduled to encourage the participation of all Democrats. Such meetings will begin and end at reasonable hours. The Delaware Democratic Party is responsible for selecting the dates and times and providing facilities for all official meetings and events related to this process. As such, the Party is committed to holding all meetings in ADA compliant locations. 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

Pursuant to [Delaware Code Title 15, Chapter 31, Subsection V, § 3183 and § 3184](#), a presidential candidate gains access to the Delaware presidential preference primary ballot by qualifying for federal matching funds; or by submitting a petition of candidacy with 500 valid signatures of registered Democrats in the State of Delaware to the State Elections Commissioner by **February 27, 2020**.

1. By code, the following forms are required for a candidate to file to appear on the ballot:
 - a. [Presidential Primary Filing Form](#)
 - b. [Presidential Primary Petition Form](#)
 - c. [Presidential Primary Petition Tracking Form](#) (Required only when candidates submit petitions incrementally)

For additional information, candidates should contact the Delaware Commissioner of Elections via phone at (302) 739-4277, via fax at (302) 739-6794, or via mail at the Office of the State Election Commissioner, 905 S. Governors Ave., Suite 170, Dover, DE 19904.

2. Matching funds

- a. The Delaware Democratic Party Chair shall have seven (7) working days after **February 27, 2020** to provide the State Elections Commissioner with a list of all Democratic Presidential candidates, who have not already filed a petition for ballot access, and who have become eligible by the close of business on the preceding day to receive payments from the Presidential Primary Matching Payment Account of the Internal Revenue Code; and who have not previously announced their withdrawal from the national presidential race; and/or who

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have not announced the suspension of their presidential campaign. The State Election Commissioner shall place all such persons on the presidential primary ballot for their respective party.

- b. The Delaware Democratic Party Chair and the Delaware Commissioner of Elections will only utilize the Federal Elections Commission (FEC) website to determine which candidates have qualified for matching funds.
 - c. Prior to, or concurrently with, the filing of the above-mentioned list with the State Election Commissioner, the Delaware Democratic Party Chair shall notify the candidate or the candidate's campaign, that the candidate's name has been (or will be) provided to the State Election Commissioner.
 - d. A candidate placed on the ballot pursuant to this manner, or a candidate already on the ballot via a petition, may have that candidate's own name removed from the ballot provided that no later than the close of the business day following the day on which the above-mentioned list was provided to the State Elections Commissioner, the candidate files an affidavit with the State Elections Commissioner stating that the candidate is not currently and does not intend to become a candidate in any other state's presidential primary and that the candidate is not currently (or is no longer), and does not intend to become, a candidate for the presidential nomination of the candidate's party.
2. Pursuant to Delaware State Law, if the Delaware Democratic Party submits the name of only one Presidential Candidate, and no other candidates file for the ballot, the state run presidential primary shall be cancelled. Write-in candidates are not permitted in Delaware's presidential primary.

B. Other Requirements

1. Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the Delaware Democratic Chair, the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) by **February 27, 2020**. (*Rule 13.D.1*)
2. Each presidential candidate shall use their best efforts to ensure that their 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. (*Rule 6.1*)

Section III

Selection of Delegates and Alternates

A. District-Level Delegates

1. Delaware is allocated fourteen (14) district-level (subdivision) delegates, three of which are bonus delegates awarded by the DNC. All alternates will be at the At-Large level. (*Rule 8.C, Call I.B, I.I, & Appendix B*)
2. Subdivision delegates shall be elected by a caucus (or convention) system. Each of Delaware's 41 Representative Districts will meet in ~~March 2020~~ prior to Delaware's Delegate Selection Subdivision-level voting (~~May 9, 2020~~ beginning **July 9, 2020**), where they will vote to elect Delaware's subdivision-level National Convention Delegates. To be eligible for nomination as a National Convention subdivision-level delegate, individuals must file a statement of candidacy and pledge of support with State Party Headquarters by **5 p.m. on April 9, 2020**.
 - a. Pledge forms will be made available beginning **January 1, 2020** via <http://www.deldems.org>, and in hard copy, by request. The completed forms may be submitted in the following ways:
 - i. Via email to DNC2020@deldems.org.
 - ii. Via hand delivery to Delaware Democratic Party Headquarters, 19 E. Commons Blvd., New Castle, DE 19720.
 - iii. Via mail to Delaware Democratic Party, P.O. Box 2065, Wilmington, DE 19899.
 - b. Nominees for National Convention subdivision-level delegates may or may not be elected as a Representative District Level delegates to the Delaware Delegate Selection Caucus (DDSC). However, to vote at the DDSC, one must first be elected at their respective Representative District Level Caucus.
 - c. All Delaware residents who are registered Democrat as of **January 1, 2020** are eligible to participate in the Representative District caucus in which they live.
 - i. The time and place for each Representative District's caucus will be announced publicly by the Delaware Democratic Party on its website and via its email list and social media channels. Announcements of the time and place of each district meeting will be published in the *Wilmington News Journal* and the *Delaware State News* as well as local and community newspapers, websites, and blogs. The party will also engage in direct outreach to Democratic clubs, allied organizations, and other interested organizations to share the time and place of the representative

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district meetings leading up to the caucuses.

