



Oklahoma Democratic Party
State Central Committee Meeting Minutes

25 July 2020, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM – Via Zoom Videoconference

Call to Order

10:05, called by CHAIR

Pledge of Allegiance

10:05, led by Bradley Havenar

Roll Call

10:06, led by SECRETARY

Office	First Name	Last Name	Present	Proxy
Chair	Alicia	Andrews	Y	
Vice Chair	Dave	Ratcliff	Late Arrival	
Treasurer	Rachael	Hunsucker	Y	
Secretary	Tim	O'Connor	Y	
CD 1 Chair	Twan	Jones	Y	
CD 1 Vice Chair	Naomi	Andrews	Y	
CD 1 Secretary	Deme	Bereolos	Late Arrival	
CD 2 Chair	Jason	Nichols	N	
CD 2 Vice Chair	Debbie	Lankford	Y	
CD 2 Secretary	Josh	Newton	N	
CD 3 Chair	Amber	Jensen	Y	
CD 3 Vice Chair	Bradley	Havenar	Y	
CD 3 Secretary	Daniel	Sherron	N	
CD 4 Chair	Alexandra	Scott	Late Arrival	
CD 4 Vice Chair	Will	Irwin	Y	
CD 4 Secretary	Shai	Fenwick	Late Arrival	
CD 5 Chair	John	Bilbury	Y	
CD 5 Vice Chair	Ellen	Stevens	Proxy	R.White
CD 5 Secretary	Debbie	Hogue-Downing	Y	
Committee Man	David	Walters	Y	
Committee Woman	Kalyn	Free	Y	
OFDW President	Jana	Harkins	Y	
Stonewall Fed. President	Andrea	Waldron	N	
Young Democrats President	Sache	Primeaux-Shaw	Y	
African American President	Burlinda	Radney	Y	
Disability Fed. President	Connie	Johnson	Y	
Veterans Fed. President	Calvin	Rees	Y	
Native American Fed. President	Jasha	Lyons-Echo Hawk	Proxy	J.Tillery
Latinx Fed. President	Juanita	Sykes-Romo	Y	
Affirmative Action	Maguerite	McGuffin	Y	
Affirmative Action	Ashley Nicole	McCray	Late Arrival	
Affirmative Action	Victor	Gorin	Y	
Affirmative Action	Ali	Canada	Y	
House Member	Merleyn	Bell	N	
Senate Member	George	Young	Y	
Congress Member	Ward	Curtain	Late Arrival	
YDA President	Joshua	Harris-Till	Y	

Quorum Check

26 of 37 members present. Quorum established.



Review Agenda 10:12, led by CHAIR

Approval of Minutes 10:16, led by CHAIR

1/25/2020 - Motion to move by consent by J. Harris-Till, no amendments. Motion carried.

3/14/2020 - Motion to move by consent by J. Harris-Till, no amendments. Motion carried.

4/1/2020 - Motion to table to September meeting by T. Jones, seconded by R. Hunsucker. Vote passes - J. Harris-Till and M. McGuffin abstained. Motion carried.

5/2/2020 - Motion to approve by A. Jensen. Seconded by A. Scott. Vote passes. M. McGuffin, A. Canada, T. Jones abstaining. Motion carried.

Addition - 5/30/2020 - Corrections to be made outside of meeting, review next meeting.

Officer Reports 10:32, led by CHAIR

Chair –

Report attached. Summary - Kicked off Coordinated Campaign, Field staff hired, focus on CD-05, working on support for other CD's, call for Federations to connect with Coordinated, emphasis on vote by mail campaign, update on lawsuit (ongoing, amendment, election board motion to dismiss but not approved), ODP Staff working on seminar series for campaigns and committees, Coordinated Campaign working on fundraisers, planning other fundraisers, Staff working on independent trainings with campaigns, media appearance list included, note on Central Committee opt outs of emails, request for members to sign up for newsletter.

T.Jones ask for clarification on report point related to Kanye West.

Chair clarifies that ODP attempted to challenge 4 electors and ballot presence, election board refused paperwork - no method to challenge independent candidate or presidential candidate, working on following up.

M.McGuffin emphasizes issue with paying way to get on the ballot. Should require signatures, eliminate fine. Question on fundraiser for Biden & Buttigieg on report.

Chair says will return to topic.

C.Rees questions if an independent can be challenged - city council and judges are challenged frequently. Asks if have asked an election law attorney.

Chair clarifies that ODP working on issue with attorneys, experts, etc.

J.Harris-Till asks if West filed as an independent.



