



Nebraska Democratic Party

State Central Committee Meeting
March 22, 2024
Day of Agenda Packet

The Nebraska Democratic Party is excited to see you in Lincoln. All times are posted in **Central Time (CST)**.

- *If you have questions at the meeting, please email scc@nebraskademocrats.org or text Jack Schiewe at 630-730-8449 or Precious McKesson at 402-378-2034. All accommodation requests also made to SCC email, Jack or Precious.*

Special Notes + Reminders:

- **Meal Tickets:** [Purchase Here!](#)
 - The \$25 ticket includes breakfast and lunch for Saturday, March 22nd.
 - If you need to pay onsite, please see the registration desk.
- **Salute to State Senators:** On April 22nd, we will host our 2025 Salute to State Senators at the Cornhusker Marriott in Lincoln, Nebraska. The event will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.; all information [can be found here](#). Tickets can be purchased [here](#).
- **NDP Meeting Location:** Cornhusker Marriott, 333 S 13th St, Lincoln, NE 68508
- **Patriot's Dinner Info:** On Friday night, the Lancaster Democrats is hosting their annual fundraiser at Lincoln Station Great Hall, 201 N 7th St, Lincoln, NE 68508. The event starts at 5:30 pm.
- **SCC Page:** We archive meeting minutes, agenda packets, resolutions, and more on the Party Overview and SCC page of our website: <https://nebraskademocrats.org/party/>
- **Town Hall:** We will host a town hall as part of our SCC meeting today from 4-5pm.



Saturday, March 22

Meeting Location: **Cornhusker Marriott, Lincoln, Nebraska**

Breakfast: Served 8:00-9:00 am in the Lancaster Room 123. Please [purchase your meal ticket](#) or let staff know if you need assistance.

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

- Latinx Caucus (*Hawthorne Room*)
 - Chair, Guillermo Pena
- Black Caucus (*Olive Branch Room*)
 - Chair, Mike Lee
- Nebraska Young Democrats (*Arbor Room 1*)
 - President, Henry Cline
- Climate Council (*Arbor Room 2*)
 - Chair, Larissa Schultz

9:20 a.m. - 10:05 a.m.

- Democrats Experiencing Disabilities Caucus (*Hawthorne Room*)
 - Interim Chair, Shaun Baker

- Veterans and Military Families Council (*Olive Branch Room*)
 - Chair, Jerry Johnson
- Stonewall Democrats (*Arbor Room 1*)
 - Chair, Michael Marcheck
- Rural and Agricultural Council (*Arbor Room 2*)
 - Chair, Larissa Schultz

10:10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.

- Women's Caucus (*Hawthorne Room*)
 - Chair, Kris Kinzie
- Native Caucus (*Olive Branch Room*)
 - Chair, Cynthia LaMere
- Secular Council (*Arbor Room 1*)
 - Chair, Evan Christensen
- Working Families Council (*Arbor Room 2*)
 - Chair, CJ King

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

- County Chairs Caucus (*Olive Branch Room*)
 - Chair, Ryan Griffin

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- CD1 Caucus (*Hawthorne Room*)
 - Chair, Tom Hanson
- CD2 Caucus (*Olive Branch Room*)
 - Chair, Sarah Hanify
- CD3 Caucus (*Arbor Room 1*)
 - Chair, Randy Fair

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

- Lunch and Learn (Lancaster Room 123)
 - Workplace and Group Conduct Training, by Ralph Kellogg



- When we first wrote our Code of Conduct, we held various trainings on sexual harassment, workplace conduct, diversity, inclusion, and equity. Then COVID happened, and we got away from our regular training schedule. We are getting back on track! Diversity and equity training will take place at our Omaha meeting.

Agenda for SCC Meeting, March 22, 2025

- Meeting Called to Order at 2:05 p.m.
- Actions of the NDP Secretary, Stephanie Matejka
 - Quorum
 - Seating of Delegates
 - CD Chairs report any actions from their caucus on the seating of delegates.
 - **VOTE:** Approval of Minutes
 - Minutes from our [December meeting are online](#).