- ii. Representative District Level caucuses will take place prior to the ~~April 28, 2020~~ **July 7, 2020** presidential primary, ~~between March 1 and March 31, 2020~~, in either publicly accessible locations or, due to the COVID-19 outbreak, a combination of online, mail and drive-up voting. Locations and times for these caucuses must be submitted to Delaware Democratic Party Headquarters no later than **February 9, 2020**, meaning all Representative District-Level caucuses must have at least twenty-one (21) days notice. Adjustments to the timing and method of district-level votes due to COVID-19 will be announced as far in advance as is possible.
- iii. Representative District chairs and meeting officials must verify that all participants in their Representative District Level Caucus are registered Democrats living within the geographical confines of that district, and that they have filed a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate with the State Party by **5 p.m. on February 28, 2020**.
- iv. Representative District Level caucuses shall each select four (4) delegates to the DDSC voting, to be held beginning on ~~May 9, 2020~~ **July 9, 2020**.
- v. At the conclusion of each Representative District Caucus, State Party staff will work with each Representative District to register the full name, address, and telephone number of each of the four (4) people elected to attend the Delaware Delegate Selection Caucus representing their District. The deadline to submit this information is **5 p.m. on April 3, 2020** ~~May 19, 2020~~.
- vi. In instances where District-level votes are postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Delaware Democratic Party will, upon a vote of its State Executive Committee, implement contingency plans that call for streamlined voting that limits human interaction and encourages social distancing.
 1. In Representative Districts where holding votes is unnecessary because the number of candidates appearing on the ballot does not exceed the district's allotment of four state delegates, slates will be administratively approved by the State Party and all voting will be canceled.
 2. In Representative Districts where more than four candidates are running to be state delegates and district-level voting remain necessary, a voting plan that includes mail-in and electronic balloting, as well as a drive-thru voting component, will be established.

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3. For these Representative Districts, the Delaware Democratic Party will create a ballot request form, posted prominently on its web site, by which can request an electronic ballot beginning on **April 15, 2020**. The form will remain available through **5 p.m. on May 15, 2020**. For those that wish to request their ballot over the phone, they can call (302) 483-7883.
4. Anyone requesting a ballot will be verified via VoteBuilder and then sent a ballot to the email address provided within 24 hours of making their request. Ballots can be mailed (one per envelope) to the Delaware Democratic Party, (19 E. Commons Blvd., Suite 2, New Castle, DE 19720), but must be postmarked no later than **May 15, 2020**. Additionally, ballots can be emailed to DNC2020@deldems.org through **5 p.m. on Monday, May 18**.
5. To ensure the sanctity of the process, only individuals who request a ballot via the Ballot Request Form will be eligible to submit their ballot by mail or email. State Party staff will match the names on the submitted ballots with the Request List and will not count ballots that are mailed or emailed from people who did not request them.
6. For those who do participate in the vote by mail/email process, we will attempt to offer a one time drive-thru voting opportunity for voters in New Castle and Sussex counties on Monday, May 18, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
7. All ballots will include a ranked-choice voting component, which will only be used in the event of a tie. Because we are not caucusing and will not be able to go to a second ballot.
8. All District votes will be tallied by **5 p.m., Tuesday, May 19, 2020**, with the full list of state delegates posted to the Delaware Democratic Party web site (with contact and other identifying information redacted). National Convention delegate candidates and presidential campaigns can begin requesting un-redacted versions of the State Delegate lists beginning at **9 a.m., Wednesday, May 20**.

d. Delaware Delegate Selection Caucus Voting (~~May 9, 2020~~ **Beginning July 9, 2020**).

- i. The Delaware Delegate Selection Caucus (DDSC) Voting will begin on ~~May 9, 2020~~ **July 9, 2020** in ~~Dover~~. State delegates will have five days to cast electronic ballots (via Google forms), first for the State Party's National

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Committeeman and National Committeewoman and then for subdivision level delegates. ~~The DDSC's sole agenda item shall be the selection of the Delaware's Subdivision Delegates to the Democratic National Convention in Milwaukee.~~

- ii. All participants in the DDSC must show proper identification and be able to substantiate party registration in order to participate in the DDSC.
- iii. Subdivision Chairs shall serve as chair of their respective subdivision caucuses at the DDSC.

3. Apportionment of District-Level (Subdivision-Level) Delegates

- a. Delaware's subdivision-level delegates are apportioned across the four subdivisions based on the 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 1, 2020**. *(Rule 8.A, Reg. 4.12, Reg. 4.11 & Appendix A)*

This method was selected because it yields the most inclusive method for allocating delegates, in that it captures the growth of our Party through the nearly 13,000 and counting newly registered Democrats since the 2016 election.

