



A regular meeting of the Oklahoma Democratic Party on June 29, 2025, at 10 a.m. at the Stoney Creek Hotel and Convention Center in Broken Arrow, Tulsa, Oklahoma, presided by Oklahoma Democratic Party (ODP) Chair Alicia Andrews. Oklahoma Democratic Party Secretary Charles Peaden served as convention secretary.

10:50 am – Meeting called to order by ODP Chair Alicia Andrews.

Rita Maxwell called to the podium to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

Sarah Carnes called to the podium to give a land acknowledgement.

Chair Andrews:

- Acknowledged elected officials.
- Introduced State Secretary Charles Peaden, former State Treasurer and CD1 Chair, Rachael Hunsucker, DNC Committeeman and Committeewoman Gov. David Walters and Kalyn Free, Parliamentarian Tim Reese (Oklahoma County).
- Welcomed delegates to Broken Arrow.

Presentation of the 2023 Oklahoma Democratic Party Platform by DNC Committee Members Gov. David Walters and Kalyn Free.

Keynote Speaker – Vicki Behenna was unable to attend.

11:10 am

Credentials Committee Report, Kati Cain (Carter County), Credentials Committee Chair

- Out of 613 delegates who count towards quorum, 488 are in attendance (383 in-person and 105 written proxies) to exceed the 245 delegates (or 40%) required for quorum. Including ex-officio delegates: 517, 405 in-person and 112 written proxies.
- Acknowledgement of credentials volunteers.
- Tim Reese (Oklahoma County) made a motion to adopt the credentials report, seconded by Kimberly Eaton (Garvin County), objections asked for three times, seeing none, the credentials report was adopted.

Rules Committee Report, Tim Reese (Oklahoma County), Rules Committee Member

- Jody Harlan (County), Rules Committee Chair, unable to attend, delegated to Tim Reese.
- Discussion and review of rules (see attachment for the rules report submitted to convention).
- Point of Inquiry by Travis Darling (Cleveland County): Is the presiding officer referred to in the rules the committee chair or the convention chair? It was clarified to be the person presiding over the convention and not the committee chair.
- Motion made by Tim Reese (Oklahoma County) to accept the rules report. Seconded by David Nagle (Cherokee County). Chair Andrews asked for any discussion.



- Rachel Morse (Oklahoma County) pulled Rule 8, Section 3.
- Motion made by Chris Odneal (Pottawatomie County) to have a tally count for chair, vice chair, treasurer and secretary. Motion out of order as this directly contradicts the constitution and bylaws requiring a county roll call vote for chair and vice chair.
- Point of clarification by Greg Bledsoe (Tulsa County): How do people carrying proxies vote electronically?
- Point of clarification by Travis Darling (Cleveland County): Which portion of the rules is being discussed – online rules numbered differently than rules printed in convention program.
- Point of clarification by Kati Cain (Carter County) to explain the QR code for electronic voting would be handed out before the state affirmative action officer elections with instructions on how proxies can vote.
- Discussion for and against striking Rule 8, Section 3 occurred.
 - Those who spoke in favor of striking rule 8, section 3: Rachel Morse (Oklahoma County), Matt Lucas (Cleveland County), Cristian Camberos (Oklahoma County), Rick Larsen (Tulsa County), Zac Russell (McClain County), Cathy Smythe (Tulsa County).
 - Those who spoke against striking rule 8, section 3: Sue Storts (Tulsa County), Zach Ellison (Comanche County), Dylan Gold (Oklahoma County).
- Point of order by Elaine Dodd: Challenge to voice vote because of proxy holders. A voice vote would be tried first then tally count if needed.
- Voice vote called, too close to call, a tally count called for.
 - 321 votes cast to strike Rule 8, Section 3, 153 to leave it in the report and 7 abstentions. Rule 8, Section 3 removed from the rules.
- Motion made by Tim Reese (Oklahoma County) to adopt the rules as amended. Seconded by Chris Odneal (Pottawatomie County). Voice vote called, ayes have it, motion passed at 12:24 pm.

Secretary Report, Charles Peaden (Cleveland County), State Secretary

- Motion made by Charles Peaden (Cleveland County) to approve the 2023 ODP State Convention minutes. Seconded by Joe Felton (Garfield County).

Treasurer's Report, Rachael Hunsucker (Tulsa County), former State Treasurer – see attached report.

Vice Chair Report – Absent.

State of the Party – Skipped.

Virtual Passing of the Hat – Skipped.

- The chair did ask for any objections three times before continuing.



Constitution and Bylaws Report, Matthew Lucas (Cleveland County), Constitution and Bylaws Committee Chair

- Discussion of report.
- The suggested change to ODP Constitution, Article 4, Section 5 “National Committee Members” was deemed out of order since we cannot override the DNC governing documents.
- The suggested change to ODP Bylaw 52 “Oklahoma Federation of Young Democrats Clubs” deemed out of order since this requirement is outlined in the Oklahoma Federation of Young Democrats Clubs governing documents.
- Motion made by Robert Thompson (Lincoln County) to accept the report minus the two items deemed out of order. Seconded by Mitch Jacob (McClain County). Voice vote called, ayes have it, motion passed.
- Stephen Roemerman (Tulsa County) pulled Item 17-Bylaw 61 “Closed Primary.”
- Mitch Jacob (McClain County) pulled Item 10-Bylaw 21 “Automatic Recall.”
- Jim Potts (Oklahoma County) pulled Item 2 “Reorganization,” Item 3 (Article VI, Section 3.F and Article II, Section 6.H) “Language Regarding Ex-Officio,” Item 5 (Article IX, Section 4.A and B) “Exceptions to Gender Balance,” Item 6-Bylaw 1 “The Organizational Meetings,” Item 7-Bylaw 8 “State Central Committee Call,” and Item 13-Bylaw 37 “Quorum.”
- Kevin Dawson (Cleveland County) pulled Item 15-Bylaw 46 “State Officers.”
- Discussion for and against changing Bylaw 61 “Closed Primary” occurred.
 - Vote called on changes to Item 17-Bylaw 61 “Closed Primary” – rejected.
- Discussion for and against changing Bylaw 21 “Automatic Recall” occurred.
 - Vote called on changes to Item 10-Bylaw 21 “Automatic Recall” – accepted.
- Motion made by Tim O’Connor (Canadian County) to suspend the rules, table the constitution and bylaws report until the 2027 convention and move to elections. Seconded by Rita Maxwell (Oklahoma County).
 - Since no motion, second or vote was called to adopt any portion of the constitution and bylaws report, the report was tabled in its entirety.

Elections and Remarks

- Tim Reese (Oklahoma County) presiding over the election of the ODP state chair position.
- 4:30 pm - Nominations open for the ODP state chair position.
 - Kevin Dawson was nominated by Brandon Wade (Washington County) and seconded by Janice Goetzinger (Cleveland County).
 - John Waldron was nominated by George Novak (Choctaw County) and seconded by Oklahoma Rep. Ann Menz (Cleveland County).



- o Alicia Andrews was nominated by Kalyn Free (Latimer County) and seconded by Jana Harkins (Oklahoma County).
- o 4:38 Credentials update – no change. After asking for any more nominations three times, nominations were closed, speeches were heard and the convention proceeded to a roll call vote per county (see attachment for totals per county).
- o Final vote:
 - Dawson received 100 votes.
 - Andrews received 139 votes.
 - Waldron received 321 votes.
- o John Waldron declared winner of the ODP state chair position.
- o Speech by John Waldron.
- o John Waldron asked Elaine Dodd (Tulsa County) to preside over the rest of the convention and she accepted.
- 5:35 pm – Nominations opened for the ODP state vice chair position.
 - o Erin Brewer was nominated by Jeff Berrong (Custer County) and seconded by Tegan Malone (Oklahoma County).
 - o Stacy Hayes was nominated by Helen Kusek (Logan County) and seconded by Rod Richardson (Logan County).
 - o 5:42 pm - After asking for any more nominations three times, nominations were closed, speeches were heard and the convention proceeded to a roll call vote per county (see attachment for totals per county).
 - o Final vote:
 - Hayes received 163 votes
 - Brewer received 358 votes
 - o Erin Brewer was declared winner of the ODP state vice chair position.
 - o Speech by Erin Brewer.
- 5:50 pm – Nominations open for ODP state treasurer position.
 - o Cathy Smythe nominated by Rachel Hunsucker (Tulsa County) and seconded by Bettye Rector (Tulsa County).
 - o Alberto Alonso-Sandoval nominated by Oklahoma Rep. Forrest Bennett (Oklahoma County) and seconded by Cristian Camberos (Oklahoma County).
 - o 6:00pm – After asking for any more nominations three times, nominations were closed, speeches were heard and the convention proceeded to a vote.
 - o Final vote:
 - Smythe received 140 votes
 - Sandoval received 381 votes
 - o Alberto Alonso-Sandoval declared winner of the ODP treasurer position.
 - o Speech by Alberto Alonso-Sandoval.
- 6:20 – Nominations open for ODP state secretary position.
 - o At this point, due to gender equity rules that govern ODP, only a female or non-binary candidate will be eligible to seek this office.



