

**Green Party of Texas
2021 Annual State Meeting (November)**

Day 1: November 20, 2021

In Attendance:

Registered TXGreens: Manuel Aranda, Delilah Barrios, Matt Bauman, David Collins, Hunter Crow, Delon Dellafosse, David den Boer, Perry Dorrell, Melanie Estes, Olivia Fisher, Nancy & Wes Gaige, Herb Gonzales, Wayne Hobgood, Lula Iniguez, Cuesta Knight, Trey Legall, Alfred Molison, Rachel Muldez, Tykisha Murphy, Emily Ngeim, Don & Laura Palmer, David Prout, Dea Ptah, Janis Richards, Nancy Saibara-Naritomi, Aly & Karen Schmidt, Andrew Smith, Xavier Starks, Bill Stout, Jacob Stoy, John Taylor, Robin Thomas, Julián Villarreal, Veronika Werner, Alma & Bernadine Williams

Facilitator: Lori Burton

Observers: Holl Hart, Fredia Hardeman, Aléjandro Ortega-Morales, Rose Roby, Stanley Scott

Registered, but not in attendance: Jamie Aranda, Michael Brown, Izeor Enaulele, Anissa Faruqi, Paul Garner, Emmil Hamilton

[recording starts at 8:56 AM]

Secretary Matt Bauman checks people in, takes down requests to speak on proposals.

[recording mark 1:03:30]

10:00 opening statements from Co-Chair Laura Palmer

10:03 Meeting called to order. Orientation to facilitation process by Lori Burton

10:04 Lori Burton covers a few orientation items.

10:07 Laura explains where to find resources online for candidate recruitment & filing.

One of our goals in 2022 is defending our ballot line

- get at least 2%, select candidates who represent Green values.

Those who have expressed interest so far:

Delilah Barrios - Governor

Hunter Wayne Crow - Railroad Commissioner

Alfred Molison - Land Commissioner

We would like to have Green Screening questionnaires filled for all applicants & profiles on the site so all candidate info can be accessible at precinct conventions.

10:11 There are 4 open SECAL seats & 4 Nat.Com. Delegate seats to be filled in this meeting. (Laura briefly explains how this came to be)

10:13 **Treasurer Report** - David Prout

Current balance is \$2,119.54

Recent expenses include:

Annual renewal of database software (about \$1,000)

Monthly website maintenance (\$15-30 monthly)

10:14 Laura addresses question from chat -

The Non-female Co-Chair & Treasurer seats will be voted on in Spring 2022.

Review of Affiliates

SEC suggests to membership that groups should meet on a regular basis, keep attendance records & minutes, and renew affiliation at each county convention.

Candidate Filing period:

A candidate breaking 2% in a statewide race will extend our ballot line for 5 cycles (10 years), but local races are also important & we've done well in those. (Julián Villarreal got 20% last year.)

10:19 Review Platform Amendment Proposal

Secretary Matt Bauman reads the proposal & difference from current wording.

No opposition.

Matt asks Laura if it can be removed from the ballot, as there are no objections.

Laura calls again for any objections.

Nancy Saibara-Naritomi says she objects.

After clarification, she does not object to the proposal, but would like it to be read aloud. (She was texting earlier)

10:24 Lori suggests we go to a vote, but Laura clarifies that we are not set up to vote on individual items, but have grouped them & can send ballots once more races have been covered.

10:26 Mixer Breakout Sessions

(we will break into smaller groups for 10min. to discuss what brings us to the party)

Alán Alán Apurim requests that the breakout rooms be listed.

Secretary clarifies - all breakout groups will have the same topic

10:31 Due to technical difficulties, we will move on to **Grievances**

10:32 Manuel Aranda is sent an unmute request.

Hearing nothing from Manuel, we will come back.

10:33 Alma Williams speaks about individuals from Harris County who are not delegates from the Harris County Green Party. She suggests removing them or reallocating them to "some other party which they have formed." (lists Laura & Don Palmer, Alfred Molison, Janis Richards, Jamie Aranda, Manuel Aranda)

She suggests disciplinary action for Manuel Aranda, for rudely silencing a woman in an SEC call earlier in the year.

Right on que, he interrupts her and requests that we move on.

Alma suggests the formation of a disciplinary committee & the removal of the "non-delegates" because it would be illegal for them to vote. She also says muting is censorship and should not be allowed.

