

**Arizona Democratic Party
State Committee Meeting
Saturday, April 22nd, 2023, 9 AM**

9:00am Opening remarks- Chair Yolanda Bejarano

Good morning, Democrats. I am so happy to join you today. Before we get started, I'd like to remind everybody that at any point in the meeting, please feel free to ask a question using the q&a chat box at the bottom of your screen, and our team will work to answer any questions. As a reminder, our full DNC delegate selection plan can be found online at azdem.org. We have a lot to get to today. I want to make sure that we have an efficient meeting, so let's get started with the Pledge of Allegiance, which I will lead us in. Next, it is my pleasure to introduce our very own DNC member Clara Pratt to deliver a land acknowledgement Clara.

9:01am - Pledge of Allegiance- Chair Bejarano

9:01am - Land Acknowledgement- Clara Pratt (video)

9:03am – In Memoriam

9:05am – Introduction of Parliamentarian Kobe King, and closed captioner Tracy Reinke.

9:06am – Credentials Report – Anne Greenburg

Election Buddy Review- Chair of Chairs Elisabeth Tyndall

Election Buddy Test Vote

State committee membership stands at 767 members.

Quorum requires 40% and there are 516 members present or present by proxy.

We have quorum.

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Practice vote

9:59am – Chairs Report - Chair Yolanda Bejarano

Thank you everybody for your patience as we worked through our technical issues. Good morning, Arizona Democrats. I'm so pleased to be here with you all this morning. I'd like to thank our Executive Board, Executive Committee, and each county chair for your support and partnership. So grateful for your commitment and passion for building a stronger, better Arizona Democratic Party. Because of the strong partnerships, and after decades of hard work. Arizona is a major player in democratic politics. For many of us this moment with the Democratic Senator, Governor, Secretary of State and Attorney General has been a long time coming. I ran for chair on a commitment to elect more Democrats to office in Arizona, and that continues to be my top priority and goal in this work. I've also been reflecting on how far we've come and just the last decade or so. I first met many of you during the 2011 recall of Senator Russell Pierce, the author of the notorious SB 1070. Democrats Republicans, Independents, Latinos, union members, educators and youth activists came together to for the first time to oust a sitting state

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senate president. That coalition continued to harness their power and grow. Five years later, we rejected Joe Arpaio in 2016. We have been putting in the organizing work for decades, building an infrastructure, solidifying relationships, crossing party lines to build a value aligned coalition that welcomes all. This didn't happen overnight, and it isn't a fluke. This is the product of 12 plus years of building relationships, and trusting people working to build a better state. I want to remind everybody here today that our work is not over, we still have so much more to accomplish. And the good news is, the momentum is with us, as we always say, there are no off years. You are aware, the Arizona Republican Party continues to show us they're worse, and Democrats will continue holding Republicans accountable. Their anti-Arizona Maga agenda is not what voters want. What I want to leave you with today is that our work is not done. The Arizona Democratic Party is doubling down on our efforts to ensure the Arizona's leaders reflect the values of actual Arizonans and fight for policies that benefit everyone. We are building structures and systems our candidates, volunteers and staff need to be successful and win in 2024. I've been meeting with many national Democratic Party leaders over the past several weeks, one thing has been consistent across every one of these conversations. Arizona is one of if not the most critical battleground states in the Nation. The road to the White House, and regaining majorities in both the Senate and the House runs straight through Arizona. That is not to mention the opportunity we have to flip the legislature and elect pro-democracy county level officials like county recorders and supervisors. It can be a very daunting task to think about, but I am more optimistic than ever. Our electoral goals are lofty, but in November; Arizona is going to be blue. While our share of electoral goals to elect more Democrats are my top priority, I want to make sure that every Arizona Democrat has an opportunity to engage on the issues that matter to you. So, thank you all for not only your time this morning, but for everything you're doing to build a better Arizona. Now let's get to work. I'd like to welcome our Parliamentarian Coby King to guide us through the rules of discussion, before we hear about our DNC delegate selection plan

10:05am- Rules of Discussion-Coby King Parliamentarian

Five minutes Q&A

**3 pro statements, 3 con statements alternating
each speaker 2 minutes**

10:10am- DNC 2024 Delegate Selection Committee- Senior Vice Chair- Sierra Yamanaka

Thank you, Chairwoman. Good morning, everyone, and as the chairwoman said I have been proud to chair the 2024 delegate selection committee. It was announced this week that the democratic national convention will be held August 19 through 22nd, 2024 In Chicago, which I personally think is a very exciting way to celebrate my 30th birthday. I have a few other key dates for you to note here. The presidential preference election will take place on March 19th, 2024, and the district level caucuses will be held on April 20th, 2024. All other positions will be elected at the May 2024 meeting on May 18. Over the last several weeks, we have been hard at

