



State Central Committee Meeting

August 21-23, 2026
30-Day Agenda Packet

Sent on July 22

The Nebraska Democratic Party looks forward to seeing you at our Big Blue Weekend (including the Ben Nelson BBQ & SCC meeting) on August 21-23, 2026!

All times will be posted in Central Time (CT). If you have questions or can not attend the meeting, please email scc@nebraskademocrats.org.

Special Notes:

- **Accommodation Request:** Please contact us at scc@nebraskademocrats.org to request reasonable accommodations to participate in this in-person meeting.
- **Agenda Time:** If you wish to speak on any agenda item, you must email the meeting Chair before the 10-Day Packet is released. 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 the release of the 10-Day Packet on August 11, 2026.
- **Nelson BBQ:** Saturday, August 22nd
 - [Purchase Tickets](#)
 - [Awards Nominations:](#) Nominations are due July 30th at 5 pm CT.
- **Meal Tickets:** Purchase SCC meal tickets [here](#) (scroll to the bottom for the meal ticket option).
- **Hotel Rooms:** (Room Rate starting at \$134 per night) Cut-off date is July 24th
 - [Courtyard by Marriott Omaha Aksarben Village](#)

Friday, August 21st - Caucus/Council Meetings:

SCC Meeting Location: Mammel Hall, UNO, 6708 Pine St, Omaha, NE 68106

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Registration Open

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

- Nebraskans Experiencing Disabilities Council, Room 117
 - Chair Shannon Graves
- Rural and Agriculture Council, Room 118
 - Chair Larissa Schultz
- Climate Council, Room 119
 - Chair April Thompson
- Veterans & Military Families Council, Room 120
 - Chair Terry Tilson

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

- Black Caucus, Room 117
 - Chair Mike Lee
- Latino Caucus, Room 118
 - Chair Jennifer Reyna
- Native American Caucus, Room 119
 - Chair Melanie Parker
- Women's Caucus, Room 120
 - Chair Kris Kinzie

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

- Nebraska Young Democrats, Room 117
 - President Chloe Fowler
- Working Families Council, Room 118
 - Chair Ally Burt
- Secular Council, Room 119
 - Chair Laurey Steinke
- Nebraska Stonewall Democrats, Room 120
 - Chair Michael Marcheck

Saturday, August 22 – CD Caucus & Committee Meetings and Ben Nelson BBQ

SCC Meetings Location: Mammel Hall, University of Nebraska-Omaha, 6708 Pine St, Omaha, NE 68106

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Registration Open

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

During CD Caucus meetings, we will elect members to fill any vacancies on the SCC and elect Committee members to serve for the 2026-2028 term. This includes the following committees: Platform & Resolutions, Rules, State Convention, Nominating, Technology, Audit & Review, & Credentials Committees.

- CD1 Caucus, Room 117
 - Chair Melinda Mead
- CD2 Caucus, Room 113
 - Chair Sarah Hanify
- CD3 Caucus, Room 118
 - Chair Jo-El Chiles

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

Committee Meetings

- Rules Committee, Room 113
 - Chair Ben Cass
- Platform & Resolutions Committee, Room 117
 - Co-Chairs Shannon Graves & Quinton Corwin
- Technology Committee, Room 118
 - Chair Marci Docekal
- State Convention Committee, Room 119
 - Chair Wes Jensen

2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Ben Nelson BBQ

Location: Liuna Building, 5626 Sorensen Pkwy, Omaha, NE 68152



Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 22nd, as the Nebraska Democratic Party will host a Ben Nelson BBQ. Join us as we continue our tradition of honoring our excellent party leaders and volunteers in a relaxed setting where family will be the focus. Our Nelson BBQ will feature live music, plenty of food, carnival games, and special guests that will be announced soon.

