

# KYGP Steering Committee Meeting - Minutes

06/20/2020 – 1pm – 2pm ET, online via GoogleMeet <https://meet.google.com/wai-bibu-rrn>

Facebook Event: “June 2020 Steering Committee Meeting”

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1247529385639773/>

Attendees (\* arriving late)

Steering Committee members:

Hart Hagan (SC / Co-Chair) CD3	/ A	<del>Kris Smoot (SC) CD6 (**)</del>	P /
David Templar (SC / Co-Chair) ALT CD1	* / A	Ben Plume (SC) CD3	/ A
Danita Hines (SC) ALT CD5	/ A	James Calvert (SC) CD2	/ A

(\*\*) Kris no longer SC member

Other Registered Greens (absent attendees had responded via Facebook):

Erin Doherty (GPUS Del)	* / A	Ray C.	P /
JJ C.	P /	Geoff S.	P /
Chelsea P. (Maybe)	P /	Akeisha P. (Maybe)	P /
Ryan Pattee	* / A		

0) Rollcall (P – Present / A – Absent)

- o 4 of 6 current Steering Committee Members present at beginning – quorum

1) Identify and confirm (by SC vote) 2 delegates and 2 alternate delegates to the Presidential Nominating Convention (PNC)

- o Call for volunteers to be named. Hart Hagan volunteered, but could not commit at the time. Ben Plume cannot volunteer due to family commitments.
- o Danita: Motion to postpone vote until later into meeting. Motion agreed to by all.

2) Discussion and vote how/if delegates are bound to vote during the Convention.

Ben: Motion to vote/proceed on the following **one-time-rule**:

“On June 20<sup>th</sup> 2020, the Steering Committee of the Kentucky Green Party passes a one-time rule pertaining to how selected delegates to the Presidential Nominating Convention (PNC) should cast their vote. We find that the will of the people must be reflected in how delegates vote at the 2020 PNC. We therefore bind delegates to vote according to the final result of Kentucky Green Party voting results. Results will be published and delegates will be made aware of the results as well. Delegates are expected to cast their vote at the PNC according to

the final result.”

Vote on **one-time-rule** binding delegates: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. **ADOPTED.**

3) Discuss process for statewide vote - online voting options

- How many options? Should KY ballot only list three campaigns (Hawkins and Hunter and Rolde) that have been recognized as meeting requirements, should it list additional five candidates seeking recognition (Dennis Lambert, Susan Buchser Lochocki, Kent Mesplay, Sedinam Moyowasiza-Curry, and Chad Wilson), should "uncommitted" be additional option? Should RCV be used during voting?

- After brief discussion, consensus was reached to only include candidates on KY ballot who have met/achieved basic criteria for “official recognition by the GPUS” **the day prior** to the day KY voting begins.

Vote on **including only candidates** meeting above: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. **ADOPTED.**

Vote on **including “uncommitted”**: 0 Ayes, 4 Nays. **NOT PASSED.**

*(co-chair David Templar joined at this time)*

Vote on **utilizing RCV** during KY voting process: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. **ADOPTED.**

- How long should voting options be available? Possibly for a week (7 days) or less (5 days, 4 days), consider starting as soon as June 22nd or June 23rd (but consider D/R Primary on 6/23 and setup time for online voting as well as time for contacting Greens). Can we utilize online platform [name redacted] for KY voting?

Vote on **utilizing online platform** for KY voting: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. **ADOPTED.**

Vote on **length of KY voting** - consensus was 7 days: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. **ADOPTED.**

Vote on **when KY voting should conclude** – consensus was **midnight ET, July 3 2020**: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. **ADOPTED.**

Vote on **when KY voting should start** – consensus was on **June 27 2020**: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. **ADOPTED.**

- Discussed process to reach as many diverse Greens as possible: Direct Mail option to reach all by regular mail deemed cost prohibitive. Contact by email and by announcement on Facebook/website should reach as many as possible and as many diverse Greens as possible. We can and should utilize multiple email lists, not limiting ourselves to those likely from campaigns. We need to have some process in place to prevent anyone to vote without being registered Greens in KY (integrity of process).
- Process discussed: Start - individual may see announcement on FB/website to send email to [info@kygreenparty.org](mailto:info@kygreenparty.org) with subject like “GreenVote KY 2020” in order to be

part of KY voting; or individual is contacted by direct email and invited to participate in KY voting by sending email to [info@kygreenparty.org](mailto:info@kygreenparty.org) with subject like "GreenVote KY 2020". Upon receipt of email to [info@kygreenparty.org](mailto:info@kygreenparty.org), individual receives email instructions (from template) to please confirm status as registered Green in Kentucky. Status can be confirmed by sending screenshot of voter registration data or by providing FULL NAME and BIRTHDAY (no SSN) so that we can look up and confirm status. Once confirmed, individual receives link/invitation to vote. If voting platform does offer a consent screen prior voting, people may be asked to confirm that they "are registered Green in Kentucky as of the date they are voting". Due to manual nature of above process, we need to have cutoff day for sending in voter registration data prior to day on which voting ends.

Vote on **above process**: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. **ADOPTED.**

Vote on **cutoff day for sending in registration data** - proposed 07/01/2020 midnight ET: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. **ADOPTED.**

Note: Voting needed to end latest by July 8th for delegates to be informed of results. It will now end on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, with 4<sup>th</sup> being a holiday and 5<sup>th</sup> very likely the day of results.

Back to Agenda #1, another call for volunteers to become delegates was made. David Templar volunteered.

Vote on **David Templar** to be KY delegate to PNC: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. 1 non-voting. **CONFIRMED.**

#### 4) Discuss additional KYGP Green Vote Meet

Motion was made to postpone decision until after first KYGP Green Vote Meet has occurred and participation would signal interest. All agreed.

#### 5) Feasibility of ballot access in KY

Discussed the need to start organizing and call for volunteers. Next SC/KYGP meeting should occur after PNC, and soon after, in order to maximize time. 5000 signatures will be needed to gain ballot access. Next meeting suggested to take place mid July.

#### 6) Endorsing KY Candidates from other parties?

A question was brought to us via Facebook about endorsing progressive candidates from other parties. After a brief discussion, we concluded that we cannot and should not endorse KY candidates from other parties. This includes candidates who share many ideas of the GP and who "check many of the boxes" of the GP platform and GP values.

*(Erin Doherty, KY delegate, joined around this time)*

Back to Agenda #1, Erin was informed of call for volunteers to become delegate to PNC. She signaled interest. After meeting, Hart reached out to SC about vote to confirm Erin. Erin was

confirmed after four (of six possible) AYE votes. Votes recorded digitally – thread attached.

7) Next meeting in August

Discussed the need for Steering Committee meeting in August, to fill vacant SC spots and to elect new co-chair to serve for two-year term. SC anticipates one co-chair to vacate seat in August and not run for re-election. Date in August to be determined.

Meeting concluded at around 1:50pm.

Meeting was followed by digital/electronic vote to confirm Erin Doherty as delegate to PNC.

Delegates to PNC as of 06/20/2020 and 06/21/2020:

David Templar and Erin Doherty as delegates. None as alternate delegates.

/s/ Ben Plume  
KYGP SC  
KYGP Secretary  
KYGP Alt Del