

OKLAHOMA DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
Central Committee Meeting, July 27, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm.

**Members Present:** Alicia Andrews, Rachael Hunsucker, Gov. David Walters, T. Sheri Dickerson, Ashley McCray, Saché Primeaux-Shaw, Daniel Sherron, Twan Jones, Burlinda Radney, Andrea Waldron, Ali Canada, Rick Dunham, Victor Gorin, Debbie Hogue-Downing, John Bilbury

**On Zoom:** Ward Curtin, Amber Jensen, Jordan Harmon, Debbie Lankford

**On phone:** Marguerite McGuffin

Gov. David Walters started the meeting recognizing the loss of DNC committeewoman, Betty McElderry. He spoke of her long-standing involvement and influence in the Oklahoma Democratic Party, Girls State and other organizations. She will be greatly missed.

Daniel Sherron moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Sheri Dickerson. The motion passed.

Alicia provided a quick financial update. She detailed cost saving measures being enacted such as moving the office to a smaller space which cut rent almost in half. Also changing of internet/phone companies which created significant savings. Alicia and staff are also reviewing the copier contract, which is currently \$900/month. Afterwards, they will go through each budget line to look for additional ways to save money.

Twan Jones asked if the Treasurer's report could be distributed prior to the meeting so members can review in advance. Right now, the chair and treasurer feel that the information should be presented during the meeting, however hope to provide the information in advance in the future.

Ali Canada asked if the ODP will receive a financial penalty from the FEC audit. Rachael explained that now the FEC audit is closed, after the "open meeting" it held. While there were finding, which are listed in the final audit report, the ODP does not yet know if there will be a financial penalty.

Sheri mentioned that library system is selling excess equipment and it may be something the ODP should look into for obtaining a printer.

Rick Dunham asked what we can do to help. FUNDRAISE.

Alicia reviewed the status of the delegate selection plan. We are a month behind on submitting some things. They have been now submitted and a conference call has been arranged to review with the DNC. There are also items open for the Affirmative Action committee to do as well. Ali and Alicia will discuss offline. It was requested an update be sent out after the call this upcoming Tuesday.

Rick Dunham moved to approve the June 29 minutes; seconded by Gov. David Walters. The minutes were approved.

Gov. Walters moved to approve the people recommended for the **Finance Committee**. This was seconded by Sheri. The committee was approved. [committee list at end of minutes]

Gov. Walters also suggested that the finance committee chair would reach out to community leaders to learn and to utilize their additional skills and resources. All agreed.

Andrea Waldron also suggested the potential needs for a confidentiality agreement, procedures for sharing files and other confidential information. Alicia will look at ways to implement these suggestions.

Ali asked to keep an eye out for diversity on these committees when placing members.

Sheri asked if additional committee members could be placed to expand diversity. Alicia agreed however wants to get the committees seated as a starting point.

After brief discussion, Daniel Sherron moved, and Gov. Walters seconded to approve the members listed for the **Compliance Committee**. The motion passed. [committee list at end of minutes]

During motion discussion, Twan requested we vote individually for the candidates.

For the **HR Committee**, Twan moved and Ali seconded that the vote is name by name. The motion to vote name/name failed.

Sheri moved to pull out names recommended for the committee to discuss further; Ashley seconded. Motion passed.

Names from HR committee candidates to pull for further discussion: Chance Wimberley, Phyllis Klugas, Debbie Leftwich

Motion to approve rest of candidates. The motion passed. [committee list at end of minutes]

During discussion of the **Affirmative Action Committee** candidates, no names were pulled for further discussion. Names were also added: Charles Wilkes, T. Sheri Dickerson, Carol Chappell, Oscar Henandez

The additional names raised the candidate pool over the five total slots available. After much discussion, and voting, the final candidates were determined. [committee list at end of minutes]

The Central Committee then revisited the three individual names pulled for further discussion for the HR committee. This will fill all standing committees before moving on to the ad-hoc committees.