- b. The number of men and the number of women in the state's total number of subdivision-level delegates will not vary by more than one. *(Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.9)*
- c. The subdivision-level delegates are apportioned to districts as indicated in the following table:

District	Delegates			Alternates		
	Males*	Females*	Total	Males*	Females*	Total
City of Wilmington	1	1	2	0	0	0
New Castle County	4	4	8	0	0	0
Kent County	1	1	2	0	0	0
Sussex County	1	1	2	0	0	0
Total for Delaware	7	7	14	0	0	0

**(Assuming no gender non-binary delegates are elected.)*

4. District-Level (Subdivision-Level) Delegate Filing Requirements

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- a. A subdivision-level delegate may run for election only within the subdivision in which they are registered to vote. *(Rule 13.H)* An individual can qualify as a candidate for subdivision-level delegate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate with the State Party by **5 p.m. on April 9, 2020**. A delegate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than that filing deadline. *(Rule 13.B, Rule 15.F & Reg. 4.23)*
 - b. Pledge forms will be made available beginning **January 1, 2020** via <http://www.deldems.org>, and in hard copy, by request. Completed forms can be submitted in the following ways:
 - i. Via email to DNC2020@deldems.org.
 - ii. Via hand delivery to Delaware Democratic Party Headquarters, 19 E. Commons Blvd., New Castle, DE 19720.
 - iii. Via mail to Delaware Democratic Party, P.O. Box 2065, Wilmington, DE 19899.
 - c. If an person is selected at their Representative District caucus ~~in March~~ to be a DDSC delegate, and that person would like to also be considered as a candidate for a subdivision-level National Convention delegate, they must file a second statement of candidacy for the National Convention designating their singular presidential preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate with the State Party by **5 p.m. on April 9, 2020**. The presidential preference and pledge of support for each delegate to the National Convention must match identically the presidential preference and pledge of support signed and submitted by that individual if they also filed to participate in the DDSC.
5. Presidential Candidate Right of Review for District-Level (Subdivision-Level) Delegates
- a. The Delaware Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than **5 p.m., April 13, 2020**, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. *(Rule 13.D & Rule 13.F) (Reg. 4.25.C)*
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the Delaware Democratic Chair by **5 p.m., April 15, 2020** 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. Campaigns may file their lists of approved delegate candidates via DNC2020@deldems.org. *(Rule 13.E.1, Reg. 4.24 & Reg. 4.25)*

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- 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 Delaware Democratic Chair not later than **5 p.m., April 15, 2020**.
 - d. National convention delegate 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 Delaware 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 subdivision-level 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 district-level delegate candidates and district-level alternate candidates as indicated in Section III.A.5.b of this Plan. (*Rule 6.I & Reg.4.10.C*)
6. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference
- a. Presidential Primary - Proportional Representation Plan (*Rule 14.A, Rule 14.B & Rule 14.D*)
 - i. The Delaware presidential primary election is a "binding" primary. Accordingly, delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential preference of the primary voters in each district.
 - ii. The National Convention delegates and alternates selected at the subdivision 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. ~~When state delegates are listed on the official roster register at the **May 9, 2020 June 2, 2020** State Caucus, they~~ The official roster of state delegates shall specify the candidate to which each delegate is pledged. ~~caucus in which they will participate, sign a statement of support for that presidential candidate, and be given the official ballot for that caucus.~~ Each state delegate will receive an electronic ballot that corresponds with their subdivision and candidate

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pledge. No delegate ~~should~~ shall be eligible to vote for more than one candidate's delegate candidates, and all caucuses balloting shall commence at the same time. *(Rule 13.G)*

- d. In the unlikely, but possible, scenario in which a presidential candidate reaches the 15% threshold within a subdivision but has no pledged Representative District-level delegates, Representative District-level delegates pledged to a non-qualifying candidate will have a an opportunity to re-pledge to any candidate who achieved the 15% threshold within that subdivision ahead of the Subdivision-level delegate balloting beginning on **July 9**. ~~during registration for the **May 9, 2020 June 6, 2020** caucus.~~ This is the only scenario in which pledged Representative District-level delegates shall be able to re-pledge. *(Rule 14.C)*
7. **Equal Division of District-Level (Subdivision-Level) Delegates.** To ensure the district-level delegates are equally divided between men and women (determined by gender self-identification) ~~the gender of the~~ the first binary delegate elected in each district will be determined by which presidential candidate gets the higher vote total in that subdivision ~~designated on each ballot~~. With all state delegates voting for the maximum total allotment of delegates on their ballots, we will be able to determine the highest male, female or non-binary vote getters for all qualifying candidates. At the time of election of delegates in the district the binary gender advantage will alternate as delegate positions are filled and the alternation shall continue across presidential preferences in order of vote-getting preference. In the case of non-binary gender delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category. *(Rule 6.C., Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.10)*
8. The Delaware Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) the election of the state's district-level (subdivision-level) delegates to the Democratic National Convention ten (10) days of their election. *(Rule 8.C & Call IV.A)*

B. Automatic Delegates

1. Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Officials

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- a. The following categories (if applicable) shall constitute the Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Official delegate positions:
 - i. Members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in Delaware; *(Rule 9.A.1, Call I.F, Call I.J, & Reg. 4.15)*
 - ii. Democratic President and Democratic Vice President (if applicable); *(Rule 9.A.2 & Call I.G)*
 - iii. Delaware’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)*
 - iv. Delaware’s Democratic Governor; *(Rule 9.A.4, Call I.H & Call I.J)*
 - v. “Distinguished Party Leader” delegates who legally reside in Delaware *(Rule 9.A.5, Call I.G & Reg. 4.14)*
 - b. An 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 6, 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 Delaware. *(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) The Delaware Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of state’s Automatic delegates ten (10) days after the completion of the Delaware’s Delegate Selection Process. *(Call IV.C)*
2. For purposes of achieving equal division between delegate men and delegate women within Delaware’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)*

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C. Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) Delegates