- o Kati Cain was nominated by Emily Gamel (Tulsa County) and seconded by Jayme Shelton (Cleveland County).
 - o After asking for any more nominations three times, nominations were closed, Cain was elected by acclamation to the ODP state secretary position.
 - o Speech by Kati Cain.
 - o Kati Cain took over secretary duties for the remainder of the convention.
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- Motion with consent made by Tim Reese (Oklahoma County) to suspend the rules to allow the body to vote to change the party emblem from a rooster to a donkey and to vote on allowing registered Independents in Democratic primaries. Seconded by Jeff Berrong (Custer County). Objections called for three times, seeing none, the motion passed.
 - Motion with consent made by Tim Reese (Oklahoma County) to change the party emblem from a rooster to a donkey. Seconded by Jeff Berrong (Custer County). Objections called for three times, seeing none, the motion passed.
 - Motion with consent made by Tim Reese (Oklahoma County) to open our primary ballots to allow Independent voters to vote in the years 2025-2027. Seconded by Joe Dorman (Oklahoma County).
 - o Point of order by Karen Gaddis (Tulsa County): Do Independents also include Libertarians? Tim Reese (Oklahoma County) clarified that it does not.
 - o Objections called for three times, seeing none, the motion passes.
 - Tim Reese (Oklahoma County) called for orders of the day and resumed according to the agenda: Election of state affirmative action officers.

Elections and Remarks Continued (7:15 p.m.)

- Travis Darling (Cleveland County) explains the gender balance requirements for state elected affirmative action officers.
- Nominations open for state affirmative action officer 1.
 - o Matthew Lucas (Cleveland County) was nominated by Rachel Morse (Oklahoma County) and seconded by Avery McIntyre (Payne County).
 - o Cing Nuam (Tulsa County) was nominated by Amy Hossein (Tulsa County) and seconded by Hudson Harder (Tulsa County).
 - o After asking for any more nominations three times, nominations were closed.
- Motion made by Kalyn Free (Latimer County) to elect Matthew Lucas (Cleveland County) and Cing Nuam (Tulsa County) to state elected affirmative action officer positions 1 and 2 respectively. Seconded by Brandon Wade (Washington County).
- Point of inquiry by Travis Darling (Cleveland County): Are we electing both of them to one position? No, we want to just elect these two people first since they were the only nominations.
- All motions and nominations withdrawn from the floor.



- Nominations reopened for state affirmative action officer 1.
 - Matthew Lucas (Cleveland County) was nominated by Rachel Morse (Oklahoma County) and seconded by Avery McIntyre (Payne County).
 - After asking for any more nominations three times, nominations were closed, Lucas was elected by acclamation to the state affirmative action officer 1 position.
- Nominations open for state affirmative action officer 2.
 - Cing Nuam (Tulsa County) was nominated by Amy Hossein (Tulsa County) and seconded by Hudson Harder (Tulsa County).
 - After asking for any more nominations three times, nominations were closed, Nuam was elected by acclamation to the state affirmative action officer 2 position.
- Point of Inquiry: Travis Darling (Cleveland County): What is the gender identity of Cing Nuam? Cing Nuam identifies as female.
- Nominations open for state affirmative action officer 3.
 - Cristian Zapata (Oklahoma County) nominated by Jose Rodriguez (Oklahoma County) and seconded by Leslie Fraire (Oklahoma County).
 - Hermorene Douglas-Ezeobele (Carter County) nominated by Regina Pfaff (Carter County) and seconded by Rep. Jared Deck (Cleveland County).
 - Emily Broadbent (Cleveland County) nominated by Kirsti Holland (Tulsa County) and seconded by Kalyn Free (Latimer County).
 - After asking for any more nominations three times, nominations were closed, speeches were heard and the convention proceeded to a vote.
 - Final vote:
 - Zapata received 206 votes.
 - Douglas-Ezeobele received 67 votes.
 - Broadbent received 34 votes.
 - Cristian Zapata declared winner of the state affirmative action 3 position.
- Nominations open for state affirmative action officer 4.
 - Donald Clytus (Oklahoma County) nominated himself, but no second received.
 - Emily Broadbent (Cleveland County) nominated by Kirsti Holland (Tulsa County) and seconded by Kalyn Free (Latimer County); however, Emily declined the nomination.
 - Hermorene Douglas-Ezeobele (Carter County) nominated by Rep. Jared Deck (Cleveland County) and seconded by Carroll Asseo (Cleveland County).
 - After asking for any more nominations three times, nominations were closed, Douglas-Ezeobele was elected by acclamation to the state affirmative action officer 4 position.
- Tim Reese (Oklahoma County) called for orders of the day, resolutions.
- Point of Order by Amy Hossain: Putting it on the record that there will not be a vote for recognizing the OHAPPI Federation because they do not have two clubs.



Resolutions, Jeff Berrong, Resolutions Committee Chair

- Elaine Dodd (Tulsa County) recognized the chair of the resolutions committee, Jeff Berrong (Custer County).
- Jeff Berrong (Custer County) briefly spoke about the resolutions report and made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Jim Potts (Oklahoma County).
- Joe Dorman (Oklahoma County) made a motion to adopt the resolution in the resolutions report by unanimous consent, seconded by Jim Potts (Oklahoma County), objections asked for three times, seeing none, the resolutions report was adopted.
- Motion made by Kara Mooneyham (Oklahoma County) to adopt a resolution titled, "Resolution to Affirm the Basic Freedoms of Our Democracy: Supporting D.E.I.A."
 - o More than 25% of delegate signatures were gathered and verified.
 - o Seconded by Tim Reese (Oklahoma County).
 - o Unanimous consent called for by Jim Potts (Oklahoma County).
 - o Objections asked for three times, seeing none, motion passes and the resolution was adopted.

Appeals to the Convention

- Appeals asked for three times; none brought forward.

Adjournment

- Motion made by Jim Potts (Oklahoma County) to adjourn.
- Point of Inquiry by Emily Gamel (Tulsa County): Was all new business on the agenda taken care of? Yes.
- Point of Personal Privilege by Kalyn Free (Latimer County): I would like to recognize and thank the folks that stayed here all day especial the two people from Idabel, McCurtain County.
- Motion on the floor seconded by Jared Deck, voice vote called, ayes have it, motion passes, meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kati Cain".

Kati Cain

State Secretary

Oklahoma Democratic Party

August 4, 2025

2025 Oklahoma Democratic Party State Convention Rules

Rule 1: Agenda

See attached.

Rule 2: Purpose of Meeting

The purpose of this meeting is to elect State Officers; Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer Secretary, and four (4) Affirmative Action Officers, all to serve two-year terms, and to consider Open Democratic Primaries, ODP Constitution & Bylaw Amendments, Resolutions, Appeals and other such business as may come before the body. **Bylaw , hereinafter , BL 9**

Rule 3: Committee Reports - BL 47

A. The reports of the Convention's committees shall be adopted by a majority vote of the voting members of the State Convention present and voting, once a quorum is established.

