

Arkansas Progressive Democrats

General Meeting 7/26/2026

26 July 2026/ 4:00 PM / Discord

ATTENDEES

APDC members

AGENDA

- Continue to review past legislation in the drive for DPA policy bank
- Skillshare: Discuss FOIA training session - could hold this on Zoom and invite someone as a guest to teach it
- Review action items from 7/3 meeting - community org master list and events
- Banking update and any donations / Treasurer's Update
- Topics for social media posts for the week; question of the week; candidate spotlights; website banner; newsletter topics - social media post Idea - ask people to sign up for our newsletter
- Candidate volunteering efforts - Support campaign for Rus - action items from last campaign call on 7/5
- Bring progressive candidates to the South - AOC and Bernie - get signatures on letter - still need signatures - could email it to everyone - send it to leadership at the party
- **Project or policy idea:** Working with legislators to expedite birth certificate / SSN card and ID so they can start working -
- **Ongoing:** Reviewing discord server members - pick up past project
- **Ongoing:** Bill tracker prep for 2027 legislative session - research spreadsheet auto-updates on website

Future monthly meetings topics:

- Suggestions for 2026 Roadmap items and suggestions for DPA rules changes
- 2026 Roadmap item: Legislative item for Citizens United - see: Montana constitutional initiative called [Transparent Election Initiative](#)

NOTES:

- Proposed policies in the meeting: Bill to repeal the prohibition of municipalities from selectively raising property taxes on hyper scale data centers Bill to repeal the prohibition of municipalities from banning hyper scale data centers Bill to guarantee renters rights with a guaranteed warrant of habitability. One had Needs more Work in title, but it just needs a format update: Dept of Housing bill
- Discussed continuing to pay for Streamyard - \$45 per month - voted to cancel the account and avoid paying. We were already charged for July.
- Poll for bell to bell no cell - after voting may need to remove it from the platform
- Does the city deny a FOIA request for non-registered voters; people with a FOIA request must prove residency.
- Lonoke County democrats meeting on 7/30 at 6 p.m. if they want us to come and speak - and tell them about our calendar
- Put Alison's campaigning in the groupme
- Ward 7 and Ward 2 - candidate spotlight - send email with request info
- Question of the Week: Do you think the senate will pass the War Powers resolution; If you talked to Mitch McConnell for 20 mins, what did you talk about?
- All-auxiliary call this week - add this letter to the agenda
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ACTION ITEMS:

- Review bill with Needs Work on it - the other ones are good to submit to policy bank
- DONE: Update platform to remove opposition to BTBNC policy based on polls in the discord
- FOIA - who to ask for training session and ideas for what types of things to request. Anytime SHS buys anything.
- Share info about the July 28 QC vote - encourage people to go; show up early (around 5 p.m. though you cant go in until 5:30)

p.m.) to get a comment card - calling them out because they keep having comments AFTER voting.

- DONE: Add public meeting for the city on 8/4 to the calendar
- SHARE info on that: Aug 5 is last day to run for open director spot or mayor spot in Little Rock - could promote that - trying to organize Putting People on Ballot event - for signatures to get on the ballot - somewhere downtown - city hall at the steps and fill out the petition to put their name, address and ward. May show up to back to school events - maybe thinking Tuesday before Google vote on 8/4.
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- All auxiliary call - send a reminder and work on agenda - calendar invite and add emails
- SOCIAL MEDIA: Ask people to sign up for our newsletter
- ON CANDIDATE SPOTLIGHT POSTS: Add language about how to be featured in the candidate spotlight

- **Local and state elections to support**

NWA - HD19 - Jamie Atkinson - HD19

Pulaski County - HD67 - Andrew Cabe Eberly

Maumelle - HD71 Cassandra Green

Pulaski County - HD70 - Alex Holladay

Pulaski County - SD13 - Alison Sweatman

East of Pine Bluff - HD62 - Dexter Miller

Faulkner County - HD55 - Cynthia Nations

Faulkner County north of Conway - HD56 - Steve Magie, Dem incumbent

Lake for Ward 3

West Memphis / Marion - HD13 - Open seat; runoff ongoing

LR city positions: Collab with DSA

NWA - HD10 - Jacob Allen

NWA - HD15 - Daniel Holtmeyer

NWA - HD13 - Mitchell Smith

Pulaski County Judge - Wendell Griffin

Saline - SD 16 - Joshua Irby

State and federal candidates to support

Kelly Grappe (s.o.s)

Hallie Shoffner for Senate
Robb Ryerse District 3,
Chris Jones for District 2
James Russell for District 4
Terri Yabrough Green for District 1