1. Delaware is allotted two (2) 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 state-wide 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 statewide 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 and a signed pledge of support for a singular presidential candidate by **5 p.m., April 9, 2020**. PLEO filing forms will be available beginning **January 1, 2020** via <http://www.deldems.org>, and in hard copy, by request. Statements of candidacy and signed pledge forms may be submitted as follows: *(Rule 10.A.3, Rule 15.G, Reg.4.18 & Reg. 4.17)*:
 - iii. Via email to DNC2020@deldems.org.
 - iv. Via hand delivery to Delaware Democratic Party Headquarters, 19 E. Commons Blvd., New Castle, DE 19720.
 - v. Via mail to Delaware Democratic Party, P.O. Box 2065, Wilmington, DE 19899.
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
 - a. The Delaware Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than **5 p.m., April 13, 2020**, a list of all persons who have filed for a party and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. *(Rule 10.A.3 & Rule 13.D)*
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file with the Delaware Democratic Chair, by noon on ~~May 9, 2020~~ **July 14, 2020** – the day following the voting for subdivision-level delegates ends – a list of all such PLEO candidates they have approved, as long as approval is given to at least two (2) names 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

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the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the Delaware Democratic Chair not later than 45 minutes after the selection of subdivision level delegates at the DDSC on ~~May 9, 2020~~ **June 6, 2020**. (*Rule 13.D*)

- d. The Delaware 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 this Plan. (*Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10.C*)
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. However, any candidate who is not actively seeking the nomination will not be allocated PLEO delegates. (*Rule 10.A.2, Rule 11.C, Rule 14.E & Rule 14.F*)
 - b. Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur on ~~May 9, 2020~~ **June 6, 2020** **July 16, 2020** at the DDSC in Dover, after the election of subdivision-level delegates and prior to the selection of at-large delegates and alternates. Each category of pledged party leader would be considered sequentially, beginning with statewide elected officials. Voting will be on signed ballots provided by the Delaware Democratic Party of those candidates approved within each category. Each voting delegate in the Subdivision-Level National Convention delegate caucus may vote for a number of candidates that does not exceed the number of PLEO positions remaining to be filled by the caucus. A majority vote is required to elect a candidate. (*Rule 10.A*)
 - c. These delegates will be selected by a committee consisting of a quorum of the subdivision-level delegates. (*Rule 10.B*)
 5. The Delaware 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 of their election. (*Call IV.A & Reg. 5.4.A*)

D. At-Large Delegates and Alternates

1. The State of Delaware is allotted five (5) at-large delegates, one of which is a bonus delegate awarded by the DNC. Delaware is also allotted two (2) at-large alternates. (*Rule 8.C, Call I.B, II, Appendix B & Reg. 4.34*)

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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 preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates with the Delaware Democratic Party until **5 p.m., April 9, 2020**. A delegate or alternate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than that filing deadline. Statement of candidacy and pledge forms shall be available beginning **January 1, 2020** via <http://www.deldems.org>, and in hard copy, by request. Statements of candidacy and signed pledge forms can be submitted as follows: (*Rule 13.A., Rule 13.B, Rule 15.G, Reg. 4.22, Reg. 4.23, & Reg. 4.31*)
 - i. Via email to DNC2020@deldems.org.
 - ii. Via hand delivery to Delaware Democratic Party Headquarters, 19 E. Commons Blvd., New Castle, DE 19720.
 - iii. Via mail to Delaware Democratic Party, P.O. Box 2065, Wilmington, DE 19899.
 - b. The statement of candidacy for at-large delegates and for at-large alternates will be the same. After the at-large delegates are elected by the committee of subdivision-level National Convention delegates. Those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing. Candidates can choose to run only as at-large alternates, if they so choose. (*Rule 19.A*)
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
 - a. The Delaware Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than **5 p.m., April 13, 2020** a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or 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 Delaware Democratic Chair, by ~~May 9, 2020~~ **June 6, 2020** 2:30 p.m. **July 14, 2020** – the day following the voting for subdivision-level delegates – a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that, at a minimum two (2) names remain 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

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representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the Delaware Democratic Chair not later than ~~May 9, 2020 June 6, 2020~~, at least a half hour before the selection of at-large delegates and after the selection of PLEO delegates.

- d. The Delaware 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 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 this 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. Candidates 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 otherwise entitled to an allocation is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the at-large delegates, their allocation will be proportionally divided among the other 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. 4.33)*
 5. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates
 - a. The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur at the DDSC on ~~May 9, 2020 June 6, 2020~~ **July 16, 2020** in Dover, after all pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been selected. *(Call III)*
 - b. Voting will be on signed ballots provided by the Delaware Democratic Party of those candidates approved, although remote voting via electronic ballot will also be enabled as an option due to COVID-19. Each voting delegate may vote for only five (5) people for at-large delegate and two (2) people for at-large alternate. If there are more names on the ballot than required to fill the five

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(5) at-large delegate positions, the five (5) delegates receiving the highest number of votes will be selected for the at-large positions. There will then be a second balloting for the at-large alternate positions. All approved at-large delegate applicants will be included on the ballot. *(Rule 8.E & Reg. 4.13)*

