

FAIRFAX DEMOCRATS



Fairfax County Democratic Committee—General Body Meeting

Meeting Minutes July 26, 2022

I. Call to Order

A. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM

II. Electronic Meeting Instructions

A. The chair reviewed the virtual meeting instructions.

III. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

A. The Agenda for the March 2022 meeting agenda was approved without objection. The May meeting minutes were also approved.

IV. Approval of New Members

A. New and associate members were voted-in unanimously, and vetting was confirmed.

V. Introduction of Special Guests

A. No special guests.

VI. Election for Vice Chair, Voter Registration & Education

A. Peggy Morrison (Mason) and Rich Weiss (Braddock) were nominated and voted-in as vice chairs without objection.

VII. Treasurer's Report

A. The treasurer reviewed the budget, highlighting the impact of Blue Fairfax dinner and district committee budgets.

VIII. Chair's Report

- A. FCDC members are encouraged to review the Code of Conduct and keep in mind respect for others.
- B. Still evaluating candidates for the Finance Director. Plan to have a decision by the September 2022 Steering committee.
- C. Assigning chair for Endorsements Task Force regarding endorsements for 2023 and recommend changes to bylaws on endorsement if necessary. Members will be Bryan Graham, Greg Brandon, Donna Rostand, Andrew Scalise, Stephanie Sedgewick, Julie Waters, and Michelle Wiss, and Aaron Yohai.

IX. Vice Chairs', Committees, and Caucus Reports

- A. Salim: Thanked FCDC members for attendance. Reviewed highlights and plans for next year. Members are encouraged to provide feedback.
- B. Paul Jameson: Making progress on creating strategy for next year's elections. Looking for FCDC member(s) with experience in media relations.
- C. Stephanie Sedgewick: Successful door-hanger campaign in informing residents on new congressional districts. Ongoing campaign regarding redistricting, which is also a fundraising effort. Also working on GOTV, social media efforts, and coordinated campaign efforts.

- D. Sandra J. Klassen: National Affairs committees will have virtual forum on 9/22 at 7 PM titled “A Republic If You Can Keep It.” Members are encouraged to attend.
- E. Maritza Zermeno: Latino Caucus General Meeting will feature head of CASA In Action, Marvin Hernandez. Caucus is currently working on a website. All members are encouraged to help Latinos register to vote.

X. New Business

- A. Nora Dell shared changes made to the “Resolution Urging the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to Engage All Residents in Community Planning, Land-Use, and Rezoning Decision Making.” The committee addressed concerns surrounding language considered too prescriptive, while still maintaining messaging around Democratic values surrounding fair and inclusive processes.
- B. Various members spoke in favor of the motion to accept the revised resolution.
- C. The revised resolution was accepted unanimously.
- D. Jerry Poje shared and praised the decision by the Board of Supervisors to research the impact of hyperthermia.
- E. Liz Walker

XI. Announcements

- A. Chris Falcon discussed his campaign for Fairfax Clerk of the Fairfax Circuit Court.
- B. Members shared information on upcoming events. More information can be found on the committee’s website.
- C. The next meeting will be on 9/27 at 8:00 PM (in recognition of Rosh Hashana).

XII. Adjournment

- A. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.