



**State Nominating Convention Minutes**

**April 9-10, 2016**

*location: Grey Forest Inn 18249 Sherwood Trail, Grey Forest, TX 78023*

**Saturday April 9th, 2016**

The Convention was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Aaron Renaud, Co-Chair of the Green Party of Texas, who served as the Temporary Chair of the Convention.

Before transacting any business, the Temporary Chair verified the Attendance List of each delegate, noting the name and county for each delegate. A copy of the list of delegates is attached to these minutes.

The Temporary Chair then announced that this convention would be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code, and the Rules adopted by the Party. The Chair briefly explained the ways in which action at this convention would influence important Party action and decisions at subsequent conventions and reviewed Party Rules governing the State Convention.

**Election of functionaries:**

The Temporary Chair next called for nominations for Permanent Convention Chair, and the following individuals were nominated: Aaron Renaud

Aaron Renaud was elected by acclamation and assumed the position of Permanent Chair of the Convention (referred to as the “Convention Chair” or “Chair”).

The Chair then called for nominations for the position of Stack Keeper, and the following individuals were nominated: George Reiter

George Reiter was elected by acclamation and assumed the position of Stack Keeper of the Convention (referred to as the “Stack Keeper” ).

The Chair then called for nominations for Convention Secretary, and the following individuals were nominated: (list names) Kevin McCormick

Kevin McCormick was elected by acclamation and assumed the position of Convention Secretary (referred to as the “Secretary”)

**Agenda:**

The Chair then presented the proposed Agenda which had been previously published and circulated and copies were also available to the delegates, and displayed on the projector screen. After a brief discussion, a proposal was made to approve the Agenda. There were no objections. Agenda was approved by consensus.

The Chair then announced that the first item on the Agenda was to certify the statewide results of the county conventions. The tally was presented on the projector screen and a discussion occurred concerning several discrepancies and questions with certain ballots and county tallies. The file that contains the recorded votes and ballot images are in a public folder labeled GPTX on Drive, made available to the delegates and can be found here:

[.https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0Bzq4MlfVeNGPbHhudlJLVUk5Zmc](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0Bzq4MlfVeNGPbHhudlJLVUk5Zmc)

The first matter was with Webb County, where there was a tally but ballot images were not available. A proposal was made to call Louis Decker of Webb County to confirm the tally. The result of the vote was 32 in favor, 2 opposed, and one abstention. The proposal passed and Louis Decker was called and put on loudspeaker. Louis Decker confirmed the tally and stated the ballot images would be sent to the State Party SEC. A proposal was made to accept the tally. A vote was taken and the result of the vote was 33 in favor, one opposed, and one abstention. The Webb County tally was accepted.

The second matter concerned the tally and ballots from Bexar County. There was incomplete information and a difference between the tally and ballots, which was reviewed by the Bexar County cochairs and delegation. The tally was clarified and accepted by consensus.

The third matter concerned the tally and a ballot from Harris County. The tally showed a vote for presidential candidate Kreml, but the ballot indicated a vote for Curry and Ballot 0798#16 was modified.

Proposal to accept the modified ballot as there was witness to the original changes and the voter present to verify intent. 30 yes, 1 oppose, 1 abstention - passed - Ballot Counted.

Upon review of the tally and ballots the tally was corrected. The revised tally was accepted by

consensus.

The fourth matter was that the ballots from Hidalgo County could not be accepted. It was discovered after the election that the voters were not qualified to vote in the Hidalgo County precinct conventions - they lived in other counties that did not hold conventions. The consensus was to not count the votes from Hidalgo County based on state law regarding voter participation.

**Ratification of Tallies:**

The revised Statewide Tally of votes for the Green Party presidential nominee is:

<b>Votes</b>	<b>Candidate</b>
57	Jill Stein
8	Kent Mesplay
6	Darryl Cherney
13	Sedinam Kinamo Christin Moyowasifza-Curry
5	Bill Kreml
0	None of the Above

A proposal was made to certify these results for United States Presidential election. The results were certified by consensus. The Chair will convey the totals and apportionment to the PNC delegates.

The Convention then took up the matter of the certification of statewide results. The statewide candidate tally was presented as follows:

<b>NOTA</b>	<b>Votes For</b>	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Nomination for Office</b>
4	61	Laura Palmer	GPTX State Co-Chair
	63	Martina Salinas	Railroad Commissioner
	61	Rodolfo Rivera Munoz	Supreme Court Justice, place 3
1	61	Charles E. Waterbury	Supreme Court Justice, place 5
1	62	Jim Chisholm	Supreme Court Justice, place 9
2	61	Adam "Bulletproof" King Blackwell Reposal	Court of Criminal Appeals, pl 2

	62	Judith Sanders-Castro	Court of Criminal Appeals, pl 5
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A proposal was made to certify the tally. The statewide tallies were certified by consensus. The Chair will convey the results to the Secretary of State (SoS) within 3 days of the convention.