The three names were: Chance Wimberley, Phyllis Klugas, Debbie Leftwich

Central committee members spoke on behalf of the candidates, and there was discussion.

Vote to approve Debbie Leftwich for the HR committee. It was a tie, and therefore Alicia made the deciding vote to approve Debbie for the HR committee.

Rachael moved to approve Chance and Phyllis for the HR committee. Rick seconded and the motion passed.

Alicia asked central committee members to review the remaining lists to determine any names to pull for further discussion.

Gov Walters moved to approve all the remaining recommended committee members for the ad-hoc committees. Daniel seconded.

Andrea declined the nomination to serve on the candidate recruitment committee. However, asked to be considered for the consultant vetting committee. Gov. Walters and Daniel accepted the friendly amendment to the motion. An additional friendly amendment was made by Ashley McCray to require diversity and inclusivity training for the committee members. This was also accepted. Debbie asked additional rural members be added to the training committee. Based on this request, Amber Jensen self-nominated. This friendly amendment was also accepted.

Rachael asked the chair to consider adding additional members to the messaging and candidate recruitment committees to increase diversity. Burlinda also voiced a request to expand the membership for more diversity.

The final motion read “Gov. Walters moved to approve the rest of the committee placements with the changes that: Andrea Waldron is removed from the candidate recruitment committee and added to consultant vetting, mandatory diversity and inclusivity training, and Amber Jensen be added to the training committee, as well as the chair review diversity on the messaging and candidate recruitment committees.”

The motion passed. [committee list at end of minutes]

The meeting was adjourned.

### **Final Approved Committees**

Standing

Finance

The State Chair shall appoint the delegates and chair of the finance committee with advice and consent of the State Central Committee following the organizational meeting of the State Convention.

- The committee’s responsibilities shall be to assist the State Central Committee in preparing a budget and a fundraising plan and to assist the Party officers in raising funds.
- The State Treasurer shall be a delegate of the committee.

Ryan Starkweather	He/Him/His	Caucasian	Tulsa	CD 1	Finance (Standing)
Michael Novak	He/Him/His	Caucasian	Payne	CD 3	Finance (Standing)
Daniel Saunders	He/Him/His	Caucasian	Oklahoma	CD 5	Finance (Standing)
Walter W Stumpf Jr	He/Him/His	Caucasian	Canadian	CD 3	Finance (Standing)

Lauren Doty	She/Her/Hers	Caucasian	Tulsa	CD 1	Finance (Standing)
Roxanne Logan	She/Her/Hers	Native American (Must be documented)	Carter	CD 4	Finance (Standing)
Robbie White	She/Her/Hers	Caucasian	Oklahoma	CD 5	Finance (Standing)
Marguerite McGuffin	They/Them/Theirs	Hispanic/Latino	Oklahoma	CD 5	Finance (Standing)

- At least one delegate of the affirmative action committee shall be a delegate of the finance committee

Compliance

The State Chair shall appoint the delegates and chair of the compliance committee with the advice and consent of the State Central Committee following the organizational meeting of the State Convention. The responsibilities of the Compliance Committee shall be:

1. Review the Party’s compliance programs and policies, including establishing procedures, and periodically, but not less frequently than once every six months, the Chairperson of the Committee, or his or her designee, shall provide reports to the Central Committee as to the status of and developments in this area.