Alma says the cochair & treasurer should be voted on at the next State Meeting. (this one)

- 10:37 Lori thanks Alma, requests that Secretary make a note.
Lori says voting for co-chair & treasurer will be addressed in the afternoon.
- 10:39 Manuel speaks on his resolution to Reboot GPTX.
- 10:40 Bernadine Williams speaks against the resolution.
She also speaks on the “delegate list.”
Bernadine says people have altered proposals without consulting the authors.
- 10:44 Izekor Enabulele was next on the list, but had not joined the meeting.
Don Palmer is called, he passes.
- 10:45 Rachel Muldez speaks about GPGA’s recent disaffiliation & how to avoid a similar fate.
This ends the list of speakers who have reserved time.
- 10:50 Lori suggests someone read through the Resolution Items.
Laura points out that Resolution Items 1 & 2 are brief, but the 3rd & 4th (the final versions of which were submitted shortly before the meeting) are quite lengthy (70 & 5 pages, respectively).
She reads the first 2 proposals.
- 10:54 Nancy Saibara-Naritomi requests to read her submission.
Laura says, “Yes, please.”
Nancy speaks about Alma Williams’ motion about HCGP’s “delegate list.”
After some encouragement, she proceeds to read Resolution Item 3.
- 11:04 Manuel speaks about his resolution and reads the (now 6-page) document.
- 11:16 Lori requests that he proceed to the resolution wording itself.
He skips to the conclusion.
- 11:18 Lori asks to confirm that he is reading the proposed resolution, as it sounds like an opinion piece. He replies.
- 11:19 Lori asks if these Resolutions are being reviewed with the potential for an Opa-Vote.
Laura says yes.
Breakout rooms are ready to go, but ballots are ready to go for the items we’ve covered so far. Laura asks if Lori would like to facilitate discussion further before ballots are sent.
- 11:21 Lori expressed doubt that there is movement forward on the issues.
She reminds attendees that they can table or vote nay & asks if people feel if agreement can be made on these.
- 11:23 Jake asks if there will be a conversation where attendees can discuss further.
Laura replies & speaks about the conflict & issue of disaffiliation.
- 11:26 Lori recaps & summarizes some of the comments from the chat.
Emily speaks in favor of unity & further discussion.
John asks her to be less vague. She elaborates
- 11:31 Manny speaks.
- 11:34 Matt speaks against Nancy’s resolution.
- 11:38 Lori interrupts, requests we stay away from personal references.
Matt was dropped from Zoom
Jake asks if Bernadine’s actions were in violation of the GPUS platform.
Laura suggests allowing Matt to finish his time & answers Jacob
- 11:40 Trey speaks about his experience with HCGP & against MA’s resolution.

- [some discussion of technical problems]
- 11:51 Manny speaks about HCGP again.
- 11:52 Rachel speaks about about transphobic comments in the Zoom chat.
- 11:54 Manny again.
- 11:55 Nobody seems to be muted, the meeting descends into chaos.
Everyone is muted, Laura makes a brief statement, & unmutes Lori.
- 11:57 Tykisha speaks in support of Nancy's resolution.
- 12:00 Lori reads a comment from Bill Stout, who is having trouble unmuting.
- 12:02 Laura explains the schedule, asks Secretary if ballots are ready to go.
Nancy asks if cochair or Lori is facilitating the meeting.
Lori answers.
Nancy says bylaws are being broken because we are not voting on cochair & treasurer.
She continues to shout until muted.
- 12:06 Lori asks Alma to restate her motion.
- 12:11 Alma: "My motion is that we need to deal with the issue of people being here as delegates to Harris County, Texas, but are Harris County Green Party delegates. The secretary, the SEC does not have the right to mess with out elected delegates list."
- 12:08 Alma speaks about the digital divide.
- 12:09 Lori asks who is missing, Alma lists the people who are not delegates from HCGP.
Lori starts to ask something, but is interrupted by Alma, who is interrupted by Manny...
- 12:11 Lori asks if someone is missing from her group.
- 12:12 Lori will work with meeting hosts over the lunch break to clarify.
Alma insists it be resolved now.
Laura explains the registration process.
- 12:13 Lora summarizes the situation - HCGP is requesting to include people who did not register for the meeting and exclude people (including some meeting planners) who did.
- 12:14 Bernadine suggests they should register as GPH delegates, not HCGP.
Manny interrupts, everyone speaks at once until muted.
Bernadine & Manny bicker a bit.
- 12:15 Lori summarizes the situation & asks for confirmation of accuracy.
She asks Matt Bauman if he can provide clarification.
Bernadine speaks
Matt begins to answer
Nancy complains about being "knocked off" several times
& suggests that Lori should be the only host.
Lori clarifies that she is not a host, but a facilitator. Attempts to get back to the issue.
- 12:20 Bernadine lists people that are from HC, but not from HCGP.
A little chaos here.
- 12:22 Lori asks if this is a delegate-only convention, or an open meeting.
Laura answers - open to registered individuals.
- 12:25 Lori asks if the issue is that HCGP doesn't want the other HC people to vote.
Bernadine confirms.
[some yelling]
Lori states her understanding of the situation, asks where this is covered in bylaws.