CLOSED SESSION (Treasurer's Report + Review of Plans)

- Treasurer's Report, Ted Kessler
 - Summary of accounts
 - Detailed P+L statement available from Ted
 - Reports filed with FEC and NADC.
 - Copies of the latest FEC and NADC report available from Ted
- Finance and Field/Party Building Plans for 2025, Executive Director Precious McKesson and Chair Jane Kleeb
 - When you arrive on-site, you will be given a numbered folder with the plans. These must be returned after the vote. **Please DO NOT take pictures of the finance plan or field plan. These are internal documents only.**
 - **VOTE:** Finance and Field/Party Building Plans

Re-open the meeting for the rest of the agenda and go live on Facebook.

- Land Acknowledgment
 - Led by Lincoln City Councilwoman Sändra Washington
- Pledge of Allegiance
 - Led by Veterans and Military Families Council Chair Jerry Johnson
- **Jane Kleeb, Chair (and now ASDC President and DNC Vice Chair!)**
 - 57 State Parties, 57 Town Halls / People Town Halls
 - [2024 Election Analysis](#)
 - This document is in your agenda packet for the day. You can take this document home with you :)
 - [2024 Overview of Wins](#)
 - This document is in your day of agenda packet. You can take this document home with you :)
- **State Party Officer Reports**
 - **Ryan Griffin, Vice Chair of County Parties**
 - Updates on county organizing, including new Rural Organizers and County Party grants
- **CD Caucus Reports, Chairs Tom Hanson, Sarah Hanify, and Randy Fair**
 - Reports and updates
- **Quinton Corwin and Shannon Graves, Resolutions Committee Co-Chairs**
 - Reports and updates
 - **VOTE** on [Resolutions Report](#)
 - Resolutions to be brought from the floor (needs $\frac{2}{3}$ approval)
 - [Resolution on Ukraine](#)
- **Staff Reports**
 - **Precious McKesson, Executive Director**
 - In our closed session, we discussed the 2025 plans, but staff will review their goals and highlights.
 - Preview of upcoming events:

- SCC Meetings
 - May 31, 10 am-1 pm, Zoom
 - CD Caucuses and then SCC meetings. All councils and caucuses can be planned on Friday or Sunday
 - **VOTE** to change this by one day to accommodate Pride events (June 1→ May 31)
 - August 16th, Omaha, 9 am-4 pm
 - Full-day meetings of CD Caucuses, Caucus and Councils, and SCC Meetings. The day before is the Ben Nelson Gala, and on Sunday will be a candidate training...Big Blue Weekend!
 - December 6th, Zoom 10 am-1 pm, Zoom
 - CD Caucuses and then SCC meetings. All councils and caucuses can be planned on Friday or Sunday.
- Fundraisers
 - Salute to State Senators, April 22nd
 - [Link](#) to tickets!
 - Big Blue Weekend, August 15th-17th
 - Ben Nelson Gala on Friday
 - SCC Meeting and Party Leader Trainings on Saturday
 - Candidate and Campaign Staff Trainings on Sunday
- **Ron Rivera, Political Director**
 - 2025 City Elections
 - Candidates filed and running: [2025 Candidates](#)
 - Programs the NDP is running for all candidates
 - 2025 NDP MOU Contracts
 - If you want VAN access (we give basic access for free, unlike any other state party in the nation), you must complete the MOU
 - [SCC/County Chairs](#)
 - [Candidates/Vendors/Allied Groups](#)
- **Gina Frank, Outreach Director**
 - Block Captain update

- Welcome to the Party Calls
 - Website Updates
- **Jose Flores Jr, Communications Director**
 - On social media, we need help amplifying our posts
 - We have a new system to track content creators; please send us their names, handles, etc.
 - Newspaper ads target rural papers monthly, a “Message from a Rural Democrat.”
- **Jack Schiewe, Party Affairs Coordinator**
 - SCC reminders
 - [Outreach + Blog Efforts](#)
- **Hannah Wroblewski, Voter Engagement Director**
 - Young Democrats update
 - Voter Registration update
 - We need your help with ideas for the calendar of events!
- **Kris Kinzie and Kathy Jensen, Rural Organizers**
 - Rural Outreach update
 - Calendar of rodeos, pow-wows, county fairs, and other cultural events across small-town Nebraska
 - Updates on what we have been doing so far, and give us your ideas.
- **Rainbow Parents of Nebraska**
 - Introduction of who we are and why we fight to protect our kids and families.
- Announcements and Adjournment by 3:45 pm to prepare for the Town Hall. We are asking everyone to stay. The town hall is from 4-5 pm.