- c. These delegates and alternates will be selected by a committee consisting of a quorum of the subdivision-level delegates. *(Rule 11.B & Rule 11.B)*
 - d. Priority of Consideration
 - i. In the selection of the at-large delegation, priority of consideration shall be given to African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women, if such priority of consideration is needed to fulfill the affirmative action goals outlined in Delaware's Delegate Selection Plan. *(Rule 6.A.3)*
 - ii. 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 identify, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability. *(Rule 5.C, Rule 6.A.3, Rule 7 & Reg. 4.8)*
 - iii. 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)*
 - iv. Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose. *(Rule 6.C.1, Rule 11.A, Reg. 4.9 & Reg. 4.20)*
6. The Delaware 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 of 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:

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- a. Permanent Replacement of a Delegate: *(Rule 19.D.3)*
 - i. 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.
 - ii. 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 Delaware 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)*
 - iii. 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)*
 - i. 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.
 - ii. 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.

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- c. The following system will be used to select permanent and temporary replacements of delegates: The delegation chooses the alternate. *(Rule 19.D.1)*

- e. Certification of Replacements
 - i. Any alternate who permanently replaces a delegate shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the Delaware Democratic Chair. *(Rule 19.D.3)*

 - ii. 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 Delaware Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the replacement is selected. *(Call IV.D.1)*

 - iii. 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)*

 - iv. 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)*

- f. A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation. The replacement shall be of the same presidential preference, 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 Delaware'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 Delaware'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 Delaware pursuant to Rule 9.A.(5), shall not be entitled to name a replacement, nor shall Delaware be entitled to name a replacement. *(Call IV.D.2.c)*
- d. In no case may an alternate cast a vote for an Automatic delegate. *(Call IX.F.3.e)*

Section IV

Selection of Convention Standing Committee Members

A. Introduction

1. Delaware has been allocated one (1) member on each of the three (3) 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 need 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 1.G)*

B. Standing Committee Members

1. Selection Meeting
 - a. The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of Delaware's National Convention delegates, at the DDSC to be held on **July 16, 2020** ~~May 9, 2020 June 6, 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

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- a. The members of the standing committees allocated to Delaware shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates receiving the threshold percentage used in Delaware'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)*
 - 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 Delaware. 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 Delaware Democratic Chair, by **July 16, 2020** ~~May 9, 2020~~ ~~June 6, 2020~~, a minimum of (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. Presidential candidates shall not be required to submit the name

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of more than one (1) 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 Delaware's affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals and that their respective male and female members are equally divided between the men and women determined by gender self-identification. *(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 female, and the next binary position, if one occurs, will be designated for a male, and the remaining binary positions, to the extent they occur, shall be designated in like fashion, alternating between males and females, where applicable. For avoidance of doubt: there is no requirement that positions be assigned to gender non-binary persons but the described alternation of binary genders may not be used to exclude a gender non-binary person from consideration for a committee position. 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.
 - i. A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each standing committee.
 - ii. The male and female membership of the standing committees shall be as equally divided among the men and women as possible under the state allocation; the variance between men and women in any committee or among the three committees in aggregate shall not exceed one. *(Call VII.E.2)*
 - iii. 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)*
 - iv. 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 Delaware 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. Introduction

Delaware 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 the DDSC to be held on **July 16, 2020** ~~May 9, 2020~~ ~~June 6, 2020~~. *(Call IV.E & Call VII.B.1)*
 - 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)*
2. The Delaware Democratic Chair shall certify the Delegation Chair in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days of their selection. *(Call IV.E)*

C. Convention Pages

1. Two (2) individuals will be selected to serve as Delaware'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 at the DDSC on **July 16, 2020** ~~May 9, 2020~~ ~~June 6, 2020~~. *(Call IV.F.3, Appendix C & Reg. 5.7)*

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. 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. *(Reg. 5.7.A)*
3. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the individuals to serve as Delaware's Convention Pages in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days of the selection. *(Call IV.F.3 & Reg. 5.7.B)*

Section VI Presidential Electors

A. Introduction

Delaware will select three (3) persons to serve as Presidential Electors for the 2020 Presidential election.

B. Selection of Presidential Electors

In accordance with Delaware state law, the Presidential Electors shall be selected by the Delaware Democratic Party Chair and made known by proclamation of the Governor of the State of Delaware in October. *(§ 4302)*

9. The State Party Chair shall furnish a list designating three (3) Democratic electors to the Delaware Department of Elections following the Democratic National Convention and prior to October.
10. The Delaware Democratic Party Chair will choose Delaware's three Democratic electors at his discretion.
11. The electors chosen or appointed in this State for the election of a President and Vice President of the United States shall meet and give their votes at Dover on the day determined by Congress for that purpose. *(§ 4303)*

C. Affirmation

1. Each candidate for Presidential Elector shall certify in writing that they will vote for the election of the Democratic Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees. *(Call VIII)*
1. In the selection of the Presidential Electors, the Delaware Democratic Party, via the State Party Chair's review, will 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, and who subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States. *(Call VIII)*

2. In all cases, the electors chosen or appointed in this State for the election of a President and Vice President of the United States under this chapter shall be required to cast their individual votes for the presidential and vice presidential nominees, or their legal successors, of the political party that nominated the elector. *(§ 4303)*