Chair clarifies yes, registered as no party.

J.Harris-Till says that it may benefit ODP if West stays on ballot, should avoid making it a public issue.

Chair clarifies that ODP working on how to proceed.

D.Bereolus says ODP should halt process, hurts inclusion, also not necessarily best way to spend time and energy. Shift focus to something else.

N.Andrews says could help down-ballot candidates if people vote for novelty, won't pull enough votes away to make a difference.

Chair clarifies that novelty voters will show up to vote for one issue and nothing else.

D.Lankford says that this is something we've been fighting, independents often pull from Democrats. Is about the precedent and that the election board refuses to take the challenge.

J.Harkins says issue is with precedent of allowing independent candidates to buy in to election process, encourages committee to support in effort.

Chair emphasizes that Oklahoma is only state where West will appear on the ballot.

A.Canada emphasizes support for Chair on this issue. West will pull votes, need to stop precedent.

M.McGuffin asks about rejection of standing committee members in report.

Chair returns to Biden fundraiser. Explains that set up by the Biden campaign, will share invitations if members want to attend.

Chair explains that standing committee members for DNC needed to be approved by campaigns.

M.McGuffin asks if can share delegate and elector list.

Chair explains that the list is available.

J.Harris-Till asks for process on how electors selected.

Chair explains process, names electors.

Chair explains that Biden campaign will not benefit ODP.

Vice Chair –



Not present at first call for report.

Treasurer –

Report attached. Summary - explanation of issue with Tax ID number change resulting in lost data, working to fix QuickBooks because of lost data, net impact is about \$19,000, actual bank balance was \$10,887, request by Treasurer to not approve report until issue is solved in the coming week, explains issue with \$8,000 refund due to incorrect deposit of contributions.

Chair clarifies that \$3,000 was from Oklahoma County, has been sorted.

Treasurer goes over debt, explains that certain expenses are paid ahead of time so debt shows some credits, duplication of expenses because of data issue, explanation of Summit debt outstanding and need to clarify that FEC accepts forgiveness of debt.

A.Canada asks about UAW refund.

Treasurer explains why refund was needed. FEC required refund of contribution.

A.Canada will follow up on issue.

D.Bereolus asks about debt to compliance attorney.

Treasurer explains.

Secretary –

Passes on report.

Vice Chair –

Technical issues, unable to report.

National Committee Woman –

Attached. No additions to report.

National Committee Man –

Attached. Summary - Sent letter to Tom Perez and has been in contact with him about issues, working to connect with Abby Broyles campaign, setting up call with Tribes, explanation of work Oklahoma Center is doing with invitation to attend next meeting, have been communicating with candidates, thanks Scott Hamilton for organizing meeting on VAN, suggests that if there are issues that deserve press response that members provide information.



Chair explains a request for a press release on education and successful release after collaboration. Calls for members to assist if they see issues that need response.

A.Jensen asks about rural meeting mentioned.

Committee man explains details.

A.Canada explains work done to obtain contributions for congressional candidates.

N.Andrews explains document on how to issue press releases in times of crisis, shared with committee.

Questions/Comments on Reports

Congressional Districts - Received CD1, CD3, CD4.

Federations - Received Native Federation.

Legislative – None received.

No questions or additions on provided reports.

A.Jensen adds to report - Working with Comms Director on social media communication collaborations, invitation to participate.

Old Business

11:30, led by CHAIR

Coordinated Campaign Update

Chair explains current buy ins, movement to hire additional field directors.

R.White asks if candidate buy-ins will be communicated to county parties.

Chair explains that the list will be available once campaigns buy in.

T.Jones emphasizes success of Coordinated Campaign to date. Asks about visits to Congressional Districts.

Chair explains that advance notice will be given.

M.McGuffin asks about options candidates have to buy in to the campaign, what is required, what's included.

J.Harris-Till clarifies that he can assist in explaining buy ins. Also working to host fundraisers with candidates to be able to afford buy ins.



Chair explains that price to buy in. Will provide informational session on what is included. Explains assistance to make the buy in amount.

Secretary asks if there is a written proposal to join coordinated.

Chair will provide document to all committee members.

A.Canada asks if need UAW assistance for candidates.

Chair says yes.

R.White advocates for county chairs, why coordinated has not already shared information.

Chair explains that campaign is in the process.

G.Young asks that Coordinated coordinates with House and Senate Democrats.

Chair explains that there is coordination, weekly meeting.

Unconscious Bias Training -

Chair explains that this is still on the agenda, pushed to future because can not meet in person.