**Selecting the PNC Delegates**

The Chair then stated that selecting the PNC delegates was the next Agenda item. This item also included the selection of Presidential Electors.

The distinction between PNC Delegates and Presidential Electors was discussed. The Electors would cast electoral votes in Austin, Texas in the case where the Green Presidential nominee was elected. The PNC Delegates attend the Green Party National Convention in Houston, Texas. There was discussion of the number of delegates needed to have the full ability to cast 23 votes at the Party National Convention.

Sign-up sheets for each of the Presidential Electors and the PNC Delegates were distributed to the convention delegates, and those interested placed their names on the respective list. The question was raised whether anyone on the PNC list would not be able to attend. It was announced there were 36 names on the list of possible PNC Delegates, which is greater than the 23 delegates allowed.. There was a discussion of whether listed persons should choose to withdraw or be alternate delegates.

A proposal was made to select PNC delegates on an approval vote basis, with the delegates being the 23 with the highest vote totals and the alternate delegates being the remainder. A vote was taken. The proposal passed with 31 votes in favor, 1 opposed and 4 abstentions.

A proposal to extend the time for the Convention was made. The proposal passed with 33 votes in favor, 2 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

A proposal was made to allot 10 seconds each to the persons on the PNC delegate list to allow them to introduce themselves. An amendment to increase the time to 20 seconds was offered, but withdrawn. A vote was taken on the 10-second proposal with the result of 14 in favor, 20 opposed and 2 abstentions. The proposal was rejected.

A proposal was offered that persons on the PNC list who were present be listed before persons on the list but not present. A vote was taken with the result of 27 in favor, \_\_\_\_ opposed and \_\_\_\_ abstentions. The proposal was approved.

PNC delegate Ballots were printed for each Convention delegate to cast votes in an approval voting

process.

### **Presidential Electors**

It was announced there were 38 persons on the Presidential Elector list. This was the required number with no contests. A proposal was made to approve the Presidential Electors list by acclamation. The proposal was approved by consensus.

A proposal was made to extend the time for the Convention to 4:30 p.m. The proposal passed by consensus.

A proposal for a 5 minute break was made and approved by consensus.

### **County Resolutions**

The Chair announced that while the PNC delegate ballots were being prepared, the Convention would consider three Resolutions from the Harris County Green Party Nominating Convention that were the next Agenda item.

Resolution 1 called for the State Executive Committee to make a review of Range Voting. For Resolution 1, a proposal to vote on the resolution was made. The result of the vote was 16 in favor, 9 opposed and 9 abstentions. The Resolution did not achieve the 2/3 vote needed to carry and was defeated.

Resolution 2 asked the SEC to review By-Laws related to precinct convention votes being binding on delegates. There was discussion of Resolution 2 and a proposal was made to put it to a vote. The result was 25 in favor, 5 opposed and 8 abstentions. Resolution 2 passed.

Resolution 3 asked the SEC to request that the Legislature pass provisions to allow conventions to be cancelled or rescheduled in the event of an emergency. It was discussed that there was a severe weather situation in Harris County the day of the precinct convention, which might have kept the convention from taking place. A proposal was made to call the question and vote on the Resolution. The result was 25 in favor, 5 opposed and 8 abstentions. The Resolution did achieve the 2/3 vote needed to carry and was passed.

### **Selecting the PNC Delegates (resumed):**

The PNC delegate ballots were distributed to the Convention delegates for voting, to be collected later. It was announced that Ashely Gordon's name had been omitted accidentally. Delegates were instructed to add her name to their ballot at the top.

A proposal was made to extend the time for the Convention to 5:00 p.m. and to cancel activities planned for after the Convention from 3 to 5 pm. 33 in favor, two opposed and 3 abstentions. The proposal was approved and the Convention was extended to 5:00 p.m.

The PNC Delegate ballots were tallied following the approval voting method. Vote counters and observers were designated, and the tally was completed. There were several ties in rank, which were resolved by a coin toss. A proposal was made to approve the tally of the PNC Delegate list. The PNC Delegate list was approved by acclamation.

The apportioning of the PNC Delegates to particular candidates was completed as follows:

<b>Delegates</b>	<b>Candidate</b>
	Jill Stein
	Kent Mesplay
	Darryl Cherney
	Sedinam Kinamo Christin Moyowasifza-Curry
	Bill Kreml

Delegates	Candidate
George Reiter	Bill Kreml
Don Palmer, Valerie Alessi, Bernadine Williams	Sedinam Kinamo Christin Moyowasifza-Curry
katija gruene, Fox Owl Redsky	Darryl Cherney
Ashely Gordon, Alfred Molison	Kent Mesplay
	Jill Stein

A proposal was made to call the Convention be adjourned. The proposal was approved by acclamation.

The Chair declared the Convention adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Kevin McCormick