[Purchase your tickets today!](#)

We are accepting award nominations for party leaders and volunteers who go above and beyond the call of duty. Help us recognize incredible Democrats who make a difference across our state. The deadline to submit nominees will be **July 30th at 5 p.m. CT.**

Submit your nominations here: [Awards Nominations](#)

Sunday, August 23rd - County Chairs Meeting & SCC Meeting

SCC Meeting Location: Mammel Hall, University of Nebraska-Omaha, 6708 Pine St, Omaha, NE 68106

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Registration Open

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

- County Chairs Caucus, Room 118
 - Vice Chair of County Chairs Ryan Griffin
- Finance Committee, Room 117
 - Chair Matt Hansen
 - Join the Finance Committee meeting if you are interested in providing feedback or have questions about the NDP Finance and Field Plans. **This is a Closed Session, only open to SCC delegates and alternates.**

Agenda for SCC Meeting (11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

Location: Room 113

- Meeting Called to Order at 11:00 a.m.
 - SCC Meeting
 - We will gavel in at 11:00 a.m.
 - We go live on Facebook at 11:15 a.m.
 - Land Acknowledgment
 - Pledge of Allegiance
- 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 the State Convention will be linked in the 10-day packet.
- **Chair Jane Kleeb**
 - Ben Nelson BBQ Debrief
 - Updates from ASDC & DNC
 - 2026 SCC Schedule Update
 - **VOTE:** NEW Date October 10-11 in Kearney
 - December 13 via Zoom
 - Send ideas for 2027 SCC locations to hannah@nebraskademocrats.org
 - **VOTE:** Approval of Committee Chair Appointments
 - SEC & SCC At-Large, Treasurer, and Secretary Appointments
- **NDP Officer Reports**
 - NDP Officers must request time on the agenda by August 11, 2026, before the 10-day packet is released.
- **CD Caucus Reports, Chairs Melinda Mead, Sarah Hanify, and Jo-El Chiles**
 - Reports and updates
- **Staff Updates**
 - Precious McKesson, Executive Director
 - Ron Rivera, Political Director
 - Gina Frank, Outreach Director
 - José Flores Jr, Communications Director
 - Hannah Wroblewski, Party Affairs Director
 - Chloe Fowler, Finance Director
 - Kris Kinzie & Kathy Jensen, Rural Organizers
 - Alma Rosa, Latino Organizer

- **Remarks from Dennis Crawford, author**
 - Robert F. Kennedy: The Road Not Taken
- **Sexual Harassment & DEI Training (Lunch Provided)**
 - Ralph Kellogg, Trainer
- **Committee Reports**
 - Rules Committee
 - Chair Ben Cass
 - Platform & Resolutions Committee
 - Co-Chairs Shannon Graves & Quinton Corwin
- **Caucus and Council Reports (3-5 minutes per report)**
 - All Caucuses and Councils will present on their accomplishments from the previous term and plans/goals moving forward, including any Democratic and/or NDP-supported Independent candidates they are actively assisting in the 2026 Midterm elections. Caucuses/Councils must submit their full report, including their current Caucus/Council Bylaws, via [Google Form](#) (*preferred*) or by email to Hannah@nebraskademocrats.org per Bylaw 5.7.5.
- **Announcements and Adjournment**

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: Party operations happen 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 are under “2017-2023 Archive Meetings.”

SCC Resolutions

SCC Governing Documents:

- Governing Documents can be found under “Key Party Documents.”

SCC Meeting Facebook Event:

- We stream our SCC meetings on Facebook, except for 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.

- Please share this link if you or someone you know is interested in running 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 (e.g., materials for use at county fairs, parades, etc.) or if you require materials to be sent to you for meetings and events.

Listservs: We send emails to the lists on key information, messaging memos, and updates. If you are not on one of the following listservs and need to be, please email hannah@nebraskademocrats.org.

- SCC Members
- SEC Members
- County Chairs
- County Officers
- Block Captains
- Elected Officials
- State Senators
- 2026 Candidates

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

Monthly Donor Program:

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 & Coin

\$50 a month:

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

\$250 a month:

- 2 tickets to the annual Salute to State Senators and Ben Nelson Gala with VIP Receptions
- 2 exclusive t-shirts
- Invitation to Donor Briefings with Party Leaders and Elected Officials
- First access to and reserved seats for NDP special 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 visit your county or caucus meetings to tailor training to your needs.

Blue Bench Training: We have a new training page that focuses on what we, officer candidates and staff, can do.

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 training to all candidates and party leaders, helping to 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 volunteers, party leaders, and elected officials!

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