Section VII

General Provisions and Procedural Guarantees

- A. The Delaware 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. *(Rule 4.A, Rule 4.B & Rule 4.C)*
 1. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Delaware 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 Delaware 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 Delaware 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 Delaware, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on “status.” *(Rule 4.B.4)*
 5. The Democratic Party in Delaware 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 the Delaware Democratic Party will be fully and

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- 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 Delaware Democratic Party should develop a strategy to 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)*
6. The Democratic Party in Delaware 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 Delaware 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. Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. *(Rule 5.B)*
- C. Delaware’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 a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. *(Rule 6.C)*
- D. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference at all levels which determine presidential preference. *(Rule 13.A)*
- E. 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)*
- F. 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)*
- G. Each delegate, alternate, and standing committee member must be a bona fide Democrat, including being registered as a Democrat, who is faithful to the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, who subscribes 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)*

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- H. Forty percent (40%) 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 16)*
- I. At no stage of the 2020 delegate selection process will proxy voting be permitted. *(Rule 17 & Reg. 4.32)*
- J. 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)*
- K. 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)*
- L. 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 Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Programs. *(Rule 1.F & Rule 12.B)*
- M. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention, the Delaware Democratic Party hereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in Delaware, a 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 plans toward that end; 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 delegates certified will not publicly support or campaign for any candidate for President or Vice President other than the nominees of 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. To make sure that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party, which includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action is hereby adopted by the Delaware Democratic Party. *(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 Delaware 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)*
- d. Consistent with the Democratic Party’s commitment to including groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party’s affairs, by virtue of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or disability, the Delaware Democratic Party has established goals for these groups. *(Rule 5.C & Reg. 4.8)*
- e. To encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the Delaware Democratic Party has adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and women. To further encourage full participation in the process, the State Party has established goals and timetables for other underrepresented groups, including the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and youth. *(Rule 6.A & Rule 7)*
 - i. 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 Democratic electorate. *(Rule 6.A.1)*
 - ii. For the delegate selection process, “Youth” is defined as any participant younger than 36 years old at the time of election. *(Reg. 5.3.A)*

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- ii. For the delegate selection process, individuals identifying as Native Americans should provide their tribal affiliation and indicate if they are enrolled in a tribe. (Reg. 5.3.B)
 - iii. These goals 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*)
- 2. Organizational Structure
 - a. An Affirmative Action Committee shall be appointed by the State Democratic Chair by **March 1, 2019**. (*Rule 6.F*)
 - b. The Delaware 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 of the members 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.
 - d. The Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:
 - i. Helping develop and design the proposed Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and making recommendations to the Delaware Democratic Chair. (*Rule 6.F*)
 - ii. Directing the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan.
 - iii. 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*)
 - iv. 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, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. (*Rule 6.E*)
 - e. Financial and staff support for the Affirmative Action Committee shall be provided by the State Party Committee to the greatest extent feasible,

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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 and Outreach and Inclusion Program shall begin on **September 13, 2019**. That implementation will include the distribution of the press kits to Affirmative Action Committee members and a State Party press release to Delaware media. Implementation will continue through the end of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 1.F)*

B. Representation Goals

1. In cooperation with the National Committee, the Delaware Democratic Party has determined the demographic composition of African Americans, 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)*

12. 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)*

13. The Delaware Democratic Party is committed to full inclusion of African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, as well as LGBTQ+ Delawareans and Delawareans with disabilities, and partnered with the DNC to attempt to extrapolate the most accurate data possible regarding the composition of Delaware’s Democratic electorate. The below table gives our best estimates of the percentage of Democratic supporters in Delaware who fall into each of the listed demographic categories (categories are not mutually exclusive).

	African Americans	Hispanics	Native Americans	Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders	LGBTQ+ Americans	People with Disabilities	Youth
Percent in Democratic Electorate	31%	8%	<1%	3%	9%	14%	31%
Numeric Goals for Delegation	8	2	1	1	5	3	5

6. When selecting the at-large portion of the delegation, the demographic composition of the other delegates (district-level, pledged PLEO, and Automatic) shall be

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compared with the State Party's representation goals to achieve an at-large selection process that helps to bring about a representative balance. *(Rule 11.A)*

7. Although the selection of the at-large delegation may be used to fulfill the affirmative action goals established by this Plan, the Delaware Democratic 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 apprising potential delegate and alternate 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 electorate. *(Rule 3.A, Rule 3.C & Rule 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 Delaware Democratic 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 Delaware Democratic 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. The Delaware Democratic 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 Delaware'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 **October 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)*

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6. The Delaware Democratic 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 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 1, 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. The Delaware Democratic Party shall direct special attention to 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 the State Party communications and on the Delaware Democratic Party's website. 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. *(Rule 3.C & Rule 3.D)*
2. The Delaware Democratic Party shall have a Delegate Selection Media Plan (**see Attachment 2.i**) 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 Delaware'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, as described in the Delegate Selection Media Plan, shall be directed at publicity among the Democratic Party's constituencies.
 - a. Information about the delegate selection process will be posted on and made available to social and specialty media directed toward the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the introduction of this Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program.
 - b. The Delaware Democratic 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 Representative District-level delegate caucuses and the Delaware Delegate

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Selection Caucus shall be effectively publicized, multilingually where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority groups. *(Rule 6.D)*

