Pre-Endorsing Conference vs. Endorsing Caucus

Both the Pre-Endorsing Conferences and Endorsing Caucuses are part of the CDP endorsement process. However, there are some procedural differences between the two. In order to make those differences easy to understand, we have created this table for your reference. *(Updated 11/20/17)*

Pre-Endorsing Conference vs. Endorsing Caucus	Pre-Endorsing Conference	Endorsing Caucus
Who Can Vote?	DSCC, DCC (not already DSCC), and Chartered Club/Org (CCO) Reps	DSCC
How Can They Vote?	In Person or VBM	In Person or by Proxy
Threshold	• 70% - Directly to consent calendar • Over 50% - Goes to Endorsing Caucus • 50% or less - No Consensus	60% for all candidates to reach consent calendar (NEW as of November 2017)
Objection Before	20% of voting participants (DSCC, DCC, CCO) is needed 10 days prior to Pre-Endorsing Conferences to object to the automatic placement of an incumbent on consent calendar.	20% of DSCC within relevant district or statewide 10 days prior to Convention – this causes Endorsing Caucus to be held.
Objection After	20% of DSCC within relevant district or statewide, 10 days prior to Convention – this causes Endorsing Caucus to be held.	• For those who receive 2/3+ of vote – objections (10 members of AD, 20 of SD or CD) go to PERC*. • For those who receive less than 2/3 of vote, 300 DSCC signatures – vote moves to floor prior to consent calendar.

Notes:

Once candidates have passed both the Pre-Endorsing Conferences and Endorsing Caucuses, they will be placed on the consent calendar. The consent calendar is then ratified by floor vote on the Sunday of State Convention.

*PERC (Pre-Primary Endorsement Review Committee) – Made up of E-Board members in relevant district; statewide officers; Regional Directors in relevant district; and two E-Board members appointed by the Chair from each of the following Committees: Rules, Credentials, and Voter Services.

The CDP Bylaws supersede any information provided by staff regarding the endorsement process. A current copy can be found on our website at www.cadem.org