



# **2018 New Hampshire Democratic Party Platform Committee**

## **I. Platform Committee Charge**



The New Hampshire Democratic Platform Committee is charged with proposing a State Party Platform which reflects the consensus of New Hampshire Democrats on values that bind all of us together.

## **II. Overview: Platform Process**



1. The Platform Committee holds hearings throughout New Hampshire to consult broadly with New Hampshire Democrats on what planks should be included in the 2018 Party Platform. The Committee will also accept written comments (see delivery methods below). All New Hampshire Democrats are encouraged to weigh-in.
2. After closing the hearing process on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the Committee will prepare and publish a draft Platform on the NHDP website on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. At this point, the Platform will be open to amendments. All proposed amendments must be in writing.
3. Registered NH Democrats who wish to submit an amendment to the draft Platform must do so during the amendment period which shall start after publication on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and continue through 5:00 PM on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 (see Amendment Procedure below).
4. After the closure of the amendment period, the Platform Committee will meet to vote on the disposition of all proposed amendments.
5. The proposed Platform will be published on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018, ten business days before the State Convention.
6. The Platform Committee Chair or Co-chair will present the Platform at the State Convention on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.

### III. Hearing Procedure



1. Democrats are invited to attend open hearings around the state to provide representatives of the Platform Committee with comments on what the Platform should include. The 2016 Platform is available on the NHDP website for reference and will be available at all hearings. The hearings are listening sessions for Platform Committee members. If necessary to insure that all speakers are heard, the Platform Committee may limit the amount of time each speaker will be allowed.
2. Proposed planks must address State of New Hampshire matters. Federal matters will be referred to the Resolutions Committee.
3. The Committee requests that any proposed planks be in writing delivered to one of the hearings, or delivered to the State Party. The Committee urges plank proponents to consider the current platform's style, tone, and length in proposing amendments as the Committee strives to make the Platform a user-friendly document for our candidates and the voters of New Hampshire.

### IV. Amendment Procedure



Amendments will be considered by the Platform Committee at a scheduled meeting during which the Committee will determine the disposition of each amendment. Action by the Committee will be by a majority of members present and voting. If the Platform Committee votes not to accept an amendment, a second vote of members present and voting will be taken to determine if the amendment should be voted upon at the State Convention. A vote of 5 members of the Platform Committee present and voting will be required for the amendment to be referred for consideration at the State Convention.

Amendments that address federal issues do not qualify for inclusion in the Platform and will be referred to the Committee on Resolutions for disposition. An amendment referred to the Committee on Resolutions shall be regarded as finally disposed of for purposes of the Platform Committee. The Platform Committee may dispose of amendments that are not submitted in compliance with these rules, are repetitious, disproportionate in length, stylistically incongruous, or not designed to advance the principles of the New Hampshire Democratic Party.

**From May 14, 2018 through 5 PM on May 21<sup>st</sup>, written amendments to the draft Platform may be submitted by any one of the following methods:**

**Standard Mail or Delivery:** NH Democratic Party  
Attn: Platform Committee  
105 North State Street  
Concord, NH 03301

**Fax:** 603-225-6797, Attn: Platform Committee

**E-mail:** [platform@nhdp.org](mailto:platform@nhdp.org), Attn: Platform Committee

1. Amendment submissions should specify the plank of the Platform to be amended or note that the amendment is proposed as a new plank.
2. The written submission must identify the proponent of the amendment and the fact that the proponent is a registered New Hampshire democrat.

## **V. Members of the 2018 Platform Committee**

Cinde Warmington , Chair  
Representative Cindy Rosenwald, Co-chair  
Senator Donna Soucy, Co-chair  
Gene Martin (Manchester)  
Ken Roos (Concord)  
Gerri Cannon (Somersworth)  
Laura O'Neill (Manchester)  
Dan Chartrand (Exeter)  
Meredith Shevitz (Manchester)  
Susan Moore (Franconia)  
Michelle Moge (Derry)  
Michael Strand (Peterborough)  
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