

Arkansas Progressive Democrats

General Meeting 7/12/2026

12 July 2026/ 4:00 PM / Discord

ATTENDEES

APDC members

AGENDA

- Review past legislation in the drive and decide what to submit to DPA policy bank
- Review action items from 7/3 meeting - next thoughts for helping out The Van, etc
- 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
- **Project or policy idea:** Working with legislators to expedite birth certificate / SSN card and ID so they can start working -
- **Ongoing:** Request members to send FOIAs for Flock cameras in their counties.
- **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:

- Candidate spotlight this week is Jesse Johnson, JP for Maumelle. Ask if he is speaking to Wendell Griffin. Griffin wants to fund a county ID system for accounts and discussion boards for municipalities and quorum court.
- Idea: Look into operational expectations and other expenses for data centers. Online discussion board set up through JP websites.
- Reviewed list of legislation in our drive for the last legislative session to potentially go in policy bank. These are written bills that were given to legislators in 2025 and endorsed by the progressive caucus endorsed in the last legislative session.
- 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
- Proposed a poll for BTBNC in platform among members
- Dignified Living Campaign - 4 candidates running - one in NLR, running in expensive ward in LR - 3 candidates in LR - trying to get support of Wendell Griffin - Victoria running for Ward 7 - BJ is running for mayor
- Dignified Living Campaign on back burner due to data centers - looking to launch this after the election cycle
- BTBNC poll: Our platform says we are against the BTBNC policy that was passed last year. So, after one full year in operation, should the caucus continue to oppose the BTBNC policy for schools in Arkansas on our platform?
Answers: Yes / No / I don't know or no opinion

ACTION ITEMS:

- Secretary to pull six bills / legislation chosen by co-chair to submit to policy bank. In future meetings we will review more bills. Need to update them so they have the new logo and maybe do other formatting efforts. Put in the legislative channel before submitting to get feedback. Wait 3 days for feedback before submitting.
- Create poll for caucus to vote on BTBNC in platform
- Next all-auxiliary meeting - move date to 7/30?
- Put a summary of meeting in the chat

- Need research policy team at municipal and county level for coalition; team will initially also focus on strategy - Wednesday
- Send out letters to endorse Rus from progressive Dems - our calendar is sync'd with his events
- Reach out to progressive caucuses in other states to make connections
- Question: What responsibility does a representative have to disclose their health issues with the public?

- **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