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work ensuring that our plan to select delegates for the 2024 DNC contains the necessary information and is compliant with all ADP and DNC rules. If you weren't able to take a look at it, it's up on the ADP website on the seat committee page. I hope that you were able to attend one of our info sessions during the 30-day public comment period which concluded on Thursday. Our committee carefully reviewed your feedback made small but appropriate changes and the final version was made available yesterday. The committee is coming to you today with a recommendation that the state committee approve the 2024 DNC delegate selection plan as written, noting that the chair of the committee will be permitted to make small technical changes as necessary. I would like to move that the state committee adopt the recommendation of the committee because this motion is coming out of a committee it does not need a second If there are no objections. Are there any objections?

Objection to approving by acclamation by Lisa Malachowsky
3 con and 3 pro speakers
Review of Rules
Pro Speakers- Paul Smith, Kim Khoury, Luis Heredia
Con Speakers- Lisa Malachowsky, Will Knight
Motion to adopt the Delegate Selection Plan Voting Begun
Motion passes with 79.5% of the votes

10:56am-Chair Yolanda Bejarano

Thank you so much. Motion passes. Wonderful. All right. Okay, thank you all. The request to move the order of the agenda is denied. So, we're going to move into our Treasurer's Report

10:57am-Rick McGuire-Treasurer

Official treasurer's reports are confidential and as part of that confidentiality they do not appear in public meeting minutes.

11:08am- Morgan Dick- ADP Executive Director

Thank you, Madam Chair and good morning, Arizona Democratic Party. I am thrilled to be here with you all this morning. I'm sharing my very first executive directors report. My name is Morgan Dick and I am the new executive director of the state party. I started just three weeks ago and my what a three weeks it has been. I thought I would take a couple of minutes today to introduce myself to all of you. I know many of you, some of you for years, and some of you I've never had the pleasure to speak with before. I look forward to talking with every one of you. So by way of background, I'm a born and raised Arizonan and I am a proud product of Arizona public schools growing up in the South Tempe area of the valley. There's one thing you know

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about me is that I am also a huge ASU fan, which is where I went to school. While I was in school, I became an intern at the state capitol, which was my first experience with the state legislature and I couldn't get enough after that. I first started off my career working with what some of you may remember as the Arizona Advocacy Network and Foundation, working in voting rights spaces, protecting Arizona's clean election program and defending our right to vote. I spent several years there, after which I joined the team at the Arizona Department of Education with Superintendent Kathy Hoffman. I started that job as her deputy communications person, right before Arizona's public schools closed because of COVID. So, it was an excellent lesson in Crisis Communication Management, and I learned so much working for Superintendent Hoffman. I then joined the team at the party just a little over a year ago, last February as communications director, I helped manage all of the comms coming in and out of the party, and I helped coordinate with our statewide campaigns or legislative campaigns to ensure that Democrats are on message statewide. I think we did a pretty good job after seeing the results in November. Part of my role as communications director was not only to prop up our nominees, but to do what the party does best hold Republicans accountable. Some of you may also know that just a couple of days after the election, I stepped in for our previous executive director, Charlie Fisher while he was out on paternity leave. So have kind of done this job before. Then those crazy days of ballot cure and chase and making sure we were helping our elections officials defend the results of the elections from Republican conspiracy theorists. Now here, in week three of being the new ED I'm working very closely with not only Chairwoman Bejarano, but our entire staff to ensure that at ADP we have internal systems and structures in place. We're building a really strong infrastructure here so that campaigns and volunteers can plug into because we know that we need these strong systems to again, deliver the White House for Democrats, regain our congressional majorities, and flip that legislature finally. We're also going to be really focused on electing pro-democracy candidates at the county level, because the road to protecting American democracy I believe runs directly through Arizona, I think many of you will, will share that belief with me. So, as I think the chairwoman mentioned this, as well, too, but her and I have been meeting with lots of national Democratic Party leaders and, I've got to concur with her that everybody's eyes are on Arizona. I'm confident that with our staff, but all of you and our incredible volunteers across the state, we are going to ensure that Arizona is deeply blue, next November. So, with that, I just want to say thank you all so much for your support, my door is always open, please don't hesitate to reach out because it's going to take a really strong team to do all of this work. So, with that, I want to pass it off to my colleague, Elsa O'Callaghan, who is with the ADLCC to give us a quick update on the work that she is leading.