2. Review, as the Committee deems appropriate or as instructed by the Central Committee, legal, compliance or other regulatory matters that may have a material effect on the Party's business, financial statements or compliance policies.
3. Report the activities of the Committee to the Central Committee on a regular basis and review issues with the Central Committee as the Compliance Committee deems appropriate.
4. Prepare and review with the Central Committee an annual performance evaluation of the Compliance Committee in a manner consistent with the direction of the Oklahoma Democratic Party and periodically review and assess the adequacy of this Committee and recommend any proposed changes to the Central Committee

Andrew Swann      He/Him/His      Caucasian      Delaware      CD 2      Compliance (Standing)

Tyler Pruitt      He/Him/His

EJ Thomas      He/Him/His

Lauren Doty      She/Her/Hers      Caucasian      Tulsa      CD 1      Compliance (Standing)

Marsha Coyle      She/Her/Hers      Caucasian      Tulsa      CD 1      Compliance (Standing)

Kate Corbett      She/Her/Hers      Caucasian      Logan      CD 3      Compliance (Standing)

Rachael Hunsucker      She/Her/Hers      Caucasian      Wagoner      CD1      Compliance

Human Resources

The State Chair shall appoint the delegates and chair of the compliance committee with the advice and consent of the State Central Committee following the organizational meeting of the State Convention. The responsibilities of the Human Resources Committee, so long as they are not in violation of any union agreement, shall be:

1. Executive performance reviews.
2. Executive compensation policies (including obtaining reasonable compensation comparability data, recommending the compensation and/or bonus amount);
3. Review of pay scales;

4. Review of staffing structures and needs;
5. Review of benefits (including health insurance, pension plans, and fringe benefits);
6. Volunteer policies;
7. Internship policies;
8. Retention of HR consultants and/or labor and employment attorneys, as necessary.

Chance Wimberley	He/Him/His	Native American (Must be documented)	Bryan	CD 2	Human Resource (Standing)
Daniel Sherron	He/Him/His	Native American (Must be documented)	Kay	CD 3	Human Resource (Standing)
Matthew Ruiz	He/Him/His	Hispanic/Latino	Oklahoma	CD 5	Human Resource (Standing)
Connie Lee Kirkland	She/Her/Hers	Caucasian	Rogers	CD 2	Human Resource (Standing)
Phyllis Klugas	She/Her/Hers	Caucasian	McClain	CD 4	Human Resource (Standing)
Debbe Leftwich	She/Her/Hers	Caucasian	Oklahoma	CD 5	Human Resource (Standing)

Affirmative Action

The responsibilities of the affirmative action committee shall be to:

1. Encourage groups underrepresented in the Oklahoma Democratic Party organization to participate in Party meetings, elections and events.
2. Prepare an annual budget and a fundraising plan to finance the activities of the committee.
3. Work with officers and committees of the Oklahoma Democratic Party at all levels to implement the committee's plans and achieve the committee's goals.
4. Coordinate the committee's activities with the State Central Committee through the committee's delegates on the State Central Committee.
5. Publicize the time and place of Democratic Party meetings through appropriate media to reach target groups.
6. Inform target groups of the procedures for selection of Democratic Party officials at all levels and the qualifications required of candidates for those offices, and such other Party rules and procedures as the committee deems appropriate.
7. Prepare and distribute such materials the committee may deem appropriate to achieve its goals.
8. Conduct seminars and workshops to train and educate target groups and Party officials.
9. Act as the affirmative action committee under future Oklahoma Delegate Selection Plans, draft the affirmative action sections of the Oklahoma Delegate Selection Plan for submission to the State Central Committee and implement said affirmative action plan.
10. Encourage persons to register and vote as Democrats.

Charles Wilkes	He/Him/His	African American	Cleveland	CD4
Oscar Hernandez	He/Him/His	Hispanic/LGBTQ+		CD3

Ahyoka Youngdeer	She/Her/Hers	Native American (Must be documented)	Cherokee	CD 2	Affirmative Action (Standing)
Carol Chappell	She/Her/Hers	Asian American	Oklahoma County	CD 4	Affirmative Action (Standing)
T. Sheri Dickerson	They/Them/Theirs	African American	Oklahoma County	CD 5	Affirmative Action (Standing)

Ad Hoc

Training

The responsibilities of the Training committee shall be:

1. Identify and develop training programs required by different constituencies.
2. Identify and train regional trainers utilizing a "Train the Trainer" format and ensuring that training is executed state wide when and where needed. Coordinating with district officers may be required.
3. Developing repository of training material accessible online.
4. Coordinate with Rural Development, Affirmative Action and Messaging committees as needed.
5. Prepare an annual budget and a fundraising plan to finance the activities of the committee.