1. The adoption of the Credentials Committee's report shall mean that the State Convention has accepted the Committee's report and seated the credentialed members of the State Convention.
2. The adoption of the Rules Committee's report shall mean that the State Convention has accepted the Committee's report and adopted the proposed rules.
3. Adoption of the Resolutions Committee Report shall only mean that the State Convention has accepted the Committee's report but shall not mean the adoption of any of the resolutions or proposed changes recommended by the Committee. (See Rule 9)

4. Adoption of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee Report shall only mean that the State Convention has accepted the Committee's report but shall not mean the adoption of any proposed changes recommended by the Committee. (See Rule 9)

Rule 4: Minority Reports -

- A. Twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the members of any of the Convention's committees may submit a minority report to the State Convention following the report of the respective committee before any vote is taken on the committee's report.

Rule 5: Credentials Report BL 37.

- A. The Credentials Report shall include a breakdown of the total number of regular delegates in attendance, regular delegate proxies of those delegates unable to attend. In addition, they shall report Ex Officio Delegates and their ex-officio proxies. The report shall announce the number of regular delegates and proxies needed for quorum.
- B. D) The Credentials Committee Chair shall notify the Chair of any 'special instructions' to Proxies. BL 34 C & Rule 6F

Rule 6: Proxies BL 30-35

- A) Decisions regarding proxies shall be determined by the Credentials Committee in accordance with Bylaws 34 and 35 and other relevant Bylaws of the Oklahoma Democratic Party.

B) Written Proxies – A delegate, prior to the Convention, may give a written proxy, witnessed by two people not related to the delegates, to any registered Democrat of the same gender from the same county or appropriate political unit as that from which the delegate was elected. **BL 35.A** Written proxies count toward quorum.

C) Recorded and Announced – A delegate to a Convention who attends a meeting and leaves before adjournment may give a recorded proxy before the credentials committee or staff, by signing a proxy statement naming an eligible delegate of the same gender and political unit as that from which the delegate was elected, per **Bylaw 34.B**, who shall hold the proxy. Recorded and Announced proxies do not count to satisfy quorum.

D) No individual may hold more than one proxy. **BL 34.D**

F) A proxy may contain instructions concerning its use and such instructions shall be binding on the proxy holder. If the proxy is not instructed, the holder may vote and act at the holder's discretion. If a presiding officer knows that a proxy is instructed and the proxy holder fails or refuses to vote according to instructions, the presiding officer shall ignore the action of the proxy holder and declare the vote of the proxy according to instructions. **BL 34.C**

G) Persons not otherwise credentialed must show photo ID to receive proxy credentials.

Rule 7: Quorum BL 35.A.3 & BL 3

- A) A quorum for the State Convention shall be forty (40) percent of its Credentialed Delegates and Delegate Written Proxies. **BL 35.A.3**
- B) Ex-officio members or their proxies shall not be counted in determining if a quorum is present. **BL 37.A**

Rule 8: Voting

- A) Regular business and Convention Committee Report votes shall be by voice except as otherwise provided. However, if a credentialed delegate moves for "division of the assembly" and the motion is seconded, the chair shall proceed to a tallied vote of those delegates displaying their credentials, either by a show of hands or by having the delegates stand. **BL 38**
- B) The use of secret ballots is prohibited at all meetings of the Democratic Party at all levels for election of officers and any other purpose. **Refer to DNC Bylaws Article I: Bylaw 8(1)** for additional information and clarification. **BL40**
- C) Elections shall be tallied votes. State chair and vice chair shall be tabulated by County Roll Call Vote. **BL 9.E** The election of the remaining officers shall be counted as directed by the chair. The Affirmative Action Officers, at the direction of the chair, may be tallied by electronic tabulation assistance providing the results are shared real time with the convention and the votes recorded and published to avoid any secret ballot.
- D) Roll call votes shall be governed by **Bylaw 39**.

E) Majority Required. All elections of party officials shall require a majority vote. If no candidate receives a majority vote on the first vote, there shall be a runoff election between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes on the first vote. Voting shall proceed until one candidate receives a majority vote. **BL 9.F**

The use of electronic technology will be allowed to facilitate the tally of election votes, unless otherwise prohibited by the Constitution and or bylaws, is authorized providing that:

1. The process is transparent.
2. At the conclusion of each ballot, a record of how each delegate voted shall be shared with the convention to avoid a secret ballot.
3. Technology assistance is provided to any delegate needing assistance in recording their vote.
4. The use of electronic technology shall be limited to the four affirmative action races for this convention.

Rule 9: Resolutions, Constitution, and Bylaws

- a. Following its charge under Oklahoma Democratic Party **Bylaw 47**, the Resolutions and the Constitution & Bylaws Committees will recommend proposals for adoption by the Convention.
- b. Amendments to the Constitution require two-thirds majority vote, and changes to the Bylaws require a simple majority vote. **Constitution Art. XII § 2 & 3, respectively**

- c. Floor Amendments to the Reports -A proposed amendment to the Constitution or the supporting Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority vote of the members of the State Convention present and voting. Amendments made from the floor must be reasonably related and germane to the subject matter of the section sought to be amended. **Constitution Art. XII § 4**
- d. Following the adoption of the report of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee any member of the Convention may move to remove an article or by-law from the body of the report and have it designated for debate and separate vote by the Convention.
- e. Such motion shall require a second and shall be granted by unanimous consent unless there is an objection.
- f. If an objection is made, such motion shall require a majority vote to be approved. There shall be no debate on this motion.
- g. Prior to beginning debate on any proposed change to the Constitution and/or By-Laws that has been removed from the body of the respective report, the Convention shall vote en-masse on those which have not been removed from the report.
- h. The Convention shall then consider the remaining proposed changes to the Constitution and/or By-Laws in the order in which the motion to separately consider was made.

Rule 10: Resolutions not contained in the Resolution report.

- A. Any Resolution not recommended for adoption by the committee may be moved by any delegate of the body if the resolution or change is submitted in writing to the presiding officer at or before the time the motion is made, accompanied by a petition of support signed by at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the delegates in attendance at the Convention.
- B. Any Resolution meeting the 25% requirement in “A” above must take the exact language to the Convention Technical Team in order that it may be put on the video screen.

Rule 11: Floor Amendments Constitution and By-Laws

- A. Any Constitution and By-Laws proposed change may be amended by a delegate moving such an amendment, provided that the amendment is submitted in writing to the presiding officer at or before the time the motion is made, accompanied by a petition of support signed by at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the delegates in attendance at the Convention.
- B. Any change to the Constitution or By-Laws meeting the 25% requirement in **Rule 11.A** above must provide the exact language to the Convention Technical Team in order that it may be displayed on the video screen or otherwise distributed electronically or by print.

Rule 12: Debate

A) General – Debate on any motion other than the consideration of resolutions and/or Constitution or Bylaw proposals shall be limited to two (2) minutes for each side, for a total of four (4) minutes.

B) Resolutions and/or Constitution or Bylaw Proposals – Debate on any part or body of these items that the convention is considering shall be limited to three (3) minutes for each side, for a total of six (6) minutes for each motion.

Rule 13: Election of Officers BL 9, 39-41

A) Order of Election – The order of the election shall be Chair, Vice Chair, who shall be of a different gender from the Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, who shall be of a different gender from the Treasurer, the first State Affirmative Action Officer, the second State Affirmative Action Officer who shall be of a different gender from the first State Affirmative Action Officer, the third State Affirmative Action Officer, and the fourth State Affirmative Action Officer who shall be of a different gender from the third State Affirmative Action Officer. The Democratic Party considers gender a matter of self-identification. **Constitution Art V sec 4**

B) Nomination – Nominations shall not be closed by a vote of the Convention but shall continue until there are no further nominations. **BL 9.C**

C) Speeches – Following the close of nominations for each position, each candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech of not more than two (2)

minutes, one seconding speech of not more than one (1) minute, and a speech by the candidate of not more than two (2) minutes. Speaking order shall be the order in which the nominations were made. Nominating speeches for all candidates shall be given first, then seconding speeches for all candidates, and finally, all candidate speeches, after which the election shall be held. **BL 9.C &D**

D) Elections – All elections shall be by counted vote, unless there is only one (1) candidate nominated for an office, in which case the chair shall declare that person elected, and there shall be no nominating or seconding speeches, or vote taken. While voting is underway, sergeants-at-arms shall keep the doors closed and shall assist officers in maintaining order. Tally clerks shall assist the officers in the actual count. If no candidate receives a majority vote on the first vote, there shall be a runoff election between the two (2) candidates receiving the greatest number of votes on the first vote.