4. Not later than **November 3, 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 Delaware Democratic Party in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. *(Rule 6.H)*
2. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair by **October 1, 2019**, which indicates the specific steps they will take to encourage full participation by their supporters in Delaware'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-

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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*)

F. Outreach and Inclusion Program

1. The Delaware 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 Delaware 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 by holding all informational meetings and caucuses in accessible locations, with consideration made of Paratransit routes.
4. In addition to the steps described above, the Delaware Democratic Party commits to undertaking the following outreach efforts prior to **January 1, 2020**:
 - a. Include presentations by Delaware Democratic Party staff, leadership, or members of the Affirmative Action Committee to the existing membership groups of the State Party's Allied Roundtable.
 - b. Include presentations by Delaware Democratic Party staff, leadership, or members of the Affirmative Action Committee to specified community organizations, non-profits, non-governmental organizations, and affinity groups, as partisan political presentations are allowed.
 - c. Recruit, train, and deploy elected leaders and community ambassadors that have existing access to groups that are demographically emphasized as liaisons of the Affirmative Action Committee.
 - d. Provide delegate selection information and materials wherever the Delaware Democratic Party or its subdivisions have a community presence: parades, street fairs, community events, holiday celebrations, etc.

- e. Publish delegate selection information and materials in Spanish and other languages as necessary.
- f. Placing informational ads regarding the delegate selection process and timeline with media resources that serve specifically-targeted constituency groups.
- g. Placing targeted digital displays ads aimed at historically underrepresented and disenfranchised constituency groups.
- h. Empower the Affirmative Action Committee to vote to adopt specific additional recommendations to the State Party regarding additional outreach efforts.

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*)

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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 Delaware 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 (See Section VII.A. above). 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*)

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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 (see Section VIII.A. above), 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

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

The “first determining step” of Delaware’s delegate selection process will occur on **April 28, 2020**, with a Presidential 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 (Subdivision-Level) Delegates	14	0	7/9/2020 – 7/13/2020	Subdivision-level National Convention delegates are selected according to presidential preference via online voting between July 9, 2020 and July 13, 2020 . at the DE Delegate Selection Caucus (DDSC), held in Dover on May 9, 2020.
				An individual can qualify as a voting DDSC delegate by designating his or her presidential preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate with the State Party no later than February 28, 2020 . They must then be selected at their Representative District Level Caucus (4 per RD + Subdivision Chairs).
				After being selected as delegate to the DDSC , an individual must file a second statement of candidacy for the National Convention designating his or her presidential preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate with the State Party no later than April 9, 2020 .
				The presidential preference and pledge of support for each DDSC delegate must be the same on the statement of candidacy for the RD Level Caucus and the one for National Convention.
				If an individual does not wish to be a voting DDSC delegate, but would like to be considered as a Subdivision Level Delegate to the National Convention, they must file one statement of candidacy for the National Convention designating his or her presidential preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate with the State Party no later than April 9, 2020 .
Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	10	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	2	**	7/16/2020	Selection will be by a quorum of subdivision-level National Convention delegates.

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Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
				Filing Requirements and Deadlines
Officials (PLEOs)				Qualifying individuals must file a statement of candidacy by 5 p.m. on April 9, 2020.
At-Large Delegates At-Large Alternates	5	2	7/16/2020 7/16/2020	Selection will be by a quorum of subdivision-level National Convention delegates. Qualifying individuals must file a statement of candidacy by 5 p.m. on April 9, 2020.
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	31	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 Representatives 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.

B. Selection of 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	7/16/2020	Each presidential campaign must submit at least one (1) name for each committee slot by July 16, 2020. May 9, 2020 .

C. Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on **July 16, 2020 ~~May 9, 2020~~ June 6, 2020**.

Two (2) Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on **July 16, 2020 ~~May 9, 2020~~ June 6, 2020**.

D. Selection of Presidential Electors

Three (3) Presidential Electors will be nominated by the Delaware Democratic Party Chair and nominated by proclamation from the Governor of the State of Delaware in October.

E. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline

A presidential candidate gains access to the Delaware presidential preference primary ballot, by qualifying for federal matching funds; or by submitting a petition of candidacy

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with 500 valid signatures of registered Democrats in Delaware to the State Elections Commissioner by **February 27, 2020**. (*Rule 11.B & Rule 14.E*)

Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the State Democratic Chair by **February 27, 2020**.

F. Timetable (*REG. 2.2.B*)

Date	Activity
2019	
March 1	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair.
March 15	List of Affirmative Action Committee members submitted to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
April 22	Affirmative Action Committee meets to draft proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans.
May 8	Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is tentatively approved for public comment by State Party Committee.
May 10	Public comments are solicited on the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Press releases are mailed announcing the public comment period.
June 8	Period for public comment on State Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Party Committee.
June 11	State Party Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program for submission to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Press releases are mailed announcing the approval of the Plan.
June 14	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. (Extension approved by DNC due to June meeting of State Executive Committee.)
September 13	State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program, are sent to all state media.
October 1	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. (Individuals who announce their candidacy after this date must provide this full participation statement to the State Party not later than 30 days after their announcement.)
December 3	Presidential candidate petition forms are available from Delaware Democratic Party Headquarters or via www.deldems.org .
2020	
January 1	Deadline to register to vote as a Democrat to participate in the Delaware Democratic Party's 2020 Delegate Selection Process. Delegate and alternate candidates may obtain the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms and filing instructions from State Party Committee Headquarters, in person, by mail, or from State Party's web site at www.deldems.org .
January 29	First date on which voters can begin requesting absentee ballots for Delaware's Presidential Primary.
February 27	Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party.
February 27	Presidential candidate deadline for filing the petition of candidacy with the Secretary of State and a copy to the State Party.
February 28	Deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party for participation in the Representative District-level caucuses and candidate for DE Delegate Selection Caucus (DDSC) delegate.
March 1	Pre-primary Representative District caucuses commence.

