

Minutes

Calhoun County Democratic Executive Committee

Organizational Meeting 2022-2026

August 27, 2022

Attendance

- A total of 22 of 29 duly elected Executive Committee members were present. The requirements for a quorum were therefore met.
- Three qualified candidates for Commission District vacancies were present.
- Five qualified candidates for Diversity Caucuses were present.
- One At-Large candidate was present.
- Three Ex-Officio Members were present.

Call to Order

- After opening remarks, Sheila Gilbert, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30am
- Carsie Evans read the minutes of the July 31, 2022 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made and approved by a voice vote.

Nominations to Fill District Vacancies

- Commission District 5
 - Michael Dunbar was nominated by Pam Howard. Mr. Dunbar was elected by a voice vote.
 - Lester Honts was nominated by Jim Justice. Mr. Honts was elected by a voice vote.
- Commission District 3
 - Butch Mitchell was nominated by Danny Mccullars. Mr. Mitchell was elected by a voice vote.

Nominations to Fill At-Large Seats

- Minority: Amos Kirkpatrick, Minority Chair, nominated Danielle Presley and Shannon Fletcher. Ms Presley and Mr. Fletcher were elected by a voice vote.
- Youth: Lauren Stierman nominated Adison Cook and Alexis Petty. Mr. Cook and Ms Petty were elected by voice vote.
- Disabled: Sylvia Cashen nominated Connie Graham. Ms Graham was elected by a voice vote.
- Native American: Lute Stierman announced he was updating his qualifying paperwork to reflect his Native American status.

Reports from Officers

—Vice-Chair: No Report

—Treasurer: Frank Chaka provided a handout of the year-to-date breakdown of donations and expenses. The current balance is \$15,946.94. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was approved.

Election of Executive Committee Officers for the 2022-2026 Term

—Nominating Committee Chair, Jim Justice, read the Committee's slate of nominees:

Chair: Sheila Gilbert

Vice-Chair: Vernon Presley

Secretary: Carsie Evans

Treasurer: Frank Chaka

Vice-Chair of Minority Caucus: Amos Kirkpatrick

Vice-Chair of Youth Caucus: Adison Cook

Vice-Chair of Seniors: James (Jim) Wakefield

—As a nominee for Chair for the new term, current Chair, Sheila Gilbert, relinquished the gavel to Vice-Chair, Vernon Presley, to conduct the election for the office of Chair.

—Vernon Presley, Vice-Chair, acknowledged Sheila Gilbert as nominee for Chair for 2022-2026.

Alexis Petty nominated Pam Howard for Chair for 2022-2026.

After discussion, Mr. Presley conducted a standing vote for the office of Chair:

Results: Sheila Gilbert 25 votes

Pam Howard 5 votes

Abstentions 4

—Sheila Gilbert, as newly reelected Chair, retook the gavel to continue voting for remaining officer positions.

—Vernon Presley, the only nominee for Vice-Chair, was elected by a voice vote.

—Carsie Evans, the only nominee for Secretary, was elected by a voice vote.

—Frank Chaka, the only nominee for Treasurer, was elected by a voice vote.

—Amos Kirkpatrick was elected as Vice Chair of Minority Affairs.

—Adison Cook was elected as Vice Chair of Youth Affairs.

—Jim Wakefield was elected as Vice Chair of Senior Affairs.

Old Business

There was no old business

New Business

Jerry Gilbert moved that the Executive Board appoint a special committee to review compliance with County and State organizational by-laws, as well as generally accepted rules and practices. (See addendum) The motion was put to a voice vote . The motion passed.

Jim Williams moved that the Executive Board appoint a special committee to develop an up-dated set of by-laws for the Calhoun County Democratic Executive Committee. (See addendum) After lengthy discussion, the motion was put to a voice vote. The motion passed.

Comments

Sheila Gilbert called for comments from the membership and the group heard comments from Jim Williams, Vernon Presley, Grant Whittle, Jim Justice, Pam Howard, Danny McCullars and others.

Adjournment

After closing comments and thanks to the Committee, Sheila Gilbert declared the meeting adjourned at 12:20pm.

Carsie Evans, Secretary