E) Roll Call Vote - When moved, seconded and approved, the Convention shall conduct a Roll Call Vote of each County following the procedures outlined in **Bylaw 39 A**.

F) Newly Elected Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary shall be permitted a one (1) minute address to the convention following their elections.

Rule 14: Room Order and Seating

A. Credentialed members shall be seated separately from all other individuals present at the Convention.

- B. Following candidate speeches, the doors of the convention shall be closed, and no one shall be allowed to enter until the election is concluded.
- C. During any vote counting, no one will be allowed to move about the floor except for those persons assigned to count votes.
- D. While voting is underway, sergeant-at-arms shall keep the doors closed and shall assist in maintaining order.
- E. Tally clerks shall assist in the actual count.

Rule 15: Speaking Privileges –

- A. Speaking privileges which include making motions, seconding motions, nominating and seconding nominations shall be reserved for credentialed delegates.
- B. The only exception is that of a candidate's speech as they are not required to be a voting member of the electing body.
- C. Any Democrat nominated for election to a Party office shall be entitled to address the electing body regarding their election.

Rule 16: Motion to Suspend the Rules -

After these rules have been adopted, only a motion to suspend the rules may change them. Such a motion shall specifically state the rule to be changed, the new wording and the duration of the change. It shall require a second and a two-thirds 2/3rds majority vote of the Convention. However, the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Oklahoma Democratic Party may not be suspended.

Rule 17: Additional Rules Governing This Convention

This convention is governed by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Oklahoma Democratic Party, which these rules reflect. On any question of procedure not otherwise covered by these rules, the Constitution or Bylaws, this convention shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (12th Edition).

End of Rules

Respectfully Submitted,

Jody Harlan, Rules Committee Chair

Rules Committee Members

Chair - Jody Harlan

Member - Amy Warne

Member - Jim Potts

Member - Juanita Vasquez Romo

Member - Shykira Smith

Member - Tim Reese

Member - Tim Wagner

Member - Tom Dial (AA)

Advisory Consultants

ODP Exec. Dir. Lauren Craig

ODP Operations Dir. Molly Oeffner

Oklahoma Democratic Party

State Convention
June 29, 2025

Treasurer's Report



Financial Process

- ✓ Contributions
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	2023 ACTUAL	2024 ACTUAL	2025 ACTUAL
	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	Jan-Jun
Federal Contributions	526,811	881,345	414,057
Federal Contributions	202,011	354,058	131,738
DNC Contributions	232,870	311,493	104,048
Other Federal Income	-	150,500	30,000
Goodchange Contributions	-	-	110,624
In-Kind Contributions	61,930	35,294	17,647
Tribal Contributions	20,000	20,000	10,000
Trust Disbursements	10,000	10,000	10,000
Levin Contributions	30,000	30,000	20,000
Levin Contributions	-	-	10,000
Tribal Contributions	20,000	20,000	-
Trust Disbursements	10,000	10,000	10,000
State Contributions	73,259	159,818	42,356
State Contributions	43,259	129,818	32,356
Tribal Contributions	20,000	20,000	-
Trust Disbursements	10,000	10,000	10,000
Total Contributions	630,070	1,071,163	476,413

Expenses

Arbitrator/Union Action	-	-	1,359
Bank Charges & Fees	4,207	2,852	1,901
Chair Stipend	54,000	54,000	27,000
Contributions to Campaigns	500	79,975	1,170
Conventions	83,167	100,828	126,476
Coordinated Campaign	-	14,250	-
Employee Benefits	54,992	40,242	18,311
Equipment Rental	9,869	3,534	4,285
Fund Trade	27,425	20,000	35,000
Fundraising & Marketing	25,860	167,903	40,080
Legal & Professional Services	78,506	94,149	48,355
NGP / VAN	50,858	82,766	35,587
Office Supplies & Software	11,037	34,502	9,520
Other Business Expenses	20,777	19,658	4,844
Outreach	9,007	16,652	7,525
Payroll Expenses & Taxes	179,728	251,802	185,003
Rent & Lease	24,000	24,000	12,000
Travel	12,940	26,266	7,459
Utilities	10,615	9,651	4,535
Total Expenses	657,487	1,043,029	570,411
Contributions in Excess of Exp	(27,417)	28,134	(93,998)

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	ACTUAL Jan-Jun 2025	BUDGET Jan-Jun 2025	+/-	BUDGET Jan-Dec 2025
Federal Contributions	414,057	227,647	186,410	430,294
Federal Contributions	131,738	125,000	6,738	220,000
DNC Contributions	104,048	75,000	29,048	165,000
Other Federal Income	30,000	-	30,000	-
Goodchange Contributions	110,624	-	110,624	-
In-Kind Contributions	17,647	17,647	-	35,294
Tribal Contributions	10,000	-	10,000	-
Trust Disbursements	10,000	10,000	-	10,000
Levin Contributions	20,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Levin Contributions	10,000	-	10,000	-
Tribal Contributions	-	-	-	-
Trust Disbursements	10,000	10,000	-	10,000
State Contributions	42,356	48,000	(5,644)	63,000
State Contributions	32,356	38,000	(5,644)	53,000
Tribal Contributions	-	-	-	-
Trust Disbursements	10,000	10,000	-	10,000
Total Income	476,413	285,647	190,766	503,294

Expenses

Arbitrator/Union Action	1,359	94,058	92,699	113,058
Bank Charges & Fees	1,901	-	(1,901)	-
Chair Stipend	27,000	27,000	-	54,000
Contributions to Campaigns	1,170	1,170	(0)	1,170
Conventions	126,476	63,000	(63,476)	63,000
Coordinated Campaign	-	-	-	-
Employee Benefits	18,311	24,000	5,689	48,000
Equipment Rental	4,285	3,000	(1,285)	6,000
Fund Trade	35,000	-	(35,000)	-
Fundraising & Marketing	40,080	23,959	(16,121)	25,959
Legal & Professional Services	48,355	40,000	(8,355)	70,000
NGP / VAN	35,587	24,000	(11,587)	48,000
Office Supplies & Software	9,520	4,500	(5,020)	9,000
Other Business Expenses	4,844	12,600	7,756	25,200
Outreach	7,525	735	(6,790)	735
Payroll Expenses & Taxes	185,003	138,000	(47,003)	276,000
Rent & Lease	12,000	12,000	-	24,000
Travel	7,459	5,250	(2,209)	8,250
Utilities	4,535	6,000	1,465	12,000
Total Expenses	570,411	479,272	(91,139)	784,372
Contributions in Excess of Expense	(93,998)	(193,625)	99,627	(281,078)

	June 2023	December 2023	June 2024	December 2024	June 2025
ASSETS					
Current Assets					
<i>Federal Bank Accounts</i>					
Building	-	-	-	-	100
Federal Petty Cash	417	349	492	341	423
Federal	9,357	21,981	23,749	44,051	53,392
FSDP	10	20	35	46	-
Goodchange Clearing	-	-	-	-	9,126
OK Future Fund	500	500	500	19,125	15,426
Securing OK	-	-	-	1,170	-
Serve Federal	1,119	-	-	-	-
Treasury	-	-	25,088	10,393	518
<i>Levin Bank Account</i>	20,194	20,269	15,269	269	10,531
<i>State Bank Accounts</i>					
OK Future Fund (State)	19	24	38	22,571	6,092
State	3,963	1,576	2,509	29,874	15,983
<i>Restricted Trust Account</i>	142,000	142,000	112,000	112,000	82,000
Total Bank Accounts	177,578	186,718	179,680	239,839	193,590
Accounts Receivable	-	-	-	-	-
Other Current Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Total Current Assets	177,578	186,718	179,680	239,839	193,590
TOTAL ASSETS	177,578	186,718	179,680	239,839	193,590
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY					
Liabilities					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	18,164	-	8,131	54,987	132,736
Deferred Trust Contributions	142,000	142,000	112,000	112,000	82,000
Total Current Liabilities	160,164	142,000	120,131	166,987	214,736
Total Liabilities	160,164	142,000	120,131	166,987	214,736
Equity					
Opening Balance Equity	1,674	1,674	1,674	1,674	1,674
Retained Earnings	70,461	70,461	43,044	43,044	71,178
Net Income	(54,721)	(27,417)	14,830	28,134	(93,998)
Total Equity	17,415	44,718	59,549	72,852	(21,146)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	177,578	186,718	179,680	239,839	193,590



