

Date: November 23, 2024 10:30 am CST

ODP Central Committee Meeting Minutes

In-Person hosted by CD3, Artrageous Studio, Yukon

Chair Alicia Andrews called the meeting to order at 10:55 am.

Disability federation president Sheri Dickerson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call and quorum met.

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| Chair | Alicia | Andrews | Present |  |
| Vice Chair | Cory | Williams | Absent |  |
| Secretary | Nana | Dankwa | Absent |  |
| Treasurer | Rachael | Hunsucker | Present |  |
| DNC Committeeman | David | Walters | Present |  |
| DNC Committeewoman | Kalyn | Free | Present |  |
| CD1 Chair | Deme | Bereolos | Present |  |
| CD1 Vice Chair | Khadija | Goz | Present |  |
| CD1 Secretary | Emily | Gamel | Present |  |
| CD2 Chair | RaeAnn | Wilson | Absent |  |
| CD2 Vice Chair | Thomas | Brennan | Absent |  |
| CD2 Secretary | Katie | Hopper | Virtual |  |
| CD3 Chair | Sarah | Carnes | Present |  |
| CD3 Vice Chair | Avery | McIntyre | Present | \*newly placed\* |
| CD3 Secretary | Jim | Potts | Present | \*title change\* |
| CD4 Chair | Kimberly | Eaton | Present |  |
| CD4 Vice Chair | Travis | Darling | Present |  |
| CD4 Secretary | Charles | Peaden | Present |  |
| CD5 Chair | Christine | Byrd | Present |  |
| CD5 Vice Chair | Ben | Eisenberg | Present |  |
| CD5 Secretary | Daniel | Williams | Present |  |
| Affirmative Action 1 | Rachel | Morse | Present |  |
| Affirmative Action 2 | Matthew | Lucas | Absent |  |
| Affirmative Action 3 | Amber | Jensen | Virtual |  |
| Affirmative Action 4 | Joshua | Harris-Till | Present |  |
| AAPI Club | Amy | Hossain | Present |  |
| African American Federation | Burlinda | Radney | Virtual |  |
| Disability Federation | Sheri | Dickerson | Present |  |
| Latino Federation | Juanita | Sykes-Romo | Proxy | Alex Yeverino |
| Native American Federation | Anastasia | Pittman | Absent |  |
| Stonewall Federation | Taten | Freeman | Absent |  |
| Veterans Federation | Rita | Maxwell | Present |  |
| Women’s Federation | Bettye | Rector | Absent |  |
| Young Democrats of Oklahoma | JeKia | Harrison | Present |  |
| House | Amanda | Swope | Virtual |  |
| Senate | Mary | Boren | Virtual |  |
| Parliamentarian | Tim | Reese | Absent | \*not committee member\* |

New business item of CD3 Leadership moved up on the agenda. Avery McIntyre was proposed as the CD3 vice-chair.

* Motion by Jim Potts; 2nd by Dan Williams. The motion was unanimously approved.

With Avery’s election, Jim Potts requested to move to the CD3 secretary position.

* Motion by Sarah Carnes; 2nd by Emily Gamel. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Andrews welcomed new members to the committee including Senator Mary Boren as the Oklahoma Senate representative and newly elected Avery McIntyre.

Review and approval of minutes from the 9/28/24 meeting.

* Motion by Dan Williams; 2nd by Travis Darling. The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS

* Chair Andrews gave an overview of her written report including:
	+ Working on booklets for running for office and organizational meetings
	+ More detail on the partnership with the Kansas and Arkansas state parties for fundraising and coordinating activities
	+ Hosted “friendsgiving”
	+ Discussed how VAN access was much smoother this election cycle and almost became a “non-issue”
	+ Reviewed voter credits and discussed how state election board still didn’t have data available
* There was no vice chair report.
* Chair Andrews explained that a treasurer’s report would not be provided during this meeting. This was due to keeping cards close to the vest during on-going union negotiations.
	+ Treasurer Rachael Hunsucker mentioned all necessary FEC and Oklahoma Ethics filing deadlines were still maintained so latest reports were available on their respective websites.
	+ As there was a challenge to the chair’s ruling; DNC committeeman Gov. David Walters was asked to chair the meeting during this discussion.
	+ Chair Andrews and challenger Travis Darling presented a brief summary of opinion; then Gov. Walters asked for a vote.
		- There were five votes to overrule the chair with the remaining votes to support the chair’s decision. The chair’s decision stood and no treasurer’s report was presented.
	+ The meeting was turned back over to the chair.
* DNC Committeeman Gov. David Walters gave updates on DNC elections, dates and activities. Along with others, he was able to provide candidate support through hosting events and fundraising during the last election cycle.

Rachael Hunsucker raised a Point of information asking if the meeting was being recorded.