Steve Martino	He/Him/His	Caucasian	Tulsa	CD 1	Training (Ad Hoc)
Justin Addis	He/Him/His	Native American (Must be documented)	Ottawa	CD 2	Training (Ad Hoc)
Daniel Saunders	He/Him/His	Caucasian	Oklahoma	CD 5	Training (Ad Hoc)
Nicole Lisk	She/Her/Hers	Caucasian	Tulsa	CD 1	Training (Ad Hoc)
Erin Quinn	She/Her/Hers	Hispanic/Latino	Tulsa	CD 1	Training (Ad Hoc)
Naomi Andrews	She/Her/Hers	Caucasian	Tulsa	CD 1	Training (Ad Hoc)
Ava Doyle	She/Her/Hers	African American	Oklahoma	CD 5	Training (Ad Hoc)
Lindsay Bodman	She/Her/Hers	Caucasian	Oklahoma	CD 5	Training (Ad Hoc)
Chengbin Tang	She/Her/Hers	Asian	Oklahoma	CD 5	Training (Ad Hoc)

Brondalyn Coleman	She/Her/Hers	African American	Oklahoma	CD 5	Training (Ad Hoc)
Amber Jensen	She/Her/Hers	Caucasian	Woodward	CD3	

Rural Development

The responsibilities of the Rural Development committee shall be:

1. Engage with rural counties to determine what issues motivate voters of the respective regions.
2. Organize and conduct forums around rural issues with goal of engaging more potential voters
3. Register voters in rural communities
4. Coordinate with Training, Affirmative Action and Messaging committees as needed.
5. Prepare an annual budget and a fundraising plan to finance the activities of the committee.

Tom Taton	He	Caucasian
Clay Pope	He	Caucasian

Wes Robinson	He/Him/His	Native American (Must be documented)	Wagoner	CD 1	Rural Development (Ad Hoc)
James Limbaugh	He/Him/His	Caucasian	Sequoyah	CD 2	Rural Development (Ad Hoc)
Jayme Shelton	He/Him/His	Native American (Must be documented)	Cleveland	CD 4	Rural Development (Ad Hoc)
Sam Graefe	He/Him/His	Caucasian	Cleveland/McClain	CD 4	Rural Development (Ad Hoc)
Nicole Lisk	She/Her/Hers	Caucasian	Tulsa	CD 1	Rural Development (Ad Hoc)
Cyndi Ralston	She/Her/Hers	Caucasian/Native American (Documented Cherokee)	Wagoner	CD 1	Rural Development (Ad Hoc)
Millie York	She/Her/Hers	Caucasian	Tulsa	CD 1	Rural Development (Ad Hoc)
Emilie Tindle	She/Her/Hers	Caucasian	Tulsa County	CD 1	Rural Development (Ad Hoc)
Margaret Lamb	She/Her/Hers	Caucasian	Rogers	CD 2	Rural Development (Ad Hoc)



Daniel Saunders	He/Him/His	Caucasian	Oklahoma	CD 5	Messaging
Lyle walters	He/Him/His	Caucasian	Oklahoma	CD 5	Messaging
Stephen Martin	He/Him/His	Caucasian	Oklahoma	CD 5	Messaging
Mary Stratton	She/Her/Hers	Caucasian	Wagoner	CD 1	Messaging
Naomi Andrews	She/Her/Hers	Caucasian	Tulsa	CD 1	Messaging
Connie Lee Kirkland	She/Her/Hers	Caucasian	Rogers	CD 2	Messaging
Nancy Presnall	She/Her/Hers	Caucasian	Garfield	CD 3	Messaging
Angela Startz	She/Her/Hers	Native American	Cleveland	CD 4	Messaging
Kristen Howard	She/Her/Hers	Caucasian	Cleveland	CD 4	Messaging
Padmaja Mehta-D'souza	She/Her/Hers	Indian subcontinent	OK	CD 5	Messaging
Beth Tammany	She/Her/Hers	Caucasian	Oklahoma	CD 5	Messaging
Helene Zemel	She/Her/Hers	Caucasian	Oklahoma	CD 5	Messaging
Bonnie Schomp	They/Them/Theirs	Caucasian	Seminole	CD 5	Messaging