Account Payable Aging Schedule
As of June 30, 2025

Vendor	CURRENT	1 - 30	31 - 60	61+	Total
ADP	19,641.89				19,641.89
Dotcom Leasing, LLC		289.74			289.74
Ed Berrong Insurance	855.00				855.00
Impressions Printing	693.24				693.24
Ogletree				59,593.56	59,593.56
Patton Data Processing		2,000.00			2,000.00
Preferred Business Systems		215.08			215.08
QuikPrint	725.65				725.65
Renaissance Hotel of Tulsa	12,368.79				12,368.79
Sandler, Reiff, Young & Lamb		400.00			400.00
Stoney Creek Hotel	30,626.69				30,626.69
The Printers of Oklahoma	5,326.70				5,326.70
TOTAL	70,237.96	2,904.82	-	59,593.56	132,736.34

Account Payable Account Balances

Vendor	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jun 2025
ADP							19,642
Alicia Anderws				2,250			
ASDC						313	
BCOM	15,417	9,417	4,312				
Dotcom Leasing, LLC					290	290	290
Ed Berrong Insurance							855
GO Consulting				489	489	489	
Impressions Printing							693
Ogletree	36,041	36,041	36,041	40,924	59,594	59,594	59,594
Patton Data Processing	1,500	1,500	3,500	5,500	7,500	9,500	2,000
Preferred Business Systems				249	215	215	215
QuikPrint							726
Renaissance Hotel of Tulsa							12,369
Sandler, Reiff, Young & Lamb		400		400	800	1,200	400
Slate at Founders Tower				1,458			
StacLabs	2,029	4,053	1,999				
Stoney Creek Hotel							30,627
The Printers of Oklahoma							5,327
TOTAL	54,987	51,411	45,852	51,271	68,888	71,600	132,736



Questions



**2025 OKLAHOMA DEMOCRATIC PARTY STATE CONVENTION
-CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE-**

FINAL REPORT

JUNE 24, 2025

CHAIR NOTES:

We, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee of the 2025 Oklahoma Democratic Party State Convention, would like to thank all delegates, party members, County and Congressional District leaders, and state party staff who submitted changes to this body. Due diligence was given to each submission, and while some were recommended to not pass, each item was given full and weighty consideration before a decision was reached by the committee. All decisions by this committee were reached after thorough and hourless lengthy discussion.

This Committee would once again remind the body of the Oklahoma Democratic Party assembled delegation, that this is a voluntary organization, and as such, we would like to also thank committee members for their time and dedication to the creation of this report. The professionalism with which debate transpired, the passionate and reasoned discourse of members, and the desire to provide the Party with the most effective governing documents, are all aspects worthy of commendation.

All decisions here within are mere suggestions until approved by the entirety of the Oklahoma Democratic Party with vote as required by the Constitution and Bylaws.

Submitted by:

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS:

1: ORDER OF ELECTIONS

- **ARTICLE III, SECTION 4**
 - **UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO REVISE THE ORDER STATE PARTY OFFICERS ARE ELECTED.**
 - **FORMERLY READ CHAIR-> VICE-CHAIR-> SECRETARY-> TREASURER.**
 - **SHALL READ, ACCORDING TO BYLAW 09**
CHAIR – VICE CHAIR – TREASURER – SECRETARY

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: DO PASS

2: REORGANIZATION

- **PROPOSAL TO DO A REORGANIZATION EVERY *FOUR* YEARS INSTEAD OF TWO**
 - Arguments for:
 - Reduces the cost to ODP
 - Aligns ODP with other state parties
 - Arguments against:
 - Convention is an opportunity to raise money
 - Two years is long enough, especially if you are trying to bring new people into office
 - Helps combat “volunteer fatigue”
 - Strong consensus against the original proposal
 - Compromise floated
 - State Officers are elected to four-year terms, but county/precinct officers are elected to two-year terms.
 - Rejected unanimously via voice vote

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: DO NOT PASS

3: LANGUAGE REGARDING EX-OFFICIO

Section 3: State Central Committee

There shall be a State Central Committee, which shall consist of:

- A. The State Party Officers [[Article III: §4](#)] of the State Convention,
- A. Any members of the Democratic National Committee [[Article III: §5](#)] from Oklahoma,
- A. The chair, vice-chair and secretary of each Congressional District Convention,
- A. The four (4) State Affirmative Action Officials [[Article V: §6](#)] elected by the State Convention,
- A. Two (2) members of the County Chairs Association, one (1) of which shall be the chair of a county party with nine (9) or more delegates to the State Convention, and one (1) of which

shall be the chair of a county party with fewer than nine (9) delegates to the State Convention [[Article III: §2](#)],

- A. The president of each of the recognized federations of State Democratic clubs, who shall be voting **ex-officio** members,
- A. The president of each state federation of Democratic clubs whose bylaws have been approved by the State Central Committee under [Article XI](#), but which has not been established in the Oklahoma Democratic Party Bylaws; and
- A. A representative, selected from among them by Oklahoma's congressional delegation, a representative, selected from among them by Democratic officials elected statewide, a State Senator, selected by the Democratic Caucus of the State Senate, and a State Representative, selected by the Democratic Caucus of the State House of Representatives.

Section 6: State Convention

There shall be a State Convention. The State Convention membership shall be composed of the following delegates:

- A. The County Convention Officers [[Article III: §2.A.](#)] elected from each of the County Conventions,
- A. The State Delegates [[Article III: §2.B.](#)] allocated to each County,
- A. The Congressional District Officers [[Article III: §3](#)] of each Congressional District Convention,
- A. The State Affirmative Action Committee members [[Article V: §6](#)],
- A. The State Party Officers [[Article III: §4](#)] of the State Convention,
- A. Any members of the Democratic National Committee [[Article III: §5](#)] from Oklahoma,
- A. Those publicly elected Democratic official(s) who are designated to be delegates, per [Article IV](#); and
- A. The president, and one delegate elected by convention, from each of the recognized federations of State Democratic clubs, who shall be voting **ex-officio** delegates.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: DO PASS

4: NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

SECTION 5: NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Positions on the Democratic National Committee allocated to the Oklahoma Democratic Party shall be filled by election every ~~four~~ **two** years by a majority vote of State delegates at **the State Convention**. ~~'s National Delegate Selection Convention called pursuant to a National Call for the election of National Delegates to a National Presidential Nominating Convention of the Democratic Party.~~

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: DO PASS

5: EXCEPTIONS TO GENDER BALANCE

- A. To aid in the representation of under-served counties, the State Central Committee may authorize flexibility in gender balance requirements [[Article III: §2.B](#)] ~~for precinct and/or~~

~~county party officers~~: when requested by a county in certain circumstances. In every such case, the election results of the county's most recent convention must be submitted to the State Central Committee prior to or concurrent with the request:

1. In a county allocated ten (10) or fewer State Convention delegates (including officers); ~~and, the State Central Committee may authorize the county to fill its officer positions without regard to gender balance.~~
 2. In a county where (because of regular gender balance requirements) there are ~~vacancies remaining among a majority of the top three Precinct Committee Officials throughout precincts in the respective county, vacancies remaining among County Central Committee members, and/or vacancies remaining among State Convention Delegates from that county = all after the election results of the most recent respective County Convention have been submitted to the State Democratic Party, Either a) vacancies remaining in over one-half of the available precinct committee positions, b) vacancies remaining among County Central Committee members, or c) vacancies remaining among District/State Convention delegates from that county, the State Central Committee may authorize the county to fill the vacant positions without regard to gender balance.~~
- A. ~~For a county that meets the requirements set forth in this section, the State Central Committee may authorize the respective County Central Committee to fill those vacancies without regard for gender balance. The State Central Committee shall review the authorization every two years, on or about the anniversary date of the authorization, to determine if the respective County Central Committee has worked to promote balanced gender representation among precinct officials, county party officials and state delegates. After this review, the State Central Committee may revoke or may renew the grant of this type of gender balance flexibility among precinct and county party offices.~~ **shall either reject or extend their authorization**, but the flexibility may be authorized by the State Central Committee for no more than eight (8) consecutive years.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: DO PASS

BYLAW CHANGES:

Bylaw 01: The Organizational Meetings

The Precinct Committees, County, Congressional district, and State Conventions shall meet in odd numbered years, and elect officers and such other officials as may be required to serve until the next organizational meeting.