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Date	Activity
March 31 May 18	Pre-primary Representative District caucuses end.
April 3 May 18	Deadline for representative districts to submit the full name, address, and telephone number of each DE Delegate Selection Caucus (DDSC) delegate to the Delaware Democratic Party headquarters.
April 9	District-level delegate and alternate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party.
April 9	Pledged PLEO and at-large delegate or alternate candidate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party.
April 13	State Party provides list of subdivision-level delegates to the respective Presidential candidates.
April 13	State Party provides list of PLEO and at-large delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
April 15	Presidential candidates provide list of approved district-level delegate candidates to State Party.
April 28 June 2 July 7	Presidential preference primary
April 30 June 4 July 8	Secretary of State certifies results of primary.
May 9 June 6 July 16	Deadline for Presidential candidates to provide an approved list of pledged PLEO and at-large delegate candidates to the Delaware Democratic Party Chair.
May 9 June 6 July 16	Delaware Delegate Selection Caucus (DDSC) convenes in Dover.
May 9 June 6 July 16	DDSC delegates select subdivision-level delegates to the National Convention.
May 9 June 6 July 16	Presidential candidates submit approved lists of PLEO delegates to Delaware Democratic Party Chair and a quorum of subdivision-level delegates to the National Convention select pledged PLEO delegates.
May 9 June 6 July 16	Presidential candidates submit approved lists of At-Large delegates to Delaware Democratic Party Chair and a quorum of subdivision-level delegates to the National Convention select at-large delegates and alternates.
May 9 June 6 July 16	National Convention Delegation meeting is held after all delegates are selected. Quorum of all selected National Convention Delegates select the National Convention standing committee members and delegation chair.
May 9 June 6 July 16	State Party Chair names convention pages.
May 12 June 9 July 19	Deadline for State Party to certify to the Secretary of the DNC all of its standing committee members, delegation chair, and convention pages.
May 19 June 16 July 19	Deadline for State Party to certify to the Secretary of the DNC all of its elected delegates and alternates.
July 13 August 17	Opening Day of the Democratic National Convention in Milwaukee.
July 16 August 20	Closing Day of the Democratic National Convention in Milwaukee.
October	Pursuant to Delaware state law, the Governor will name, by proclamation, Delaware's three presidential electors following their nomination by the State Party Chair.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Affirmative Action Committee

- a. List of Affirmative Action Committee Members
- b. Statement from the State Chair confirming that the composition of the State Affirmative Action Committee 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 15 days after their appointment. *(Reg. 2.2.K)*

2. [As specified in Reg. 2.2, the following documentation must accompany the state's Delegate Selection Plan at the time it is formally submitted to the Rules and Bylaws Committee.]

- a. A summary of the process for selecting delegates, alternates, standing committee members, the delegation chair and convention pages, and Presidential Electors, along with related deadlines. [Incorporated in Section X] *(Reg. 2.2.A)*
- b. A timetable reflecting all significant dates in the state's delegate selection process. [Incorporated in Section X, Page 41] *(Reg. 2.2.B)*
- c. A 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)*
- d. **A statement from the State Democratic Chair certifying the following:**
 - i. The Plan as submitted to the RBC was approved by the State Party Committee. *(Reg. 2.2.C)*
 - ii. The proposed Plan, including all attachments and appendices, was placed on the State Party website during the 30-day public comment period. *(Reg. 2.2.E)*
 - iii. Compliance with Rule 1.C which requires a 30-day public comment period prior to the adoption of the Plan by the State Party Committee, provided that the State Party has published specific guidance for the submission of public comments. *(Reg. 2.2.F)*
- e. 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 the proposed Affirmative Action outreach plan, including any numerical goals established. *(Rule 6.F & Reg. 2.2.I)*

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- f. A copy of all written public and online comments submitted through the process provided above about the Plan. *(Rule 1.C & Reg. 2.2.G)*
- g. A blank copy of forms to be filed with the state and the State Party by delegate and alternate candidates. *(Rule 1.A.7, Rule 1.A.8 & Reg. 2.2.H)*
- h. Copies of all state statutes and other relevant legal authority reasonably related to:
 - i. The Delegate Selection Process: [Title 15, Chapter 31. Primary Elections](#) *(Reg. 2.2.L)*
 - ii. The election of Presidential Electors: [Title 15, Chapter 43. Presidential Electors, United State Senators, Representatives in Congress, Governor and Lieutenant Governor](#) *(Call VIII)*
- i. A copy of all presidential candidate qualifying forms to be filed with the state and the State Party. *(Reg. 2.2.M)*
- j. A copy of the State Delegate Selection Media Plan, describing how the State Party will communicate information about the process to all available and appropriate sources, including social and specialty media directed toward Democratic constituency groups as described in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program.