Town Hall



As we continue the fight against President Trump and his Billionaire-in-Chief Elon Musk, we know it is crucial to provide our constituents an outlet for their questions, frustrations, and concerns.

Join us from 4-5 pm as Sen. George Dungan moderates a town hall at the Cornhusker Hotel immediately following the gaveling out of our State Central Committee meeting.

- Sign up for the town hall: <https://www.mobilize.us/nebdems/event/766019/>

Additional Information

SCC Governing Documents: All of our SCC meeting documents, agendas, bylaws, and the training manual for SCC Delegates are on the NDP website.

Statewide Officers, Standing and Special Committee Chairs: Party operations happen in our committees, caucus, councils, and county parties. Thank you to the Chairs, SCC Members, County Officers, and Committee Members for serving.

SCC Agenda Packets

- Archived Agenda Packets can be found under “2017-2024 Archived Meetings”

[SCC Resolutions](#)

- We archive all approved resolutions on the Party overview page of our website.

[SCC Meeting Facebook Event:](#)

- We stream our SCC meetings on FB, except for the closed session portion.

[SCC Delegate Training Manual](#)

[County Chair Manual](#)

[Become a Block Captain](#)

NDP Candidate Manual + Trainings: We now have a Candidate Manual (thank you Sen. Blood and staff!) and a monthly candidate training series. We do not publish these on the website. Candidates must first complete the MOU -- please email ronr@nebraskademocrats.org.

- Please promote this link if you or someone you know wants to run for office. Once a person completes this form, staff hold a meeting with the candidate, and then they get added to a listserv and trainings:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe6kCBwlpu5YNR7e4yIUra_776V5saFxCGMyIV9I_sbIcCthw/viewform

Events: A reminder that we post our events and volunteer opportunities here:
<https://www.mobilize.us/nebdems/>

- Gina leads the outreach plan; please email her if you need a mobile office (i.e., materials to use at county fairs, parades, etc) or materials sent to you for meetings and events.

[#NebDems Store:](#) You can purchase t-shirts and sweatshirts to show your #NebDems pride!

[Monthly Donor Program:](#) Sign up (or increase your monthly amount) during the SCC meeting, and you will get a special gift!

\$10 a month

- Proud Nebraska Democrat Sticker Sheet

\$25 a month

- One ticket to the annual Salute to State Senators
- Sticker Sheet

- Exclusive Coin (we will now rotate every other year between a coin and a lapel pin)

\$50 a month

- One ticket to the annual Nelson Dinner with VIP Reception
- Invitation to Donor Briefings with Party Leaders and Elected Officials
- Sticker Sheet
- Exclusive Coin

\$100 a month

- One ticket to the annual Salute to State Senators and Nelson Dinner with VIP Receptions
- Invitation to Donor Briefings with Party Leaders and Elected Officials
- First access and reserved seats to NDP special events and national events that we get tickets for (e.g., special guest speakers, etc.)
- Sticker Sheet
- Exclusive Coin

Trainings: The NDP offers SCC, Block Captain, Blue Bench, and Candidate training, as well as access to other national training resources. We can also visit your county or caucus meetings to tailor training to your needs.

Blue Bench Training: We have a training page that focuses on what we party leaders, candidates and campaign staff.

Block Captains: Gina Frank is our Block Captain Director. We currently have 700 Block Captains. Email gina@nebraskademocrats.org for more information on the Block Captain program.

NDP and National Democratic Training Committee: The NDP partners with the DNC and the National Democratic Training Committee to provide all candidates and party leaders training to help elect Democrats. You can access a free training account to support your local work.

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