- A. The Precinct Committees shall meet on the third Thursday in March at 7 p.m. or any day within +/- seven (7) days of the required meeting date; however, the County Central Committee of a county may vote to call precinct meetings on the same date specified in [Bylaw 1: §B](#), for the County Convention at a time prior to the County Convention, and shall mail a call for both the precinct and county meetings on the date required for precinct calls in [Bylaw 2](#) (30 days).

County Conventions shall meet at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. on the fourth (4th) Saturday following Precinct Committee meetings, or any day within +/- seven (7) days of the required meeting date. **If Precinct Committees are held at a prior time on the same day as the County Convention, a call shall be mailed for both the precinct and county meeting on the date required for precinct calls in Bylaw 2 (30 days).**

G: The State Central Committee shall determine, by a majority vote, the location of the State Convention no later than **twelve (12)** ~~six (6) months~~ prior to the meeting date set forth in these Bylaws.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: DO PASS

Bylaw 08: State Central Committee Call

- A. A meeting shall be called by the State Chair mailing – electronically or otherwise – all members of the State Central Committee, at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting date, a letter calling the meeting which shall state the date, time, and location of the meeting.
- A. Meeting dates, times, and locations may be pre-set by the State Chair, with the advice and consent of the State Central Committee, at a regularly called meeting of the State Central Committee.
 - 1. Notice of meetings shall be mailed – electronically or otherwise – to all committee members at least ten (10) days prior to the set meeting date, unless the date of the meeting shall be less than ten (10) days from the date of the meeting at which it is set, in which case notices shall be mailed – electronically or otherwise – at the earliest possible date.
- A. A meeting may also be called by ten (10) members signing a petition, which calls for a meeting and states the date, time, and location. The meeting should always include a call-in number or Zoom option for those who can't meet in person. Notice of the meeting shall be mailed – electronically or otherwise – to all members at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting. If in the event the State Secretary refuses to send notices, any of the petitioners may mail – electronically or otherwise – the notices of the meeting.
- A. The notice of a meeting of the State Central Committee shall include:
 - 1. An agenda which shall set forth those items which are to be considered, or which may require a vote of the Committee members;
 - . Any item not on the agenda may be considered upon a two- thirds (2/3rds) majority vote of those present and voting members of the State Central Committee.
 - 2. A copy of the previous meeting's minutes, if the meeting is called pursuant to [Bylaw 8: §A-B](#).
 - . Minutes of State Central Committee meetings shall include all votes of the committee and a brief exposition of the discussion reflecting the opinions expressed.
- A. Meetings of the State Central Committee shall be open to the public, except when the Committee may go into executive session and exclude anyone, not a voting member, for personal cases or any other matters upon a two- thirds (2/3rds) majority vote.
- A. All votes shall be taken in open session. Absent members may vote via conference call or speakerphone at the time a vote is taken. Their vote will be counted. Their presence will be noted as "Present-By-Phone" and will not be counted for a quorum at non-conference call meetings.
- A. Central Committee Meetings may be conducted via conference call should circumstances warrant; however, business may only be taken up if there is a preset agenda which sets forth those items which are to be considered, a quorum is satisfied, and minutes are taken to be ratified at the next regular meeting. All votes taken must be seen or announced by all participants.
- ~~A. The State Party Chair – or the Vice-Chair in the Chair's absence – after attending the summer and winter meetings of the DNC, shall create a written report within three (3) weeks of each meeting. The report shall cover each of the agenda items of the meeting, and must include each of the Oklahoma delegation's votes during the meeting, in the report. The report is to be submitted to the Central Committee, and is to be accessible from the ODP website home page, under a tab titled "Reports".~~

- ~~A. To promote transparency, the State Central Committee meeting agenda is to be accessible from the home page of the ODP website forty-eight (48) hours in advance of said meetings; under a tab titled "Reports". Approved minutes of said meetings are to be accessible from the home page in the same manner.~~

Committee recommends removal of subsection H and I.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: DO PASS

Bylaw 11: Certification of Election

- A. The State Secretary shall certify all election results, appointments, or succession of any official of the Party by mailing – electronically or otherwise – to the appropriate committee(s) a list of all individuals whose election, appointment, or succession election results have been recorded.
- A. Certification of elections by the State Secretary shall not be discretionary and shall be made at the earliest possible date.
- A. No individual shall receive credentials at a County, Congressional District, or State Convention unless that individual has been certified by the State Secretary as a delegate to that Convention; except those delegates who are residents of a county that issues a call for its precinct meetings to be held on the same date as the county convention as provided in [Bylaw 1: §A](#), and shall not be required to be certified by the State Secretary as otherwise provided in this [Bylaw 11](#).
- A. The State Secretary shall maintain a current list of all Precinct Committee, County, Congressional District, and State Convention members and officials. This information shall be available to any registered Democrat upon written request.
 - 1. The ODP shall establish written policies and procedures to ensure that confidential – not publicly available – information concerning volunteers and party officials (i.e., Precinct Officers, County Officers, State Delegates, District Officers, and State Officers) that is disseminated by any party official, to a third party, is not disclosed without prior consent. Any person ~~service in a party position or volunteer capacity~~ **serving as a party officer or volunteer**, may designate that their personal information not be disclosed; however, that person shall submit an alternate means of contact. Any lists or other information distributed to a third party by a party office shall be limited in purpose and shall not be freely distributed, copied and/or shared. The policies and procedures shall be mailed – electronically or otherwise – to every county and district chair during the months of January and July of each year.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: DO PASS

Bylaw 14: Creation of Vacancy in Office

- A. A vacancy automatically occurs when a Party convention or committee fails to elect an official at its organizational meeting, or when a Party official:
 - 1. Resigns from office,
 - 2. Succeeds to another Party office,
 - 3. Is elected, or appointed, to another Party office, except at the precinct level,
 - 4. Dies,

5. Transfers their voter registration from the unit in which they were elected,
6. Changes their voter registration from Democrat to Independent or any other party,
7. Is recalled; or
8. Fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the body to which they are elected.

Meetings for this purpose will be defined as:

- a. Any meeting a reasonable person would expect the officer to attend, except in instances of extreme hardship, or
- a. Any meeting where they represent the people who elected them and are an official voting member of the committee.
- a. This rule shall not apply to meetings where they have been granted ex-officio status.
- a. The spirit of this rule is not punitive, but is to ensure party building at all levels.

A. Should a vacancy occur due to the election or appointment of a Party official to another Party office as provided for in Section A.3. above, the Party official so elected or appointed shall become an interim official in the position they are vacating until such time as the vacancy can be filled according to Bylaws 16 - 18. Such Party official shall not hold a vote as a result of their interim status and shall not be considered a member of their previous committee during such time they are an interim official.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: DO PASS

Bylaw 21: Automatic Recall

CURRENT: Any Party officer who supports a candidate that is not a Democrat, in a partisan election, shall in doing so resign their office.

PROPOSED: Any Party officer who supports a candidate that is not a Democrat, who is running against a Democrat in a partisan election, is immediately, automatically, and involuntarily recalled from office.

"Support" shall be defined as any action taken by the Party officer that promotes, assists, or facilitates the campaign, candidacy, or electoral success of a non-Democratic candidate, when such action is performed in their capacity as a Party officer, and involves the use of Party resources, connections, influence, or visibility.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: DO PASS

BYLAW 34: PROXY RULES

The Credentials Committee shall issue proxy credentials to any person who presents a proper proxy form, which the committee shall retain.

