

Arkansas Progressive Democrats

Monthly Meeting 5/24/2026

24 May 2026/ 4:00 PM / Discord

ATTENDEES

APDC members

AGENDA

- Dignified Living Campaign - when is stakeholders meeting; was a chat chat set up?
- Attend or table at June 13 event in El Dorado
- Celebrate AANPHI month -
- Preparing for state convention meeting - DPA platform Zoom updates
- Data center updates in Conway and LR from recent public meetings; [Arkansas Grassroots United](#) - next meeting on 5/28
- 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
- New section for candidate volunteering efforts - adding Alex Holladay, Wendell Griffin and Allison Grigsy-Sweatman and ACE
- Bill tracker prep for 2027 legislative session - got an estimate
- DPA meeting for stakeholders including auxiliaries - asking Dustin for the meeting date
- Bring progressive candidates to the South - AOC and Bernie - work with local NAACP?
- Next auxiliary meeting on 5/28? Should we reschedule?
- **Ongoing:** Request members to send FOIAs for Flock cameras in their counties. Reach out to arprogdems via email or discord for sample text and assistance on submissions.

UPCOMING ACTIONS:

- **Sunday, May 24:** Little Rock Freedom Fund movie screening and donation drive starting at 3 p.m. at The Village Place, 2718 Arch St., Little Rock
- **Tuesday, May 26:** Pulaski County Quorum Court, public comments on data centers arrive early to sign up to speak. Meeting at 6 p.m., 201 Broadway, Room 410, Little Rock
- **Wednesday, May 27:** Intransitive Volunteer Training to prepare for Pride Month and other activities. 6 p.m. at 10420 Helm Drive, Mabelvale
- **Thursday, May 28:** [Re-Elect Alex Holladay campaign launch](#) (House District 70) from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Rockwater Marina in North Little Rock.
- **Sunday, May 31:** Campaign volunteer kick-off for State Senate District 13 candidate Allison Grigsby-Sweatman, starting at 2 p.m. at American Pie Pizza. [Register here.](#)
- **Wednesday, June 3:** Re-elect Rep. Ashley Hudson campaign meet and greet for volunteers. Drop in any time from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Pizza Cafe West in Little Rock.
- **Saturday, June 13:** Democratic Party of Arkansas State Convention meeting starting at 9 a.m.

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](#)

ACTION ITEMS:

- DONE: Event in El Dorado - what time - or ask for future events
- DONE: Memorial Day graphic - and message with wording
- DONE: Question of the Week - Memorial Day week - how do you think administrations past and current have treated service members?
- IN PROGRESS: Pull together questions for Washington County meeting on DPA platform - Washington County members if they would support the rule change and endorsements - if we put something that prohibits county -level auxiliaries from endorsing only state-level auxiliaries ex: Wash Co democratic women - how they collected information for the platform
- DONE: Work on template - ask about drive with legislation from 2024 - send one legislation example as an example - how do we get it in there?

- DONE: Pulaski County quorum court - where to watch livestream on 5/26 - send out link; could also text everyone in Pulaski County membership to see if we can get them to go - pull it out of the member list and text them
- IN PROGRESS: Share AGU meeting zoom link for The Van - 5/28 AGU
- TO BE IN NEWSLETTER: Call for writers or submissions on Prog Blog
- **NEWSLETTER: Conway data center:** No major updates but next protest is May 30 in Conway - **add to newsletter;** going to meet with the mayor
- RESEARCH: Bill tracker cost \$1,000 - google sheet live populating on our website - do some research to see if it's possible
- Send out an email to all auxiliaries to invite them to the meeting on 5/28 - <https://www.arkdems.org/our-auxiliaries/> - ask David if we're still good for the meeting
- IN PROGRESS: Invite AOC and Bernie to Arkansas - write letter and have other auxiliaries / groups sign it before the state convention

NOTES:

- Fayetteville Swarm Aero went until midnight - and it passed anyways
- Banking update - going to bank to deposit this week and then can get a debit card
- Working with legislators to expedite birth certificate / SSN card and ID so they can start working
- Bring Progressive candidates to the South - come and talk here - progressive chairs - do we want to talk to other auxiliary leaders at state committee meeting - treasurer to draft up a letter to see if we can get other auxiliaries to sign on - print off copies to take to state committee - progressive candidates to promote -
- **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