- 12:28 Berandine repeats her assertion, says the non-HCGP Greens are committing fraud. Goes on to assert that this is a racial issue, quotes Article V, Section 8.
- 12:32 Lori asks if this is a meeting or convention. Laura confirms - meeting. Lori repeats some statements from the chat.
- 12:33 Janis states that GPH is an officially affiliated group. Don Palmer speaks about his history with HCGP, asserts suppression of voting & even access to HCGP meetings.
- 12:38 Lori asks if an executive committee was formed with members from both HC groups. (if not, the list submitted by HCGP is invalid)
- 12:40 Laura says HCGP did not elect an EC at the 2020 convention (as mandated in the convention paperwork), but held the election at a separate time. There is not an executive committee with representation from both Harris County groups, so people were told to register directly & registration was open to all members from both groups. Several of the SEC members & many long-term Greens actively participating in this meeting consider themselves to be part of the Green Party Houston group, so she hardly sees how it is consensus to kick out & disenfranchise quite a number of Texan Greens when they have done what they were instructed to do in terms of registering & attending... She suggests putting the argument aside & sending the ballots.
- 12:42 Lori states her understanding of the situation, suggests we send the ballots & the Harris County groups form an executive committee.
- 12:45 Laura asks Secretary if the ballots are ready to be sent. (he is disconnected)
- 12:46 Matt asks to confirm: send to all registered, including those that have not joined meeting? Laura says it was supposed to be only those who registered & checked-in, but approves sending to all. Lori would like to make sure that everyone on the list coming strictly from Harris Co. be included as their list of delegates. "They cannot exclude any other affiliated group. They do not have an executive committee. If they lose part of their delegate list because of that, that's the way it's going to be. You have to have an executive committee, which you don't have." She suggests excluding all of Harris County from voting, then apologizes for the inappropriate jest.
- 12:47 Alán Alán Apurim says some of the members from GPH are on the SEC, which is somewhat of a conflict of interest when it comes to deciding who is a delegate.
- 12:48 Lori rephrases the situation as see understands it. Laura confirms - no umbrella CEC including both Harris County groups has been formed. Says we should let Secretary send ballots & take 30min. lunch while we vote.
- 12:49 Lori suggests voting "table" & reviewing the bylaws. Bernadine points out that GPH members have had more opportunities & speaking time than the HCGP "actual elected delegation." She says the steering committee of Harris County is the executive committee of Harris County. Bylaws may need to be clarified.
- 12:50 Lori responds.
- 12:51 Laura says we will reconvene at 1:30. Requests that Matt send the ballot links, encourages voters to watch their email & cast votes during the recess.

[LUNCH BREAK]

- 13:34 Laura welcomes everyone back. Secretary has sent a test vote & requested confirmation that all registered attendees have received & were able to cast votes. She instructs them to contact Matt Bauman if they did not receive the voting link.
- 13:36 **Review of Bylaw Amendment Proposals**
Lori calls for statements on **Item 1** - "SEC Term Limit Extension"
none.
- 13:39 **Item 2** - "Under 50% Approval Not Seated"
Jake asks about the motivation behind previous proposal.
Laura answers - to allow development of operational knowledge re: voting cycle.
It is clarified that (if approved by the voting body every 2 years) this would total 6 years.
- 13:42 Janis speaks against one of the first 2 bylaw proposals. [unclear which one]
Manny speaks against Item 1 - "we need new faces."
AAA speaks in favor of Item 1.
- 13:45 Lori asks for questions/comments on Item 2.
No activity
Lori reads **Item 3** - Voting in Other Party Primaries
- 13:47 Jake asks for details on Item 2.
Laura explains the background for the proposal.
- 13:49 AAA requests that presenter put Item 3 on the screen.
Aly speaks for tabling Item 3, suggests revising wording.
- 13:51 Manny also speaks for tabling Item 3.
- 13:52 AAA clarifies that this is already state law, so the amendment is unnecessary.
Julián confirms that it is in the Texas election code, but points out reiterating it in our bylaws could prevent an action that would disqualify someone from participation in GPTX.
- 13:54 Lori reads **Item 4** - Posting Minutes
Jacob asks if this is being proposed because minutes are not posted now.
Laura explains where & when the minutes are posted, & the purpose of Item 4.
Jacob asks if there is a reason the meetings can't be recorded & videos posted.
Laura answers - No. In fact, they are. Links are posted at the bottom of the minutes.
- 13:56 Manny speaks about livestreaming.
- 13:57 Jake suggests reaching out to local high school AV clubs.
- 13:58 **Item 5** - Renewal/Review of Local Affiliates
- 13:59 **Item 6** - State Meetings
- 14:00 **Item 7** - State Council Verbiage
Item 8 - Regional Coordinator Verbiage
- 14:01 Aly speaks in favor of Option A on Item 7.
- 14:02 Emily speaks about Item 7.
- 14:05 Manny speaks about Item 7.
- 14:06 Herb speaks about Item 7.
- 14:08 Fredia has not received a ballot, says she registered through the website.
Matt responds - doesn't see RSVP on site, sent her an email with more questions.

- 14:09 Laura speaks on the background for Item 8.
- 14:10 **Item 9** - Disciplinary Complaints & Expulsion
- 14:11 Melanie asks why Option C is necessary; it implies that not all discrimination is bad.
Jake agrees, requests that author of Option C elaborate on its meaning.
Laura explains precisely what is being proposed & why,
though for Option C, she isn't sure what the motive is - author is Tykeisha.
Jake asks Tykeisha to explain the submission.
- 14:15 Tykeisha says the proposal to add "detrimental" is not hers.
Manny says he wrote Option B, speaks against Option C & for B.
Emily speaks in favor of Option B.
- 14:18 Matt says Option C was submitted in an email from the HCGP cochair.
It did not mention the authors, but title was "Proposed Bylaws for 11/20 State Meeting Submitted by Harris County Green Party & Galveston County Green Party."
- 14:19 **Item 10** - Edits to "Suspension or Removal of Members"
- 14:21 Manny asks who wrote the proposal.
Lori reads comment in chat - came from same email from Harris & Galveston
Laura confirms & speaks briefly about the item.
- 14:23 Jake speaks against it.
- 14:24 **Item 11** - Standing Committees
Matt explains the proposal's utility.
- 14:26 Nancy speaks against muting & the phrase "gender balanced."
- 14:27 Aléjandro Ortega-Morales asks for more info on Item 11.
Laura responds.
- 14:29 **Item 12** - Party Organization
Item 13 - National Committee Alternates
Matt explains the need for changes & explains the 3 presented options.
- 14:31 Don speaks about the staggering of NatCom terms.
- 14:32 **Item 14** - DBAs
Laura speaks about the proposal's history & intent.
Janis suggests tabling & adding language about existing DBAs.
Don speaks against tabling, in support of the proposal.
- 14:35 Emily asks how the change would affect someone getting a DBA if the current DBA holder leaves the party or dies.
- 14:36 Laura speaks about the resolution.
- 14:39 AAA says another issue is domain names.
Jake would like to know why a DBA would be necessary or allowed,
would like to hear any arguments against the resolution.
- 14:50 **Item 15** - Presidential Candidate Qualifications
David Prout speaks about the history & rationale behind his proposal.
- 14:43 Andrew Smith expresses some concerns.
- 14:44 David Prout responds
- 14:45 Aléjandro asks how it would be enforced.
David Prout & Matt respond.

- 14:46 **Item 16** - Mail-In Ballots
Aly speaks against the proposal.
Manny suggests tabling.
- 14:49 **Item 17** - State Convention Video Conference
Manny recommends tabling.
- 14:50 **Item 18** - Submission Deadlines
Laura explains the history & options.
- 14:51 Manny speaks about his submission, Option C.
- 14:54 **Item 19** - "None of the Others" Option
Matt explains the need for the proposed change.
- 14:53 **Item 20** - Proportional to Reweighted Approval
Laura explains the change.
- 14:54 **Item 21** - Formatting Corrections
No questions or comments.
Laura confirms that these are all the voting items that have been submitted.
- 14:56 Lori suggests a 10-15min. break to let people vote, before moving on nominations.
Laura clarifies that the only ballot that has been sent out is the test.
She asks Matt to provide clarification about the individuals asked about in the chat.
- 14:57 Matt says he has fixed a few problems with missing or bad email addresses,
but others did not receive the ballots because they had not registered.
- 14:58 Laura asks him to send out the ballots. We will reconvene in 15min.
She mentions that people should look for 2 ballot links.
Matt says the Platform & Resolutions links have been sent,
suggests setting a deadline.
- 14:59 Laura says the voting for all can be closed after the officer elections.
We will reconvene at 3:20
- 15:01 Don cautions that the ballot options are in random order.

[Voting Break]

- 15:20 Lori asks Matt to address some questions raised in the chat.
- 15:21 Matt explains the options for Bylaw Amendment Item 13.
- 15:23 **[Video 1 ends]**
Matt advises on the errors & addresses other questions.
- 15:25 Lori would like to reconvene & move into **Officer Nominations**
Laura asks for nominations for the 4 open SECAL seats & 4 open NatCom seats.
First, she confirms that all candidates accept their nominations.
- 15:26 Manny accepts nominations to At-Large & NC.
- 15:27 David den Boer accepts nomination to At-Large & NC.
Rachel accepts nomination to SECAL, nominates herself for NC.
Julián accepts nomination to SECAL.
- 15:29 David Prout nominates Bill Stout for SEC At-Large
Bill Accepts
- 15:30 Bernadine & Alán Alán Apurim are nominated for NatCom.

Bernadine is nominated for SECAL.

15:31 Alán Alán Apurim nominates John T. Evans for SECAL & Nancy Saibara-Naritomi for Treasurer. He asks if we have started taking nominations for cochair.

Laura says nominations are only being taken for the 4 open At-Large SEC seats.

15:32 There is a nomination for Kisha Murphy as Co-Chair in the chat.

Laura states again, that nominations are not being taken for co-chair or treasurer, only for the open seats. She enters Tykisha's name for At-Large

[Murphy would be ineligible - cochair seat in question was for a non-woman]

trey legall accepts Laura's nomination for At-Large

15:33 Laura asks if there are any more nominations for SECAL or NatCom.

She addresses an assertion made in the chat that the bylaws are being violated.

Adds that the SEC filled the empty seats with people already in the SEC because it helps with orientation to start as At-Large.

[selection from those already on the SEC opens more seats for election at SM]

She clarifies - At-Large seats have equal voting power to the Co-Chairs.

15:35 Laura says the only national committee we are taking nominations for is NatCom.

Of Texas' apportionment, there are four open National Committee seats.

Lori reads a comment from Bernadine in the chat - Cochair and Treasurer must be elected, even though those positions are not open.

Laura repeats, adds that another reason for the SEC filling those seats is because the terms are staggered. Treasurer will come up for election at its regularly scheduled time - April 2022. Similarly, Laura's seat comes up for election at the June meeting, so electing a co-chair now would throw off the schedule.

15:38 Laura calls for any further nominations

Julián accepts SECAL nomination, but not NatCom.

Aly nominates Bill Stout to NatCom.

John accepts nomination to NatCom.

AAA says he accepts.

David Prout nominates Bill Stout & Julián Villarreal to NatCom.

Laura says Julián will not accept the nomination.

15:40 Laura reads the nominees for At-Large SEC seats:

Manuel Aranda

David den Boer

Rachel Muldez

Julián Villarreal

Bill Stout

Bernadine Williams

John T. Evans

Nancy Saibara-Naritomi

trey legall

And the nominees for National Committee

Manuel Aranda

David den Boer
Rachel Muldez
Bernadine Williams
Alán Alán Apurim
Bill Stout

Laura asks if there are any further nominations.
Someone in the chat nominates Alma Williams for both.
Laura asks if she accepts. She does.

- 15:41 Laura calls again for nominations.
Rachel asks if all NatCom seats are up for election. Laura says, "only 4."
Rachel requests to be removed from that race. Laura removes the name.
(Rachel's current term started in June, 2021)
- 15:43 With the lists of names shared on the screen, Laura calls again for nominations.
- 15:44 Bill Stout declines the nomination for NatCom. Laura removes the name.
Lori says Bernadine nominated Tykisha Murphy.
Laura asks if she accepts. She does.
- 15:45 Bernadine says there are 6 seats up for grabs. Newly appointed cochair & treasurer need to be confirmed at the next State Meeting per the bylaws.
Lori summarizes the situation.
Laura rephrases & calls once more for more nominations.
Hearing none, she directs Secretary to complete the ballots and send them out.
- 15:49 Emily offers her perspective on the issue, suggests a compromise.
(A temporary role where someone would get exposure to the position to get trained in the tasks & responsibilities of co-chair.)
- 15:52 Matt asks Laura to read back the nominees for At-Large. She does.
Lori asks for clarification - Hunter & David were elected to At-Large in June?
Laura confirms.
- 15:53 Laura answers a question from Lori.
"Whatever labels we want to put on them, there are 4 holes to fill."
- 15:54 Herb reads the relevant bylaw: Article II, Section 1, Part 6.
It seems to say the co-chair & treasurer positions should be voted on in this meeting.
- 15:56 Manny says the SEC has the authority over the bylaws.
- 15:57 [not sure who?] points out the word "may" in the bylaw,
saying that the SEC does not HAVE to fill the vacancy.
- 15:58 Emily suggests a formal vote on whether to vote for the Treasurer & Cochair this time or next year (as Laura described).
- 15:59 AAA is having trouble voting. Requests that someone send him a link explaining what he's voting on. Laura will put it on the screen again.
Laura thanks Emily for her sentiment. Asks Lori how she would like to proceed.
Lori asks for a show of hands in support of changing the vote.
Laura mentions that we have already filed the treasurer change with Sec. of State.

16:07 Aléjandro reads Bylaw, II,1,4, which Hunter quoted in the chat:
“To be eligible to run for SEC or NC, a candidate must have been an active member in good standing of their affiliated local party, student group, club, or caucus for a minimum of nine months prior to the nomination.”

16:08 Manny gives his opinion on the issue.
Rachel agrees & adds a few more points.

16:11 trey suggests that since we don't have consensus, we should go by the bylaws.

16:12 AAA offers his perspective.

16:13 Lori summarizes the situation, suggests renominating per the bylaws.

16:15 Aléjandro says Bernadine, Tykisha, & Alán Alán should not be eligible to run.

16:16 trey suggests a solution to the problem of term stagger disruption.

16:17 Manny repeats what Aléjandro said, suggests disaffiliation of HCGP.
Adds that the bylaws are a guideline, not a formal legal document.

16:18 Lori suggests opening up all the seats.

16:22 Don suggests keeping the ballot as is, but giving top approval the co-chair seat.

16:23 Lori asks Matt or Laura to determine how the group feels we should proceed.
Laura explains why it is 4 seats, not 6.
She cites some compromises, advises against changing the ballot, explains why the SEC decided to proceed as they have.

16:27 Laura suggests calling the vote.

16:28 Lori would like to have a vote on how to proceed.
Those in favor of proceeding with ballot as it is will select Zoom's "raise hand" option.
(4 At-Large, including those who were recently removed from positions)
Laura counts the votes – 17
Everyone removes their "raised hand" icon."
Those in favor of voting for Co-Chair & Treasurer, then At-Large "raise their hands."
Total is 4.

16:36 With 17 in favor of proceeding as is and 4 against, we shall move on as is.

16:37 Secretary will make ballots as candidates make speeches.
Manuel "Manny" Aranda speaks.

16:39 David den Boer speaks.

16:41 Rachel Muldez speaks.

16:43 Laura says Dr. Julián Villarreal declines to speak.
Bill Stout speaks.

16:45 Bernadine Williams speaks.

16:50 John T. Evans speaks.

16:51 Nancy Saibara-Naritomi asks what these people are running for.
She would not like to run for an At-Large position.
Laura removes her name.

16:53 Tykisha Murphy speaks.

16:56 trey legall speaks.

16:58 Alma Williams speaks.

17:00 Alán Alán Apurim speaks.

17:03 Laura asks if the ballot is ready to go out.
Matt reads back the ballot to make sure it is right.

17:06 David Prout says to remove Bill Stout from Nat.Com.
Laura reads the list, Matt makes the necessary edits and reads them again.
Laura reads the names again, Matt confirms that it matches the ballot.

17:08 Some hands are raised, Matt requests that if any of them are to say something about the ballot, to put it in the chat. Seeing nothing, the ballot is sent.

17:11 Alán Alán Apurim speaks about what he would do if elected to the National Committee.

17:12 Hunter speaks about his run for Railroad Commissioner.

17:20 Matt gives an update - Platform & Resolutions - 7 uncast ballots.
Bylaw Amendments - 8 unsubmitted ballots.

17:22 Laura asks Matt to confirm that AAA was on the ballot for National Committee.
He does.
There are 18 unsubmitted ballots for officer elections.

17:23 Laura asks everyone to cast their votes.

17:24 Alfred & Delilah are unavailable to speak about their campaigns.
Laura speaks about the 2022 conventions.
https://www.txgreens.org/convention_documents

17:31 Laura answers a question about Harris County's convention.

17:32 Secretary says there are still 7 ballots out.

17:33 AAA says he believes he was nominated for SEC At-Large
Matt asks if there are any objections to closing Amendments race.
Laura says it is time to close it. Matt closes Bylaws & Platform/Resolutions.

11:36 Matt uses screen share to show the voting results, goes over Platform & Resolutions.
He mentions that the results will be posted to Slack's #ElectionResults channel, the website, & the minutes.

11:38 Matt shows & reads the results for Bylaw Amendments.

17:45 Matt shows the results of the test ballot.

17:46 Lori asks if the results can be posted to the chat.
Laura says where all the results will be made available.

17:48 Matt lists the people that have not cast ballots for Officer Elections.
Laura encourages them to do so & people who know them to remind them.

17:50 [Recording Mark 2:26]

17:55 Matt closes the Officer Elections race, shows the results for At-Large.

17:57 Laura speaks about the "none of the others" option.
The NotO result may mean 1 of the 4 seats will not be filled.

17:59 Matt goes over the results for National Committee.
Laura explains them.

18:00 Laura responds to AAA's sign about not being on the At-Large ballot.

18:01 Business concluded, meeting adjourned.
Everyone is unmuted, Nancy says we still need to elect Co-Chair & Treasurer
Laura explains that those will both be voted on in the April 9th meeting, which happens concurrently with the State Convention.

Nancy says this is a violation of Article II, 1-6, the second 6.

“The state membership must elect to replace vacancies at the next convention.

We are in a state convention....”

Laura reminds her again that this is a meeting, not a convention.

“Semi-Annual Convention is what is the title,” Nancy says.

[The title in Zoom was “GPTX November 2021 State Meeting,” but the website’s page for the event read “Semi-Annual State Meeting” & had the slug “bi_annual_state_meeting”]

Video Archive:

Part 1:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1acZucN410oN_QIP-gHMNCMe0_YJqmshp/view?usp=sharing

Part 2:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Af75ruDxIIND00zf8QNvYsSVJt_bJpMB/view?usp=sharing

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***** Election Results *****

Bylaw Amendments

Of the 46 voters in this election, 39 cast ballots

Text is here:

https://www.txgreens.org/by_law_amendments

26 Approvals needed to pass for most.

Item 1 - SEC Term Limit Extension

Accept = 19

Reject = 15

Table = 6

Didn't pass.

Item 2 - Less than 50% Approval Not Seated

Accept = 21

Reject = 14

Table = 5

Didn't pass.

Item 3 - Voting in Other Party Primary Disqualifies Individual to be an Officer

Accept = 20

Reject = 13

Table = 7

1 Abstention – 25 $\frac{1}{3}$ needed to pass

Didn't pass.

Item 4 - Posting Minutes

Accept = 25

Reject = 9

Table = 8

Didn't pass.

Item 5 - Renewal/Review of Local Affiliates at State Meetings

Accept = 15

Reject = 17

Table = 9

Didn't pass.

Item 6 - State Meetings

Part A - 9

Part B - 8

Part C - 13

None - 17

Table - 10

1 Abstention – 25 $\frac{1}{3}$ needed to pass

None pass.

Item 7 - Removal of State Council Verbiage?

Option A: Strike = 13

Option B: Change = 6

Option C: No Change = 9

Table = 14

None pass.

Item 8 - Review/Removal of Regional Coordinator Verbiage?

Option A. Edit - 5

Option B. Remove = 14

Option C. No Change = 10

Table = 9

1 Abstention – 25 $\frac{1}{3}$ needed to pass

None pass.

Item 9 - Disciplinary Complaint and Expulsion Revision

Option A = 15
Option B = 4
Option C = 6
Option D (no change) = 11
Table = 14
None pass.

Item 10 - Proposed Article I Section 7

Accept = 3
Reject = 28
Table = 9
Rejected - Not to be resubmitted.

Item 11 - Standing Committees

Accept = 7
Reject = 22
Table = 10
Didn't pass.

Item 12 - Party Organization

Accept = 8
Reject = 19
Table = 11
1 Abstention – 25 $\frac{1}{3}$ needed to pass
Didn't pass.

Item 13 - National Committee Alternates

A, Rest of term, SEC picks new alt = 11
B, Until SEC confirms/replaces = 8
C, Edit VI,5 = 3
Table A&B = 17
Table C = 17
5 Abstentions – 22 $\frac{2}{3}$ needed to pass
Didn't pass.

Item 14 - DBAs

Accept = 21
Reject = 13
Table = 9
Didn't pass.

Item 15 - Presidential Candidate Qualifications

Accept = 13
Reject = 21
Table = 7
Didn't pass.

Item 16 - Mail In Ballots

Accept = 6
Reject = 22
Table = 14
Didn't pass.

Item 17 - State Convention Video Conference

Accept = 19
Reject = 13
Table = 9
Didn't Pass

Item 18 - Submission Deadlines

A = 17
B = 3
C = 8
D, no change = 14
1 Abstention – 25 $\frac{1}{3}$ needed to pass
Didn't pass.

Item 19 - None of The Others Option

Accept = 16
Reject = 15
Table = 9
Didn't pass.

Item 20 - Correct References to "Proportional Approval" with "Re-weighted Approval"

Accept = 18
Reject = 13
Table = 8
Didn't pass.

Item 21 - Formatting Corrections

A - 21
B - 18
C - 18
D - 19
E - 18
F - 18
G - 20
None of the others - 7
None at all - 15
1 Abstention – 25 $\frac{1}{3}$ needed to pass
None pass.

Platform Amendment

II Social Justice and Equal Opportunity

C. Criminal Justice

6. We support effective measures to reduce eliminate police brutality and hold officers accountable for official misconduct, including ending qualified immunity. The Texas State Attorney General's office shall investigate any police brutality complaint against any peace officer in this state.

Of the 46 voters in this election, 39 cast ballots.

30 Accept – Replace “reduce” with “eliminate”
5 Reject – Make no such change – do not resubmit.
5 Table – Keep as is, but OK to resubmit.
(vote allowed 2 selections)

Passed

Resolutions

Equal Rights Resolution:

Pursuant to II. Social Justice & Equal Opportunity, B. Civil Rights, Items 2 & 8 of the GPTX platform, GPTX acknowledges its commitment to equal rights, and affirms that this is not compatible with a sex-based rights agenda.

Of the 46 voters in this election, 39 cast ballots.

22 Accept
7 Reject
10 Table
(vote allowed 2 selections)
1 Abstention – 25⅓ needed to pass
Didn't pass.

Affiliate Operations Resolution:

Pursuant to GPTX bylaws, affiliates are obligated to cooperate with the GPTX nominating convention process, including the election of the county officers at the county convention as detailed in the convention forms. Any Green voter who has participated in their precinct nominating convention and proceeded to the county convention as a delegate shall be allowed to vote for the county officers at the convention, regardless of any county party rules seeking to exclude participation based on a higher attendance threshold.

As modeled on our sample county bylaws, acceptable affiliate bylaws must include non-hierarchical organization & consensus process as well as commitment to the 10 key values. In order for the public to be able to join local meetings, affiliates must allow GPTX to announce & post their public gatherings on the GPTX calendar, must hold their meetings on a regular time table, and must maintain minutes & communication with GPTX SEC. Authority to recognize affiliation, between state meetings, is reserved to the SEC. Affiliates will renew themselves with ongoing participation and representation at state meetings twice yearly, including their formal participation in the nominating conventions.

Of the 46 voters in this election, 39 cast ballots, 2 abstentions for this item.

24 $\frac{2}{3}$ votes needed to pass ($\frac{2}{3}$ of cast ballots)

19 Accept

10 Reject

10 Table

(vote allowed 2 selections)

This does not pass.

Resolution of grievance from Nancy Saibara-Naritomi

Link to see original submission & the 70pg PDF:

https://www.txgreens.org/dispute_resolution

Of the 46 voters in this election, 39 cast ballots.

5 Accept

27 Reject

9 Table

(vote allowed 2 selections)

26 votes were needed

With 27 voting to reject, the item shall not be resubmitted.

GREEN PARTY OF TEXAS REBOOT RESOLUTION PROPOSAL

(related to Manuel Aranda's grievance)

Link to original submission & 5-page PDF:

https://www.txgreens.org/disaffiliation_resolution

Of the 46 voters in this election, 39 cast ballots, 1 abstention for this item

14 Accept

18 Reject

11 Table

(vote allowed 2 selections)

25 $\frac{1}{3}$ needed to pass

This does not pass.

Officer Nominations

4 State Executive Council At-Large - candidates:

There are 10 candidates competing for 4 seats.

The number of voters is 41 and there were 41 valid votes and 0 empty votes.

Candidate	Raw Approval Count	Reweight	Placement
Manuel Aranda	21	1	–
David den Boer	17	1	–
Rachel Muldez	25	25	
Julian Villarreal	23	9 $\frac{2}{3}$	
Bill Stout	20	1	–
Bernadine Williams	15	1	–
Alma Williams	15	1	–
John T. Evans	20	1	–
Tykisha Murphy	16	1	–
trey legall	24	12	
None of the Others	22		
None	3		

Candidates need at least 22 approvals to win (NotO total).

our SECAL winners are:

Rachel Muldez at 25 in Round 1

trey legall at 12 in R2

Dr. Julián Villarreal at 9 $\frac{2}{3}$ in R3

4 National Committee Delegates - candidates:

There are 5 candidates competing for 6 seats.

The number of voters is 41 and there were 41 valid votes and 0 empty votes.

Candidate	Raw Approval Count	Reweight	Placement
Manuel Aranda	21		
David den Boer	19		
Bernadine Williams	16		
Alán Alán Apurim	17		
Alma Williams	15		
None of the Others	22		
None	7		

Candidates need at least 22 approvals to win (NotO total).

None did. The seats will remain open.

