

White Plains Democratic City Committee

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Organization Meeting

Notice and Agenda

Thursday, February 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM

VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

Order of Business

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Minutes of 1/26/2021 meeting
3. Treasurer's report
4. Black History Month Guest Speaker: Dr. Darren M. Morton, Senior Pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church of Mount Vernon
5. Endorsement of candidate for Mayor.-- Recommended by Nominating Committee: Tom Roach
6. Endorsement of 3 candidates for Common Council -- Recommended by Nominating Committee: John Martin, Justin Brasch and Rich Payne. Also nominated: John Kirkpatrick
7. Endorsement of candidate for County Legislator, 5th District -- Recommended by Nominating Committee: Ben Boykin
8. Endorsement of candidate for County Legislator, 8th District -- Recommended by Nominating Committee: Alfreda Williams
9. Elected Officials Reports
10. Old Business
11. New Business

*This will be a Zoom meeting. A link to the conference will be sent as soon as it is available.

White Plains Democratic City Committee
ZOOM meeting
January 26, 2021

Attendees

Bill Alexander
Victor Avendano
David Azrin
Ellen Berger
Sissy Bikkal
Ben Boykin
Justin Brasch
David Brezler
Andrew Brotmann
David Buchwald
Don Buchwald
Kenny Burr
Renee Cohen
Ken Creary
Terry Degatano
Gawain de Leeuw
Vincent Fields
Jeremiah Frei-Pierson
Andy Grossman
Jason Halperin
Ruthmarie Hicks
Marie Houston
Nadine Hunt-Robinson
Tim James
Fran Jones
John Kirkpatrick
Michael Kraver
Milagros Lecuona
Brandon Lloyd
Rita Malmud
John Martin
Lauren McCallion
Cheryl Melton
Jonette Mines
Joe Montalto
Ed Oliva
Rich Payne
Dennis Power
Vicki Presser
Jennifer Puja
Steven Rabinowitz

Charlene Raynor
Elizabeth Roach
Tom Roach
Alex Roithmayr
Michael Sanchez
Evelyn Santiago
Barbara Schwarz
Paul Schwarz
Beth Smayda
Danielle Solinski
Mike Stanton
Scott Stefan
Michael Stolzar
Elaine Summers
Willa Swiller
Diane Travers
Ruth Yankwitt
Allen Weintraub
Deborah Zipf

Guests:

Linda Bryant
Assemblyman Chris Burdick
Elizabeth Gazay
Elaine Du
Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins
Susan Katz
Pat Keegan
Caitlin Knipper
County Clerk Timothy Idoni
County Executive George Latimer
Senator Shelly Mayer
Alia McCants
Yonkers Councilwoman. Shanae Williams

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Adoption of Minutes of 12/8/2020 meeting

Adopted unanimously.

3. *Treasurer's report*

Tim (for Paul)

\$30353.60, only \$300 less than last meeting

4. *Report of Organization Chair*

Propose Father Gawain de Leeuw as Associate District Leader for ED 5, in WP since 1998, long career in political, human services and social justice issues. Approved unanimously.

a) *Election of Recording Secretary*

Steve Rabinowitz recommended by Nominating Committee. Approved unanimously.

5. *Possible Endorsement of Candidate for County Executive*

Moved to endorse George Latimer for re-election, approved unanimously.

6. *Possible Endorsement of Candidate for County Clerk*

Shanae Williams

Currently Yonkers Councilwoman, grew up in Yonkers and Hastings, experience as an immigrant working through naturalization process made familiar with political process. Pushing for affordable housing and housing the homeless in Yonkers. Feel need for focus on equity, transparency, progressive perspectives needed for County Clerk's office. Would like to see office take a more public face, do more to promote County ID program particularly among undocumented and homeless, relax documentation requirements.

Timothy Idoni

Long career in public service and municipal management. Worked to diversify city government when Mayor of New Rochelle. Streamlined County Clerk's office from 110 to 64 staff through automation and eliminating political appointments, reduced processing time for records and deeds, office is considered leader in technology. Progressive record, work with naturalization of over 40K individuals. Dramatically expanded County ID program, feel need to retain some documentation as safeguard. Active in State County Clerks Association. Working on shared service agreements with local governments regarding property records, building departments.

