



Nebraska Democratic Party

State Central Committee Meeting

August 15, 2025

Minutes

The Nebraska Democratic Party looks forward to your participation in our next SCC meeting, which will be held virtually.

All times will be posted in **Central Time (CST)**.

If you have any questions or cannot attend the meeting, please email scc@nebraskademocrats.org.

Special Notes:

- **Accommodation Request:** To request reasonable accommodations for accessible participation, please contact us at scc@nebraskademocrats.org.
- **Agenda Time:** If you wish to speak during any of the meeting agendas, you must email the meeting Chair before the release of the 10-Day Packet. Each respective Chair decides the agenda items for their meeting. If you are requesting time on the SCC agenda, please email scc@nebraskademocrats.org before August 5th.
- **Zoom/Google Meet Links:** All Google Meet links for the Caucus and Council meetings will be sent in the 10-day packet. The SCC and CD Caucus meeting Zoom links will be sent 24 hours before the meeting.

Monday, August 11 - Thursday, August 14:

- Various caucus and council meetings will be held throughout the week via Google Meet. Caucuses/Councils should email hannah@nebraskademocrats.org with their requested day/time to be included in the 10-day packet.

Monday, August 11th

7:00 - 8:00 PM CT

- Stonewall Democrats
 - Acting Chair, Jessie McGrath, stonewalldems@nebraskademocrats.org
 - Join here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85648693203?pwd=U5k5ZuDW2TbKC0BPOWVBILvaYGaxyU.1>

Tuesday, August 12th

7:00 - 8:00 PM CT

- Black Caucus
 - Chair, Michael Lee, leem917@gmail.com
 - Join here: meet.google.com/ezb-yhxi-ied

Wednesday, August 13th

5:00 - 6:00 PM CT

- Native Caucus
 - Chair, Cynthia LaMere, cynthialamere@msn.com
 - Join here: meet.google.com/jyb-mfxu-amg

7:00 - 8:00 PM CT

- Veterans and Military Families Council
 - Chair, Jerry Johnson, jjhnsn31@gmail.com
 - Join here: meet.google.com/jdn-fwxa-ypr
- Climate Council
 - Chair, April Thompson, neclimatecaucus@gmail.com
 - Join here: <https://www.mobilize.us/nebdems/event/373451/>

7:30 - 8:30 PM CT

- Women's Caucus
 - Chair, Kris Kinzie, ndpwomenscaucus@gmail.com
 - Join here: meet.google.com/gfk-metf-pzx

Thursday, August 14th

7:00 - 8:00 PM CT

- Nebraska Young Democrats
 - President, Henry Cline, neyoungdemocrats@gmail.com

- Join here: meet.google.com/qti-mgzg-qxp
- Latino Caucus
 - Chair, Jennifer Reyna, jennifer.reyna.ne@gmail.com
 - Join here: meet.google.com/cai-bkkh-kse

Sunday, August 17th

2:00 - 3:00 PM CT

- County Chairs Caucus
 - Chair, Ryan Griffin, vicechairsofchairs@nebraskademocrats.org
 - Join here:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84008305175?pwd=yB03BkraKvHSXWhGdaT04haxlrMr3S.1>

Friday, August 15, 2025 (6:30 - 7:00 p.m. CT)

Meeting Location: Click on your CD Caucus to access the Zoom link

CD Caucuses will seat delegates.

- [CD1 Caucus](#)
 - Chair, Tom Hanson
- [CD2 Caucus](#)
 - Chair, Sarah Hanify
- [CD3 Caucus](#)
 - Vice Chair, Ann Trullinger

Agenda for SCC Meeting (7:15 - 8:30 p.m. CT)

- **Meeting Called to Order at 7:19 p.m. CT**
 - Land Acknowledgment
 - Native Caucus Chair Cynthia LaMere
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Veterans & Military Affairs Council Chair Jerry Johnson

- **Actions of the NDP Secretary, Stephanie Matejka**

- Quorum
- Seating of Delegates
 - CD Chairs report any actions from their caucus on the seating of delegates.
 - CD 1
 - CD 2
 - Ean Rye-Craft LD 31
 - jollen
 - Jeff Sch
 - CD 3
 - Constance R
 - Carmichael to Young Dem At Large Seat.
- **VOTE:** Approval of Minutes
 - unanimously approved.
- No Additions or corrections to minutes

■ [The minutes from our May Meeting](#) are now online.

