

Davis Democratic Club Board Minutes

May 6, 2025

President Stephen Souza called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Also attending were Elizabeth Reay, Ameer Alsawaff, Eileen Samitz, Richard Yamagata, Oliver Snow, Giles Giovinazzi, Rick Gonzales, Bob Bockwinkel, Bob Marr, Gary Hopkins, and Jan Agee.

The agenda, the revised March minutes, and the April minutes were approved.

Oliver reported for the Davis College Democrats, since Lili was unable to attend the meeting. The group marched in the Picnic Day Parade, held its successful Indigo Awards fundraiser, and helped with Mike Thompson's event, among other activities.

Oliver also gave the Yolo County Democratic Central Committee's update. There are still ongoing discussions regarding which candidates to prioritize in 2026. In addition, the group is planning a West Sacramento fundraiser. Oliver noted that the website is still a problem.

Ameer said that the Club has \$11,012 on its most recent financial statement, and he expects to have approximately \$11,500 on the April statement.

The group discussed ActBlue and Bluesky. ActBlue is still operating, despite Trump's efforts against it. Board members reiterated that individuals who donate to the Club need to be U.S. citizens.

Elizabeth and Eileen were nominated to be Board members, and they both were voted in unanimously.

A discussion about the Club's newsletter followed. It was decided that the Club will change the newsletter format and send out more frequent notices via email blasts, as Richard has been doing recently. This strategy is similar to what Indivisible and many other organizations now do, as it provides their members with frequent updates regarding current activities and opportunities for involvement. Davis Democratic Club members will also have the opportunity to provide articles, and an Editorial Board including Gary, Richard, and Jan will oversee the submission process.

The Board members discussed logistics of the upcoming brunch, including food and set-up assignments.

The Board gave kudos to the two new members and to Richard for his Bluesky effort, which has resulted in 25,425 followers. Eileen will help Richard with Bluesky.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm. June 3 is the next meeting.