Moved, second to make endorsement for County Clerk. Passed on roll call.

Discussion of candidates. Swiller, Martin, David Buchwald, Rabinowitz, Travers, de Leeuw, Santiago, Brezler, David Buchwald in support of Idoni. De Leeuw, Rabinowitz, Santiago, Brezler,

David Buchwald expressed need to bring younger people into political process, offer training and opportunities.

Moved to close debate, approved unanimously. Roll call vote (weighted vote): 8693 Idoni, 531 Williams and 1 abstaining. Idoni endorsed.

7. Elected Officials Reports

Burdick

Finding Assembly very fast paced, no real adjustment time for new members. Issues around COVID vaccine a major concern. Co-sponsor of NY Health Act, Choice in Dying, prison reform along with other progressive legislation. Concern that revenue understated, expect will restore some cuts. Passed bill to reduce signatures required on petitions, need to avoid personal contact, find other ways to qualify such as online petitioning. Agree need revenue raisers, favor surcharge on over \$5 million, look at stock transfer tax, question of impact on district, looking at increase in tobacco tax.

Latimer

Running for another term, feels he has had solid record of accomplishment.

Boykin

Just had second Board of Legislators meeting working on getting back to public input sessions. Will be receiving police reform proposal from County Executive, will have public comment period, adopt final version to send to Governor's office by 4/1 as per Executive Order. Redistricting process will take place this year based on Census results. Will be working on ethics reform based on Covill proposals. Joint State Legislative package in work, will meet with State Legislators shortly. COVID vaccine biggest concern right now, situation changing rapidly.

Roach

COVID biggest issue in city, seeing very good compliance, but active case count had gone up with holidays, starting to decline. White Plains Hospital still doing all normal procedures. Vaccine rollout very frustrating, lack of vaccines, doing best to assist where can. Still not as many public safety staff vaccinated as would like. Mayors see major shift with new Presidential administration. Solar panels going up on public buildings, train station and hospital renovations going forward. City finances remain strong.

Jenkins

State taking down tents in front of County Center, will retain beds inside Center as a reserve for some time. Thursday night COVID update with County Executive. Vaccinating municipal workers at Court Street health clinic, 65 and over will be at County Center, pharmacies. Pop up site at Calvary Baptist Church, 500 vaccinations in one day. State getting increase in vaccines next week.

8. Old Business

February 10 County Convention, nominations for County Executive, County Clerk. February 18 WPDCC meeting to endorse County Legislators, Mayor and Common Council candidates. David Buchwald will chair February 2 County Legislature District 2 mini-convention for open seat (Covill not running). April 25 WPDCC Spring Reception honoring David Buchwald.

9. New Business

Santiago

Reactivating Issues Committee, planning to meet in March, will discuss how to present issues to larger WPDCC. Looking at issues around social justice, police reform, immigration among others.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by Steven Rabinowitz, Recording Secretary, February 11, 2021

PROXY

I, _____, a duly elected member of the Democratic County
Committee, representing the _____ Election District of the City of White Plains, do hereby appoint
_____, a duly enrolled Democrat, residing at
_____, White Plains, New York, to act and vote as my proxy
at the meeting of the White Plains Democratic City Committee to be held on **February 18, 2021,**
at 7:00 PM via Zoom teleconference..

Date Executed

Signature of Committee Member

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

I, _____ state that I am a duly qualified voter in the City of White
Plains and am an enrolled voter of the Democratic Party.

I now reside at _____, in the City of White Plains.

The above-named individual, whose signature appears hereon, subscribed the same in my presence
and identified him/herself as the individual who signed this proxy.

I understand that this statement will be accepted for all purposes as the equivalent of an affidavit
and, if it contains a material false statement, shall subject me to the same penalties as if I had been
duly sworn.

Date

Signature

**Proxy Rules: Proxies must be turned in to the Chair (Tim James at 300 Martine Avenue,
Apt. 4K) or the Recording Secretary (Steven Rabinowitz, 119 Byron Ave) not later than
7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17, 2021. Any White Plains Democrat may carry a
proxy, but not more than one proxy.**