- A. No person shall have the right to cast a vote on behalf of any delegate to a convention, or a member of a committee, who is not present unless that person holds a valid proxy credential that has been issued by a credentials committee at a convention or is a written, recorded or announced proxy at a committee meeting.

- A. After having been issued credentials to a convention established by the Constitution, a delegate shall have the right to give a non-transferable proxy to a registered Democrat. The delegate giving the proxy and the person to receive the proxy must be of the same gender and **county political unit**, and appear before the credentials committee, or staff, for the proxy to be recorded and a proxy credential issued to the individual receiving it. **For the purpose of proxies, a non-binary delegate shall be able to hold a proxy for or give a proxy to a person of any gender.**
- A. A proxy may contain instructions concerning its use, and such instructions shall be binding on the proxy holder. If the proxy is not instructed, the holder may vote and act at the holder's discretion. If a proxy is instructed and the proxy holder fails or refuses to vote according to instructions, the presiding officer shall ignore the action of the proxy holder and declare the vote of the proxy according to instructions.
- A. No individual may hold more than one (1) proxy.
- A. A proxy shall count for only one vote.
- A. No proxies shall be allowed at Precinct Committee meetings.
- A. Proxies, unless annotated otherwise in these Bylaws, shall not be counted for the determination of a quorum.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

DO NOT PASS "COUNTY" FROM "POLITICAL UNIT"

DO PASS NON-BINARY PROXY

BYLAW 35: PROXY TYPES

There shall be two types of proxies:

- A. Written Proxies
 - 1. A delegate to a convention or committee, who is unable to attend a meeting, may only give a written proxy to a registered Democrat of the same gender and **county political unit** as that from which the delegate was elected, per [Bylaw 34: §B](#).
 - 2. A written proxy must clearly state the name of the person giving the proxy, the office held, the name of the person to whom the proxy is given, and the date of the meeting for which the proxy is given. It must be signed and witnessed in-person by two non-related adults.
 - 3. Only written proxies where delegates of a convention or committee attending the respective meeting shall be counted present to satisfy quorum.
- A. Recorded and Announced Proxies
 - 1. The delegate to a convention who attends a meeting and leaves before adjournment may give a recorded proxy, by signing before the credentials committee, or staff, a proxy statement naming an eligible delegate of the same gender and **county political unit** as that from which the delegate was elected, per [Bylaw 34: §B](#), who shall hold the proxy.
 - 2. A member to a Central Committee who attends a meeting and leaves before adjournment may give a proxy by announcing to the Central Committee the name of

the individual to whom the proxy is to be given. The proxy holder can be of any gender and from any political unit regardless of where the member was elected.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: DO NOT PASS

BYLAW 37: QUORUM

- A. Except for a Precinct Committee **or the State Central Committee**, a quorum for any convention or committee established by the Constitution and the supporting Bylaws shall be forty percent (40%) of its certified eligible delegates **or members**. Ex-officio members shall not be counted in determining a quorum.
- A. The quorum for a Precinct Committee meeting shall be any number of Democrats registered in the precinct present at the time and location stated in the notice calling the meeting.
- A. The quorum for a State Central Committee meeting shall be fifty percent (50%) plus one of its certified eligible members.**
- A. If a State Convention fails to attain quorum, the delegates present ~~can~~ **may** upon a motion, second, and passage by a majority vote ~~may~~ delegate the consideration of resolutions before the body to a special committee. Each Congressional District may elect from their district up to four (4) delegates who are not members of the State Central Committee. A gender-balanced list should be submitted to the State Secretary within twenty (20) days of the convention. The meeting for selection may occur immediately following the adjournment of the State Convention. The State Chair will be chair of this committee until the committee selects its own.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: DO PASS

BYLAW 40: SECRET BALLOT

In accordance with the Democratic Party Charter, Article 9: Section 11, the use of secret ballots is prohibited at all meetings of the **Oklahoma Democratic Party and its subunits**. ~~at all levels for election of officers and any other purpose. Refer to DNC Bylaws Article 1: Bylaw 8(1) for additional information and clarification.~~

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: DO PASS

BYLAW 46: STATE OFFICERS

- A. The State Chair shall:
 - 1. Preside at the meetings of the State Convention and the State Central Committee,
 - 2. Be the sole spokesperson for the Democratic Party in the State, unless another individual is nominated by the Chair and approved by the State Central Committee,
 - 3. Be the inspirational leader of the Oklahoma Democratic Party,

4. Be responsible for recruiting and interviewing prospective candidates for public offices in consultation with appropriate party leaders and publicly elected office holders,
5. Coordinate Party activities with the elected Democratic leadership,
6. Be responsible for establishing workshops for Democratic nominees for public office in such areas as campaign techniques, fundraising, and campaign finance and election laws,
7. Direct all fundraising efforts of the Democratic Party and assure that all funds are deposited in accounts in the name of the Oklahoma Democratic Party,
8. Disburse funds of the Party. All disbursements shall have written authorization of at least two State Officers,
9. Countersign with one of the other State Officers all checks drawn on ODP accounts,
10. Be responsible for directing the Biennial Party Organizational Convention process and the Presidential Delegate Selection Convention process,
11. Be responsible for maintaining a State Headquarters,
12. Be responsible for conducting a search, interviews, and appointing a State Executive Director, with the advice and consent of the State Central Committee,
 - A.12.i No individual may assume the title of State Executive Director without consent.
 - A.12.ii The State Central Committee shall have a maximum of forty-five (45) days from the announcement of the Executive Director to convene and vote upon the appointment.
 - A.12.iii No person may serve as Chair and State Executive Director simultaneously.
 - A.12.iv Termination of the State Executive Director shall be with the advice and consent of the State Central Committee.
13. Call meetings of the State Central Committee at such times as deemed appropriate,
14. Appoint committee membership, with the approval of the State Central Committee,
15. Appoint sergeants-at-arms and tally clerks for each convention that is called; and
16. Attend and vote at any meeting where they represent the people who elected them and are an official voting member of the committee, except in cases of extreme hardship.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: DO PASS

BYLAW 52: OKLAHOMA FEDERATION OF YOUNG DEMOCRATS CLUBS

There shall be an Oklahoma Federation of Young Democrats Clubs, which shall be composed of all recognized Democratic clubs that meet the Federation's requirements for membership and choose to affiliate with said Federation.

A. This Federation shall restrict the membership of all affiliate clubs. Membership will be open to any registered Democrats ~~(40)~~ 35 years of age and younger, but otherwise shall be open to all members of the Oklahoma Democratic Party regardless of sex, gender, race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status, disability, or philosophical persuasion.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: DO PASS

BYLAW 61: CLOSED PRIMARY

The State Convention may, by majority vote, direct the State Chair to notify the State Election Board that the Oklahoma Democratic Party will allow independent (no party) voters to vote in Democratic party primaries, as provided for by statute. Should no such direction be provided by the State Convention, only voters who have registered as Democrats prior to a Democratic primary election may vote in that Democratic primary election. ~~The State Convention by a majority vote will direct the State Chair to notify the State Election Board in the prescribed time frame and manner by statute, whether the party intends to permit independent voters to vote.~~