New Business

11:45 AM, led by CHAIR

Minutes – Propose Reports to be Posted

Chair requests that minutes are included along with all reports received. Remove money items, publicize all other information. Opens for input.

A.Jensen agrees on proposal.

M.McGuffin adds that there should be a standard form for taking and reporting minutes.

Secretary agrees.

A.Jensen volunteers to create form for minutes.

J.Harris-Till provides input on process of minute taking.

C.Rees explains that Veterans Committee will send minutes to Secretary.

Committee Man recommends that minutes should be taken by a staff member, approved by Secretary. Minutes are important because need for accurate summary and judicious disclosure of information.



Chair explains that Staff is currently taking minutes.

N.Andrews emphasizes that on another board, Executive Director takes minutes and Secretary determines what gets released as the official minutes.

Chair summarizes that minutes will be posted along with each report from committees. Staff will take notes, Secretary will approve final minutes.

Committee Woman motions of Order of the Day.

DNC Convention -

Chair explains that lists have been submitted for certification. Chair and ED attend meetings on what other states are doing. Oklahoma has not planned any in person event because of COVID number spike. Milwaukee convention will be limited access.

C.Rees explains Veterans caucus will do Zoom meeting.

Chair explains that national convention will be similar to State convention with mailed, virtual, and phone ballots.

Committee Woman suggests a virtual meeting to speak to the Oklahoma delegation, will work to organize speakers.

Chair explains that Vice Chair will be taking lead on potential convention meeting.

Strategic Plan -

Chair will send plan to central committee and ask for feedback.

Budget -

Finance committee has not been able to meet, working to build up committee to review and edit budget.

A.Canada asks if an Affirmative Action rep will be on committee.

Chair clarifies that M.McGuffin is on committee and is Affirmative Action member.

M.McGuffin asks if there is a deadline or timeline for the strategic plan feedback.

Chair clarifies that there will be included in the email.

PPP Convention Recap -

N.Andrews explains that there were issues with the Convention, disappointment with Vice Chair for raising challenge in front of body publicly. Says process was divisive,



showed disorganization. Calls for input to be provided prior to the event rather than during to show unification.

Chair explains that the officers have been meeting and making effort to improve communication. Agrees with need to show unity publicly and ensure inclusion.

T.Jones emphasizes need for public statements for purpose of public record.

Chair agrees, clarifies that issues should be solved in private primarily.

M.McGuffin concurs. Adds that the issues had been raised before.

J.Harris-Till emphasizes that meetings are held to clarify issues prior to public events, should present unity in public. Need to protect public image by keeping disagreements private.

D.Bereolus asks for report on overview of votes, results, for future reference.

Chair clarifies that information is on website.

J.Harkins concurs with J.Harris-Till. Emphasizes need to raise voice when issues arise.

Chair concurs with need to allow issues to be raised.

S.Fenwick (has a cat!) suggests separate meetings for debate and decision making. Create meetings for both types of processes - information gathering and decision making.

Chair agrees, working on this process.

A.Canada asks for a retreat to get to know each other better. Asks if affirmative action goals were met.

Chair clarifies that goals were not met for Latinx or youth representation goals.

K.Free concurs with benefit of holding a retreat.

DCCC -

Chair has been in contact with DCCC, they are providing support to the Horn Campaign. Asked about process to obtain more support for other congressional districts (they are steep).

K.Free emphasizes need for central committee members to contribute to ODP. Asks that all committee members give.

J.Bilbury asks for better internal communication in regards to messaging.



A.Jensen asks about Affirmative Action meetings.

M.McGuffin explains that leadership of the committee has changed.

A.Canada explains that the Affirmative Action committee is not meeting.

Announcements

12:54, led by CHAIR

B.Havenar announces Poor People's Campaign - Training on August 8th to form a formal chapter of the campaign in Oklahoma.

T.Jones announces CD1 meeting. Candidate action days on Sept 22nd and Oct 27th.

C.Rees announces national fundraiser for Joe Biden on July 30th.

A.Jensen announces CD3 meeting on August 16th from 6 to 8 pm.

A.Canada announces work on SQ 805, asks members to join in campaign.

J.Harris-Till announces YDA virtual convention on Aug 8 & 9. Announcing grassroots fundraisers upcoming for Coordinated Campaign.

Adjourn

1:02, led by CHAIR

Motion to adjourn by J.Harris-Till. Seconded by D.Lankford. Motion passes.



MINUTES APPROVAL INFORMATION

Sent to Officers

7/27/20

Respectfully Submitted

Tim O'Connor