### Candidate Recruitment

The responsibilities of the Candidate Recruitment committee shall be:

1. Work with State Party Chair and legislative representative to identify targeted races.
2. Work with state party, district and county chairs to identify potential candidates.
3. Develop and administer poll of past candidates from 2018 cycle to determine candidate needs and coordinate with Training committee to conduct candidate introduction trainings and/or forums.
4. Coordinate with Training, Affirmative Action and Messaging committees as needed.
5. Prepare an annual budget and a fundraising plan to finance the activities of the committee.

Steve Martino	He/Him/His	Caucasian	Tulsa	CD 1	Candidate Recruitment (Ad Hoc)
David Roberts	He/Him/His	Caucasian	Haskell	CD 2	Candidate Recruitment (Ad Hoc)
Jeff Birdsong	He/Him/His	Caucasian	Ottawa	CD 2	Candidate Recruitment (Ad Hoc)
John Waldron	He/Him/His	Caucasian	Tulsa	CD 1	Candidate Recruitment (Ad Hoc)
Rick Dunham	He/Him/His	Caucasian	Payne	CD 3	Candidate Recruitment (Ad Hoc)
Lyle Walters	He/Him/His	Caucasian	Oklahoma	CD 5	Candidate Recruitment (Ad Hoc)
Angela Graham	She/Her/Hers	Caucasian	Tulsa	CD 1	Candidate Recruitment (Ad Hoc)
Peggy DeFrange	She/Her/Hers	Caucasian	Pittsburg	CD 2	Candidate Recruitment (Ad Hoc)
Stacy Williams	She/Her/Hers	Caucasian	PITTSBURG	CD 2	Candidate Recruitment (Ad Hoc)
Stacie Jackson	She/Her/Hers	African American	Logan	CD 3	Candidate Recruitment (Ad Hoc)
Ericka Stephens	She/Her/Hers	Caucasian	Canadian	CD 4	Candidate Recruitment (Ad Hoc)
Judith Phillips	She/Her/Hers	Caucasian	Cleveland	CD 4	Candidate Recruitment (Ad Hoc)
Sen. Anastasia Pittman	She/Her/Hers	Native American (Must be documented)	Oklahoma	CD 5	Candidate Recruitment (Ad Hoc)

Linda Merriweather	She/Her/Hers	African American	Oklahoma	CD 5	Candidate Recruitment (Ad Hoc)
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Consultant Vetting

The responsibilities of the Consultant Vetting committee shall be:

1. Develop a resource database for candidate consultants based on services provided
2. Coordinate with Training, Affirmative Action and Candidate Recruitment committees as needed.
3. Prepare an annual budget and a fundraising plan to finance the activities of the committee.

eric mitts	He/Him/His	Caucasian	Oklahoma	CD 5	Consultant Vetting (Ad Hoc)
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Donald Clytus	He/Him/His	African American	Oklahoma	CD 5	Consultant Vetting (Ad Hoc)
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Grace Jacobus	She/Her/Hers	Caucasian	Okmulgee	CD 2	Consultant Vetting (Ad Hoc)
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Linda Wade	She/Her/Hers	Native American (Must be documented)	oklahoma	CD 4	Consultant Vetting (Ad Hoc)
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Andrea Waldron	She/Her/Hers	Caucasian	Tulsa	CD1	
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