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: DO PASS

2025 Oklahoma Democratic Party State Convention Vote Totals for Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary

Present		Brewer	Hayes	abstain			Waldron	Dawson	Andrews	abstain	Alonso-Sandoval	Smyth
4	Adair		4			Adair		4			96	33
8	Bryan		6			Bryan	1		7		136	80
19	Canadian	13	6			Canadian	10	8	1		87	34
10	Carter	6	4			Carter	6	1	1	2	319	147
12	Cherokee	3	6	3		Cherokee	4	0	8			
5	Choctaw	5				Choctaw	5				Cain - acclamation	
54	Cleveland	31	21	1		Cleveland	27	19	6	1		
15	Comanche	6	8	1		Comanche	2	10	2	0		
11	Creek	7	4			Creek	10	1				
6	Custer	6				Custer	4	0	2			
1	Deleware		1			Deleware			1			
9	Garfield	5	4			Garfield			9			
7	Garvin		6			Garvin		6	1			
8	Grady	4	3			Grady	6	0	2	0		
6	Haskell	6				Haskell	3		3			
5	Kay	3	2			Kay	4		1			
5	Latimer	3	2			Latimer	2	1	2			
4	LeFlore	4				LeFlore			4			
7	Lincoln	4	3			Lincoln	4	2	1			
10	Logan		10			Logan		10				
6	Mayes	6				Mayes	4		2			
9	McClain	8	1			McClain	3	5	1			
3	McCurtain	3				McCurtain			3			
7	McIntosh		7			McIntosh	3	3	1	0		
12	Muskogee	2	10			Muskogee			12			
2	Nowata	1		1		Nowata	1			1		
3	Okfuskee					Okfuskee			3			
123	Oklahoma	88	14	2		Oklahoma	83	17	20	3		
9	Okmulgee	5	2	2		Okmulgee	6	1	2			
4	Osage	2	2			Osage	2		2			
18	Payne	14	4			Payne	17		1			
9	Pittsburg	9				Pittsburg	5	1	3			
9	Pontotoc	8	1			Pontotoc	9					
13	Pottawatomie	10	3			Pottawatomie	10	0	3			
13	Rogers	11	1			Rogers	13					
1	Sequoyah	1				Sequoyah			1			
98	Tulsa	69	17			Tulsa	63	7	27	1		
14	Wagoner	6	7	1		Wagoner	9		3	2		
9	Washington	8	1			Washington	5	1	3			
3	Woods		3			Woods		3				
1	Woodward	1				Woodward			1			
572	Quorum Totals	358	163	11	532	Quorum Totals	321	100	139	10	570	

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the future of the Great State of Oklahoma is worth fighting for;
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oklahoma Democratic Party adopts in its entirety the
2025 Oklahoma Democratic Party Platform.

2025 Oklahoma Democratic Party Platform

An Oklahoma Addendum to the 2024 Democratic Party Platform

We, the Democrats of the State of Oklahoma, united under the banner of the oldest political party in the world, hereby rededicate ourselves to the principles which have historically sustained our party. While recognizing the limits of government, we regard democratic government as a force for good and a source of hope. We seek individual freedom in the framework of a just society. We pledge ourselves to uphold the United States Constitution and to work openly and honestly in our efforts to conduct public affairs in a manner worthy of a society of free and responsible citizens.

Both our country and our state are in peril. We face massive wealth and income inequalities among our citizens and the resultant divergence in health and educational outcomes; the environmental and financial costs of climate change; the challenges of global human migration in a chaotic world; and the rampant and willful spread of misinformation and disinformation.

The Oklahoma Democratic Party knows it is vitally important to ensure our federal and state governments are robust and fully equipped to successfully confront the challenges ahead. We are prepared to work collaboratively with our fellow Oklahomans, regardless of political party, to invest in and enrich our communities, rural and urban. Together, we will meet the challenges and opportunities before us with strength, determination, wisdom, and compassion.

Oklahoma Democrats stand firm in the battle against fear, hatred, bigotry, authoritarianism, and extreme partisan ideology that too often pervades our political discourse. We value community in all its forms, celebrate diversity, and will work to strengthen families of all types.

Protecting our state from extreme partisan ideology requires defending and strengthening our democratic institutions, namely our election processes. Democrats support secure, efficient, and accessible voting. We support expanding access to absentee or mail-in ballots and oppose any effort to eliminate “no excuse” absentee voting. Because it is critical for voters to make informed, individual choices, we favor removing straight-party voting as a ballot option.

The right to the initiative petition process is enshrined in the Oklahoma Constitution as a citizen-led backstop to democracy. We strongly oppose the recently enacted county signature collection limitations and other changes intended to cripple the initiative petition process. These changes are blatantly unconstitutional and designed to silence the voices of Oklahoma citizens.

Unconstitutional legislation such as this makes the impartiality and objectivity of our state court system all the more important. We continue to view the Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) as the best method to nominate higher court judges. We oppose efforts to abolish the JNC or alter it in ways that would further politicize our state judiciary.

As we defend our state against extreme partisan ideology, we must strive to enact equitable and fiscally responsible policies that expand opportunity for all Oklahomans. We must properly invest in our state government and public infrastructure, including common and higher education, transportation, mental health, Medicaid, and public safety. We must ensure

access to quality and affordable healthcare, childcare, housing, and strong public education throughout our state.

Sustaining these public investments requires a progressive tax code where everyone contributes their fair share without undue hardship. We adamantly oppose legislative efforts to reduce income tax rates without also identifying replacement funding sources that are equitable and stable.

Oklahoma Democrats know that public education funding must go to public schools. We strongly oppose the diversion of public tax dollars to private school voucher and tax credit programs. We also oppose the unconstitutional authorization and state funding of religious charter schools.

The future of our state depends on innovation. Democrats support responsible business development and job creation, and we understand and appreciate the importance of agriculture, energy, aviation, and military installations to the continued prosperity of our state. We must continue to diversify our state's economy. In addition to oil & gas production, we must strive to be a leader in wind, solar, and other clean, renewable energy sources.

We further recognize that labor unions are essential to a healthy balance between capital and labor. We cannot live in a prosperous state without both a vibrant business community and a skilled, dedicated labor force. Oklahomans deserve to live in a state where everyone has a chance at a decent job that pays a living wage. Democrats support the passage of State Question 832 that will raise the hourly minimum wage in Oklahoma to \$15 by 2029.

We support allowing workers with Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITINs) to obtain driver's licenses to more safely contribute to our state's economy and care for their families.

Oklahoma exists on the lands of 39 sovereign Tribal Nations. We acknowledge that our prosperity as a state is intertwined with the prosperity of our Tribal Nation partners. We recognize and support tribal sovereignty. As a state, our relationship with Tribal Nations should always be based upon cooperation, communication, and mutual respect.

We respect bodily autonomy and know that trained and educated medical professionals are far better suited than politicians to direct the care of their patients. Medical care decisions, including reproductive rights and gender-affirming care, must be left to patients and their doctors. We refuse to move backward and will stand firm in defense of these rights.

We believe Oklahoma should be inclusive for all of us, regardless of race, sex, gender identity, age, ethnicity, religion, sexuality, or ability. Democrats are champions for human rights, and we will never hesitate to stand up for the most vulnerable and at-risk among us.

Oklahoma Democrats value knowledge, scholarship, and verifiable historical truth. Students and citizens of all ages must be engaged in an inclusive and age-appropriate way to critically think about difficult questions and issues. To that end, we support professional educators, librarians, and the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority (OETA). We fight against misinformation, historical censorship, book banning, and the destructive politicization of public education, academic standards, public libraries, and public broadcasting.

The Oklahoma Democratic Party approves this 2025 state platform as an Oklahoma Addendum to the 2024 Democratic Party Platform because we know the future of our great state is worth fighting for. In the words of President John F. Kennedy, "We are not here to curse the darkness, we are here to light a candle."

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Resolution to Affirm the Basic Freedoms of Our Democracy: Supporting D.E.I.A.

Whereas the urgency to support all Oklahomans has reached this unprecedented moment;

Whereas we continue to value the goals of **life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness** as basic human rights for all peoples, not limited to, but including:

- Native, Black, and all persons of Color (BIPOC)
- Union and public service members
- Veterans
- Immigrants
- Refugees
- all identities of gender and sexual orientation (2sLGBTQIA+)
- minority religious and community groups
- disabled individuals;

And whereas Republican-led governments are currently obstructing those freedoms for which countless Oklahomans, including aforementioned groups, have sacrificed their own lives and liberties for the common good;

Therefore we, the Oklahoma Democratic Party, recommit ourselves to the aforementioned values by:

- calling on Republican leaders to cease and desist from malicious discrimination impacting Oklahomans;
- affirming our inclusion of all Oklahomans, uniting in our diversity;
- seeking respectful conversations with Oklahomans who identify with groups other than our own;
- developing and deepening our relationships with groups assisting those targeted via access to culturally-responsive resources such as:
 - healthcare
 - education
 - food security
 - fair housing
 - economic development
- prioritizing grassroots voices of Oklahomans to ensure **life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness** perseveres in matters of:
 - artistic expression
 - legislation
 - executive orders
 - all avenues of justice for all Oklahomans including **diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility**