

Montgomery County Democratic Party Reorganization Meeting  
IBEW Local 82 Hall at 6550 Poe Avenue; Dayton, Ohio 45414  
Minutes  
June 4, 2026

**Election of Pro Temp Chair and Secretary**

At 6:20 pm, Mohammed Al-Hamdani, Montgomery County Democratic Chair, opened the June 4, 2026, Reorganization Meeting of the Montgomery County Democratic Party by asking for a motion for a Chair Pro Tem. Martin Gehres (DAY 4-A) moved and Zachary Zugelder (DAY 8-D) seconded a motion to appoint Mohammed Al-Hamdani as the Chair Pro Tem. The motion passed.

Chair Pro Tem Al-Hamdani asked for a motion for a Secretary Pro Tem. Martin Gehres and Zachary Zugelder seconded a motion to appoint Dawn Wojcik as the Secretary Pro Tem. The motion passed.

**Swearing in of Precinct Captains**

Guy Aber, representative of the Montgomery County Board of Elections, swore in the Precinct Captains.

**Election of the Montgomery County Democratic Party Chair:**

Chair Pro Tem Al Hamdani opened the floor for nominations for Montgomery County Democratic Party Chair.

Tony Curington, Sr (HARTWP-L) nominated Jocelyn Rhynard for the Montgomery County Democratic Party Chair. Cena Buchanan (HUB 6-B) seconded.

David Esrati (DAY 1-E) nominated David Esrati for the Montgomery County Democratic Chair. Lynn Oliver (CV-G) seconded.

Both candidates were give the opportunity to speak for 3 minutes.

A standing vote was taken. Rhynard received 156 votes and Esrati received 6 votes. Jocelyn Rhynard was elected Montgomery County Democratic Party Chair.

**Election of the Montgomery County Democratic Party Vice Chair**

Chair Rhynard opened the floor for nominations the Montgomery County Democratic Party Vice Chair.

Carla Clay (HARTWP-B) nominated Sam Sanders for Montgomery County Democratic Party Vice Chair. Paul Marchant (KT 2-C) seconded.

Will Smith (DAY 22-A) nominated Eric Walker for Montgomery County Democratic Party Vice Chair. Chrisondra Goodwine (DAY 16-A) seconded.

Both candidates were given the opportunity to speak for 3 minutes. Ida Hamilton (DAY 18-B) spoke on behalf of Sam Sanders who was not present. Eric Walker spoke for himself.

A standing vote was taken. Sanders received 83 votes and Walker received 58. Sam Sanders was elected Montgomery County Democratic Party Vice Chair.

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### **Election of the Montgomery County Democratic Party Secretary**

Chair Rhynard opened the floor for nominations the Montgomery County Democratic Party Secretary.

Martha Clark (TR 2-D) nominated Dawn Wojcik for Montgomery County Democratic Party Secretary. Barb Bayliff (HARTWP I) seconded.

The candidate was given the opportunity to speak.

Mohammed Al-Hamdani (WASTWP-Y) moved and Zach Zugelder (DAY 8-D) seconded to hold the vote by acclamation. The motion passed. Dawn Wojcik was elected Montgomery County Democratic Party Secretary.

### **Election of the Montgomery County Democratic Party Treasurer**

Chair Rhynard opened the floor for nominations the Montgomery County Democratic Party Treasurer.

Melissa Rodriguez (DAY 8-B) nominated Julia Mauk for Montgomery County Democratic Party Secretary. Vickie Hamilton-Smith (OAK-B) seconded.

Derrick Foward (DAY 16-D) moved and Zach Zugelder (DAY 8-D) seconded to hold the vote by acclamation. The motion passed. Julia Mauk was elected Montgomery County Democratic Party Secretary.

The candidate was given the opportunity to speak.

### **Appointment of the Montgomery County Democratic Party Parliamentarian**

Chair Rhynard appointed Dalma Grandjean to serve as Montgomery County Democratic Party Parliamentarian. Chair Rhynard asked the Central Committee to confirm that appointment. The appointment was confirmed.

### **Montgomery County Democratic Party Constitution Report**

Chair Rhynard called Martin Gehres, Chair of the Constitution Committee to provide a report. Gehres reported the progress made by the Committee.

Chair Rhynard recognized Dormetria Robinson-Thompson (WCR-H) who moved to table the adoption of the Constitution til the next meeting. Martin Gehres seconded the motion. After lengthy discussion, the adoption of the Montgomery County Democratic Party Constitution was tabled until the next meeting.

Chair Rhynard provided the following information about how the party will proceed in adopting the Constitution.

- ASAP a red-lined copy of the Constitution will be provided to members of the Central Committee by email where possible and USPS where necessary.
- 6:00 pm on June 10, 2026 - Listening session at MCDP Headquarters located at Central State University West; 840 Germantown Street; Dayton, OH 45402
- 6:00 pm on June 25, 2026 -Next Regular MCDP meeting will include adopting the Constitution at MCDP Headquarters located at Central State University West; 840 Germantown Street; Dayton, OH 45402

### **Automatic Executive Committee Appointments**

Chair Rhynard moved the Automatic Appointments to the Executive Committee as outlined in Article VI, APPOINTMENTS TO EXECUTIVE AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Will Smith (DAY 22-A) moved and Chrisondra Goodwine (DAY 16-A) seconded a motion to add additional elected officials to the Executive Committee. A point of order was raised concerned that this was a Constitutional change and the adoption of the Constitution had been tabled. Parliamentarian Grandjean ruled that the motion was out of order.

### **Recognition of Elected Officials**

Chair Rhynard recognized the Elected Officials and Candidates who were present.

### **Announcements**

- A precinct captain rose to tell of an election resource available through Google.
- Tom Ritchie asked for help with the chairs.
- Chair Rhynard announced PRIDE activities in Dayton this weekend

### **The Appointment of the Central Committee to the Executive Committee**

A precinct captain asked a point of order wondering if the appointment of Central Committee to Executive Committee had occurred. Chair Rhynard asked for a motion to do so. Derrick Forward (DAY 16-D) moved and Heath MacAlpine (DAY 1-D) seconded that the Central Committee members be appointed to the Executive Committee. The motion passed.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Zachary Zugelder (DAY 8-D ) moved and Christopher Shaw (DAY 3-J) seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:38.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn Wojcik  
Secretary Pro Tem