* There was a brief discussion regarding recording consent rules for Oklahoma with various understandings from the group. Added to list for follow-up during next Central Committee meeting.

After the recording discussion, officer reports continued.

* DNC Committeewoman Kalyn Free gave additional information regarding the DNC and leadership information. She further discussed various partnerships with tribes for candidates and actions such as a campaign to counter the ousting of three Oklahoma judges. Committeewoman Free is also working with the ODP office to host a staff retreat.
* There was more discussion on the DNC structure, current announced candidates, and other affiliated organizations that also have automatic DNC seats. Also, a question if there were any current vacant seats and potential at-large appointments.

OLD BUSINESS

* There was a discussion of the next meeting scheduled for January 24, 2025. It was decided it would be best to meet in person, and CD5 agreed to host.
* Kalyn Free and Travis Darling gave an update on the VAN contract revision committee. There has been progress including determining the following goals:
	+ clarify the reasons ODP can terminate the Subscriber Agreement
	+ make more explicit who can and cannot have access to VAN
	+ place a clause imposing a duty on candidates/campaigns to update ODP on campaign staff records
	+ incorporate the MOU into the Agreement
	+ provide general language cleanup in the contract. We also believe that a non-binding, one-page summary of the Agreement would be beneficial.
* Chair Andrews gave a brief update on the employee issue and union negotiations.

Members suspended the meeting for lunch provided by CD3 chair Sarah Carnes; assisted by her family. The committee also had the opportunity to meet one of the facility owners and thank her.

NEW BUSINESS

* There was a discussion of the election results. A graphic was distributed on election metrics including:
	+ 19 house districts saw gains; plus all seats were saved
	+ All senate seats were saved
	+ History was made in Tulsa with the election of the first Black mayor in Tulsa; Tulsa Mayor-elect Monroe Nichols. The first Democratic mayor since 2006.
	+ Over 14,000 postcards were mailed
	+ Over $80,000 in donations were made to candidates from the state party, county parties, and federations
	+ 1.1 million doors were knocked and over 641,000 conversations were held with voters
	+ Volunteer retention increase of 36%
* Several members shared personal stories of their recent volunteer efforts.
	+ Volunteering with groups in other states; phone-banking; peer-to-peer texting; GOTV; door-knocking
* They also shared observations on ways to increase ODP efforts:
	+ An app used by Georgia that also helped clean up data while using
	+ Merchandise was widely successful and funded many of the county party candidate donations
	+ Podcasts played large role in election; expand ODP social media/podcast efforts
	+ Data and data analysis very important to determine which efforts had biggest impact on voter decisions/engagement
	+ Continue with expanded volunteer opportunities for all levels of ability including in-office, online, virtual phone banks
		- How to expand to district and county parties
	+ Website & social media efforts good however more help needed to control “trolling”; possibly set comments for approval before they post
	+ Messaging plan, working with the limitations experienced in the past of central committee members not opening talking point emails
	+ Activities cost money so need to be aware and work on fundraising activities; all central committee members have ActBlue links to track dollars raised
		- Possible recurring donor program
		- Write or raise as members of the committee have met goals by phone-banking
* Chair Andrews reviewed issues with the current convention bids received. These related to available dates and/or facility size. A recommendation was presented after discussion.
	+ Motion by Kimberly Eaton; 2nd by Charles Peaden to “move the convention date to the week before to utilize the Reed Center in Midwest City”; based on a bid prepared by members of CD3, CD4, CD5 and Oklahoma County. The motion passed.
	+ Motion by Kalyn Free; 2nd by JeKia Harrison to “authorize the chair to determine the convention location based on new bids if the Reed Center no longer available.” The motion passed.
	+ Motion by Joshua Harris-Till; 2nd by Sheri Dickerson to “allow the chair flexibility in announcing the convention date to the first part of January, 2025.” The motion passed.
* Members were asked to remind county parties to start verifying county officer lists and recruiting for precinct volunteers.
	+ The Google sheet is being maintained by Katie Cain.
* 2025 convention committee discussion reviewing the available committees and asking for suggestions for committee members.

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| Rules | Constitution & Bylaws |
| Credentials | Resolutions & Platform |
| ADA Accommodations | Host |

There were no additional announcements, Chair Andrews thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting at 2:52 pm CST.

Members were provided a tour of the Artrageous facility as well as option to participate in an art activity led by Sarah Carnes.

*Minutes submitted by Rachael Hunsucker.*

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| **OPEN CENTRAL COMMITTEE ITEMS:** |
| 9/28/24 meeting: should federation members be included for quorum requirement11/23/24 meeting:* Oklahoma recording laws and whether additional confidentiality rules should be discussed during January meeting
* any vacant DNC seats currently
* beef up process to controls social media trolls
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