

**State Democratic Executive Committee Meeting
November 19, 2011 Minutes**

Officers Present:

Boyd Richie	Rene Lara	Corrine Sabo
Lenora Sorola-Pohlman	Bruce Elfant	Dennis Speight

Officers Present by Proxy:

Amber Goodwin

Members Present:

Alieca Hux	Kathleen Hawkins	Dennis Teal	Rose Salas
Brian Hamon	Kay Sweat	Allan Jamail	Linda Magid
Joy Demark	Farrukh Shamsi	David Griggs	Loretta Davis
Susan Bradley	Marvin Sutton	Mary Edwards	John Robert Behrman
Joe Parra	Jo Pierce	Chris Utchell	Anneliese Vogel
Mary Seymore	Garry Brown	Zephaniah Capo	Carol Wright
David Bradley	Theresa Daniel	Alan Blakley	Diana Salgado
Don Bankston	Vickie Vogel	Marcus Cardenas	JoAnn Jenkins
Teresa Klein	Elias Oliverez	Tom Walker	JC Dufresne
Denny Trull	Terry Clark	Marianne Miller	Veronica deLafuente
Jackie Soliz-Chapa	Ralph Galvan	Cheryl Novack	Elaine Bradshaw
Bruce Bender	Mary Hatfield	Yolanda Clay	Eugenia Beh
Hal Ray	Chris McCormack	AJ Durrani	Jacqueline Acquistapace
Almeda Dent	Bill Holcomb	Eddie Pevehouse	Alelie Valencia
John McLane	Austin Adams	Donna Bryant	Gloria Caceras
Daniel Graney	Erin Moore	Charles Urbina-Jones	Terri StClair

Members Present by Proxy:

David Henderson	Norma Narramore	Steve Tillery	Sylvia McDuffie
Dee Jay Johanneson	Crystal Viagran	Judith Solis	Kenneth Molberg
Natesha Wyrick-Cathey	Donald Williams	Peter Vallecillo	Bill Brannon
Sylvia Perkins	Susan Lewis	Rosie Mimms	Alfredo Longoria
Mark Carter			

Members Absent:

Israel Rocha	Roberta Hicks	Rep. Roberto Alonzo	Sen. Leticia Van de Putte
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DNC Members Present:

Rick Cofer	Rep. Garnet Coleman	Gilberto Hinojosa	Choco Meza
Alejandra Salinas	John Patrick	Betty Richie	Bob Slagle
Rep. Senfronia Thompson		Lupe Valdez	

DNC Members Absent:

Linda Chavez-
Thompson

Rep. Yvonne Davis
Sen. Royce West

Denise Johnson
Mary Alice Cisneros

Sue Lovell

Minutes:

A regular meeting of the State Democratic Executive Committee was held on November 19, 2011. Chairman Boyd Richie asked those in attendance to observe a moment of silence for our military service members and Bob Dean. Vice Chair Lenora Sorola-Pohlman led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary René Lara called roll and informed the Chairman that a quorum was present. The Chairman then called the meeting to order and request that any announcements be submitted in writing.

The Chairman proposed a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion to adopt the agenda was passed.

The minutes of the April 9, 2011 meeting of the SDEC were corrected to note Eugenia Beh was present, and erroneously recorded as not present. Also, there was recorded a motion to consider staff appointments, which was not noted as being withdrawn. The Chairman proposed a motion to approve the minutes of April 9 2011, as corrected. The motion to adopt the minutes was passed.

The Chairman recognized all candidates and elected officials present.

The Chairman recognized Dennis Speight to give the Treasurer's report. Vice chair Speight reported 3rd quarter revenue of \$278,328.13, expenses \$299,564.17, leaving a net loss of \$21,236.04.

The Chairman welcomed all SDEC members, and, on a point of privilege, commented on the success of his recent surgery and noted that his recovery would not interfere with his duties as Chairman. The Chairman also opened with remarks contrasting the Texas Democratic Party with the republicans.

The Hon. Bob Slagle was recognized by the Chairman on a point of personal privilege, announcing his intent to resign his seat on the Democratic National Committee.

The Chairman recognized Committeewoman Mary Seymour to give the Nominations Report.

Mary Seymore then presented 21 newly confirmed County Chairs:

Bee County: Dela Castello

Brooks County: Martha Guitierrez

Coke County: Robert Houck

Concho County: Angela Regalado

Coryell County: Gene Whittle

Cottle County: Doug Yarborough
Crane County: Anna Anderson
Crosby County: Cheryl Wampler
Culberson County: Donna Adams
Freestone County: Opal Oliver
Hemphill County: Jenny Klein Brown
Knox County: Linda Griffith
Menard County: Shirley Lewis
Motley County: Carol Campbell
Parker County: Jennifer Scott
Pecos County: Albert Valadez
Reeves County: Jimmy Galindo
Shelby County: Benny Russell
Sterling County: Jenelle Bordin
Swisher County: Dorothy Hulseley
Wilson County: Michelle Tackitt

A motion was made to adopt the committee report. The SDEC voted to adopt the report.

The Chairman recognized Committeewoman Rose Salas to give the Rules Committee Report.

Committeewoman Rose Salas proposed language for rules adopted during the Convention.

The language for the rules was adopted.

A motion was made to adopt the Committee report. The report was adopted

The Chairman recognized Farrukh Shamsi to give the Convention Committee report.

Farrukh Shamsi reported that Dallas would be the site for the 2014 convention.

The committee's report was adopted.

The Chairman recognized finance vice chair Dennis Speight for the Finance Committee report.

Vice chair Speight presented the budget adopted for the 2012 state convention, totaling \$299,000, national convention totaling \$112,500, altogether \$411,500 for both conventions.

The finance committee's report was submitted for adoption. The report was adopted

The Chairman recognized Brian Hamon for the Grassroots Committee report.

Brian Hamon reported that the Committee voted to forward for consideration a plan for Hispanic outreach.

The Grassroots Committee's report was submitted for adoption. The report was adopted.

The Chairman recognized David Griggs to give the Legislative Committee Report.

David Griggs updated the SDEC that VoterID still lacks preclearance, advising not to begin voter training under VoterID.

The Legislative Committee's report was submitted for adoption. The report was adopted.

The Chairman recognized Dennis Teal to give the Resolutions committee report.

A resolution was submitted in memory of Barry Strauss. The resolution was adopted.

A ballot resolution was submitted for affordable college costs. The resolution was adopted.

A ballot resolution was submitted in support of the DREAM Act. The resolution was adopted.

A ballot resolution was submitted for allowing a vote to allow casino gambling. The resolution was adopted.

Minority reports were submitted calling for ballot resolutions in support of gay marriage, in support of legalization, regulation, and taxation of marijuana, and in opposition to the death penalty. The Minority Reports were individually considered, and none passed.

The Chairman recognized Joy Demark to give the Majority Builder Committee. Joy Demark submitted the committee's advisement to change the term "Majority Builder" to "Sustaining Member"

The report was submitted for adoption. The report was adopted.

Under New Business the Chairman introduced staff members:

Rebecca Acuna- Deputy political director for base outreach

Rebekah Anthony- Finance Coordinator

Cynthia Flint- Primary and Convention Director

Brian Hodgdon- Texas VAN Director

Anthony Guterrez- Deputy Executive Director

Sarah Joyner- Comptroller

Adam Murphy- Online and New Media Director

Sondra Haltom- Political Director

Bill Brannon- Executive Director

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was successful.