11:12am- Elsa O'Callaghan- ADLCC Executive Director

It is great to see everyone. I am currently just finished a 5k. So sitting on the side of a row of the road waiting just so I can talk to you all. So, if you haven't met me before, I am the Executive Director of the caucus program with the state party with ADLCC. I have been with the caucus since 2018. So very familiar with the work that needs to be done to get to the majority

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here, and that is all we're focused on. I was incredibly fortunate after last cycle to have a number of my staff staying on and we are, in full recruitment mode. You know, that is happening every single day, making sure that we have candidates running across the state, and we just talked to a few potential candidates in LD 30 and LD29. So, we're talking to people across the state to make sure that we have candidates everywhere, because we know that we really need to work on expanding the map to get to the majority this year. That's our entire focus, and that is what I will be working on for the next 20 months until the election. We are laser focused and have a lot of national interest and support as well as the support of all of you here who I know are also laser focused on flipping the state legislature and getting to a majority. So that's what we're working on right now. It is truly just recruitment and building the team that's going to get us there next year. We're really excited about that and excited to have the support of the Chairwoman and in Morgan alongside us so that I think is it for me. I also am always available. I live in Tucson. So, I'm not always available physically in Phoenix, but you can always find me throughout the party and I will be around at these meetings and you will see me again.

11:14am- January 2023 State Committee Meeting Minutes Approval

Call for corrections

No corrections

Minutes Approved as distributed

11:15am- Anne Greenburg-Rules Committee Report

The Rules Committee met twice this month to discuss to bylaw amendments that had been submitted and you can see the titles of the amendments here. During the second meeting, the Committee voted to table the two amendments for further evaluation to enable the committee to do our due diligence before bringing them forward to the state committee. It's incumbent on the Rules Committee to ensure that whatever amendments can be for the state committee comply with regulations and law, are consistent with the DNC charter and bylaws and integrate with other sections of the ADP bylaws. We have sent several questions to legal counsel, some of which have been answered, some of which have required more research and some of which have raised further questions. Additionally, members of the rules committee are reviewing bylaws from the other state parties to compare how they address these topics as well as to consider these amendments and an overall context of party governance, a topic that the Rules Committee has been considering off and on for at least a couple of cycles. We expect to convene another meeting of the Rules Committee toward the end of May to continue our work on these proposed amendments. I want to thank the committee members and I want to thank those who propose them. There's a lot of good solid information in there. We intend to bring these forward but we will be meeting again in May to continue the work. In addition, as rules chair I've been working with LDS and counties on their bylaws. We discovered after redistricting many LDS did not adopt bylaws. So, I created a template for LD bylaws. Many districts have been working with them to create their specific bylaws. I've been reviewing drafts

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meeting with leaders as the individual district committees go through their adoption process. I've also been working with some of our committees on updating their bylaws as well and have been participating in different meetings to help LDS and counties resolved different governance issues they have encountered. That Madam Chair is the report of the Rules Committee.

11:18am-Chair Bejarano-Resolutions Report

As you may have heard, the resolutions committee chair resigned a few days ago, leaving the committee unable to meet and conduct business. We are terribly sorry that this happened, especially to the folks who have worked really hard to submit resolutions to the state party. In an effort to provide folks an opportunity to speak, we will we'll be discussing two resolutions that were submitted to the committee, but we will not be voting on them today. These two resolutions will remain with the resolutions committee until that committee can take action on them, which may result in them being referred to the state committee for a formal vote by this body. I know that there's a third resolution related to redistricting that many folks have reached out to me about. That resolution was tabled by the committee in January, so we will not be discussing it today. I am hopeful that as your chair, I will be able to appoint a new chair of the resolutions committee in the coming days so that the committee may continue conducting their business and on the proposed resolutions. Coby, if you can, please explain to the audience how we will proceed, I'll pass it over to you.

11:20am- Coby King Parliamentarian- Rules of Discussion

As the Chair mentioned, these resolutions are still technically in the resolutions committee, and so generally, that's where they would stay. We probably wouldn't even take them up today at all, but the chair and leadership understand that there's a great deal of interest in these resolutions, and that people want to be heard on them. While we cannot take a vote today, because the resolutions committee has not sent them to the full to the state committee, we will take three speakers in favor and three speakers against the resolution for the purpose of hearing people that can also inform the discussion that will be ongoing at the resolutions committee when it is reconstituted with a new chair as the Chair mentioned.

Motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair-Ann Heitland

Second Dan O'Neal

**In Favor of the Motion to overturn the Chairs ruling Speakers-Dan O'Neal,
Jim Hannley, Jenise Porter**

Against the Motion Speakers- Jennifer Hilsbos, Valerie Harris,

A yes vote sustains the Chairs Ruling

A no vote overturns the Chairs Ruling

Voting Begun

11:49am-Chairs ruling over turned-202 votes to overturn and 199 votes to sustain

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Motion to approve both Resolutions as a package by acclimation- Lupe Conches

Objection- Mark Ashley

Motion to Adopt this resolution by acclimation

Objection-Valerie Harris

Motion to adopt the Resolution

Pro Speakers- Elizabeth Putnam-Hidalgo, Dan O'Neal,

Con Speakers- Kerry Lengal, Kathy Kinsella, Marianne Erickson

Voting Begun

**12:17pm-Resolution Democrats Nationwide... Replace Sinema in 2024-Passed
280 votes in favor and 111 votes to reject**

12:18pm Coby King Parliamentarian

Before I turn the meeting back to the chair, I want to address some questions that were raised about the speaker's list. So I hope everyone thinks I'm trying to do this as fairly and orderly in an as fairly as possible in an orderly as manner as possible. When I call for the speaker's list, that's the chance for people to be added to the Speaker's list. And if there aren't enough people who to fill out the speaker's list, I'm not adding speakers later on. So when I call for speakers pro or con of one side or the other, that's the time to raise your hand.

12:21pm Chair Yolanda Bejarano

Thank you Koby. Our second resolution is 21st century economic Bill of Rights. Kobe. If you can, please explain to the audience how we will proceed.

12:22pm Coby King Parliamentarian

Thank you, Madam Chair. Again, my interpretation of the bylaws is that because the resolutions committee did not actually take a vote on this it was tabled, it remains what it means properly with the resolutions committee and that is the chairs position as well. So at this time, we will undertake the same procedure that we did last time, which is that we will take three speakers on either side, but we will not take a vote on this resolution, it'll go back to the resolutions committee after it is reconstituted. And if the resolutions committee eventually adopts this resolution, it'll come back to the state committee at the next opportunity. So that's where we are and so at this time, we'll lower all hands and I will take three speakers in favor of the resolution.

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**In Favor of the Motion to overturn the Chairs ruling Speakers-Shanna
Leonard, Kitty Kennedy, Deydrek Scott**

Against the Motion to overturn the Chairs ruling Speakers- Michael Bryan,

A yes vote sustains the Chairs Ruling

A no vote overturns the Chairs Ruling

Voting Begun

12:44pm-Chairs ruling sustained- 185 votes to sustain the chairs ruling, 182 to overturn

Discussion on the 21st Century Economic Bill of Rights

Pro Speakers- Jim Hannley, Lupe Conches, Elizabeth Putnam-Hidalgo

Con Speakers- Michael Bryan, Linda Scott

12:54pm-Chair Bejarano

Thank you, Koby. And thank you all, to all of our speakers for sharing your voice. Again, as your chair, I'm confident that I will be able to appoint a new chair of the resolutions committee in the coming days, so that the committee may continue conducting their business. And Coby I know that we had a couple of folks who asked earlier in our meeting for new business, can you please help guide us through that?

12:55pm Coby King Parliamentarian

Thank you, Madam Chair, let me be clear about something for a body like the state committee, an item that is not on the agenda we cannot take action on it. Unless reasonably one could reasonably anticipate that some kind of action could be taken on an item. And that's a pretty small exception, which we've used today. But in any case, so people are under the new business agenda, if somebody would like to raise something for information or would like to raise something to request that the chair, put an item on the next meeting's agenda, that's appropriate. But to be clear, if someone would like to take action on something right now, that will be ruled out of order because it was not on the agenda. We will, at this time, recognize anyone who would like to speak under the item new agenda of new business rather and we will start with well, nine

Speakers Recognized-

Will Knight-Format of Meeting

Kitty Kennedy- Update on No Labels Lawsuit

Donna Hanley-Taking the Redistricting Committee off the Table

Mike K- Open Zoom Chat

Jeff T- Hybrid meetings

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1:03pm Motion to adjourn- Chair Yolanda Bejarano

Thank you again, Coby. And thank you all so much for joining us today. I know it's been a long day. grateful to all of you for giving up your time to help us build a stronger Democratic Party. As a reminder next state committee meeting will be on September 9 2023. Information will be forthcoming on details for that meeting. With that, I'd like to motion to adjourn this meeting

Second Lisa Sanor

1:04pm Adjournment

Submitted respectfully by Lisa Sanor ADP Secretary