- **Chair Jane Kleeb**

- DNC & ASDC Updates
 - #1: Codifies that the ASDC President is exempt from DNC officer gender balance requirements
 - #2: Codifies the DNC Chair's power-sharing around at-large DNC member elections
 - #3: Changes to how standing committee members are selected
 - No more than 30% shall be at-large appointees
 - No less than 25% shall be State Chairs & Vice Chairs
 - No standing committee member may serve on more than one committee at a time.
 - #4: Makes the immediate past DNC Chair an automatic member of the DNC
 - #5: Expands the DNC Exec Committee to include additional sister committees
 - #6: Requires DNC Officers + staff to be neutral in all primaries, not just presidential primaries

- #7: Changes the Budget + Finance Committee to the Budget Oversight + Review Committee, and creates more opportunities for transparency
 - #8: Stipulates that at the National Convention, only pledged delegates will be permitted to vote on the first ballot of the presidential roll call (superdelegate reform)
- Nebraska Leaders on the Rise
 - Jane Kleeb, President, Association of State Democratic Committees, ASDC Executive Committee, DNC Executive Committee, DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee, Convention Site Selection Team
 - Precious McKesson, President, Association of Executive Directors, ASDC Executive Committee, Convention Site Selection Team
 - Ron Kaminski, Chair Martin Appointee to Credentials Committee
 - Cynthia LaMere, Chair Martin, At-Large Appointee to the DNC
 - Sean Flowerday and Sharlette Schwenninger, DNC Committee Members
- Upcoming SCC & SEC Dates
 - State Central Committee
 - SCC Meeting & Big Blue Weekend: Nov 7-8, 2025 at Hilton Omaha
 - Nelson Gala, Nov 7th
 - SCC Meeting + Trainings, Nov 8th
 - Virtual SCC in January 2026 (we will vote on 2026 schedule at Nov meeting)
 - State Executive Committee
 - Tuesday, September 2nd
 - Monday, October 6th
 - Monday, November 3rd
 - Monday, December 1st
- **State Party Officer Reports**
 - Vice Chair Ron Kaminski
 - Vice Chair of County Parties Ryan Griffin
 - DNC Committeeman Sean Flowerday
 - DNC Committeewoman Sharlette Schwenninger
 - Sharlette is available to help with county party events. She is also very excited to vote on the reforms at the next DNC meeting.
- **CD Caucus Reports, Chairs Tom Hanson, Sarah Hanify, and Ann Trullinger**

- CD 1
 - Eric Moyer & Chris Backemeyer are running in CD 1
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- CD 2
 - Sarah Hanify
 - Karin Wager on P& R
- CD 3
 - Ann Truillinger
 - Ann spoke about the amazing
 - Al Davis to Platform and Resolution Committee.
- **Staff Reports**
 - **Precious McKesson, Executive Director**
 - The Ben Nelson Gala will be held at the Hilton Omaha on the evening of Friday, November 7th. You can purchase both tickets and hotel rooms using the information below:
 - [Hotel Rooms](#) (Room Rate Starting at \$132 per night)
 - [Ben Nelson Gala Tickets](#)
 - [Nelson Gala Awards Nomination Form](#) (due October 3rd at 5 pm CT)



- **Ron Rivera, Political Director**
 - 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 + Rural Organizers**
 - Dems Deliver Newspaper
 - Updates on our work this summer
- **Hannah Wroblewski, Party Affairs Director**
 - Young Democrats' new chapters and national convention update
- **Committee, Caucus, and Council Reports**
 - Climate Council, Chair April Thompson
 - Newly elected Chair Thompson will be working with others to expand social media outreach.
 - Platform and Resolutions Committee, Co-Chairs Shannon Graves and Quinton Corwin
 - [Platform and Resolutions Committee Report](#)
 - NO report
 - Rules Committee, Chair Ben Cass
 - Subcommittee formed for code of conduct and Membership.
- Announcements and Adjournment
 - Need to find the resolution about Librarians.

CLOSED SESSION (end of FB Live)

- Treasurer's Report, Ted Kessler
 - Summary of accounts.
 - Detailed P&L statement available from Ted
 - Reports filed with the FEC and NADC.
 - Copies of the latest FEC and NADC reports are available from Ted

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: The work of party operations happens in our committees, caucuses, 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 “2017-2023 Archive Meeting.s”

SCC Resolutions

SCC Meeting Facebook Event:

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

SCC Delegate Training Manual

County Chair Manual

Block Captain Program

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.

- If you or someone you know is interested in running for office, please share this link. 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 get a special gift!

At least \$10 a month:

- Exclusive Monthly Donor Sticker

\$25 a month:

- 1 ticket to the annual Salute to State Senators
- Exclusive Monthly Donor Sticker
- Exclusive Lapel Pin

\$50 a month:

- 1 ticket to the annual Ben Nelson Gala with VIP Reception
- Invitation to Donor Briefings with Party Leaders and Elected Officials
- Exclusive Monthly Donor Sticker
- Exclusive Coin

\$100 a month:

- 1 ticket to the annual Salute to State Senators and Ben Nelson Gala with VIP Receptions
- Invitation to Donor Briefings with Party Leaders and Elected Officials
- First access to and reserved seats for NDP special events and national events for which we receive tickets (e.g., special guest speakers).
- Exclusive Monthly Donor Sticker
- Exclusive Lapel Pin & Coin

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

Blue Bench Training: We have a new training page that focuses on what we, officer candidates and staff, need to know:

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 trainings to help elect Democrats. You can access a free training account to support your local work.

DNC Trainings and Resources: The DNC offers an in-depth online training program for both volunteers *and* party leaders/elected officials!

NDP Contact Info:

Email: info@nebraskademocrats.org

NDP Offices:

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