

## Green-Rainbow Party State Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Saturday, September 13, 2003

**Location:** Cape Cod Community College, Barnstable, MA

**Time:** Commenced: 9:45 AM; Adjourned: 5:45 PM

**Facilitation:** Wanda Boeke and Tony Lorenzen

**Appendix A:** Statecom Virtual Meeting Minutes of August 2003 Email Meeting

### Participants

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role(s)</b>	<b>Town/ Region</b>
Aimee Smith	Delegate- Membership Director	Middlesex
Anne Donahue	Delegate	Middlesex
Aram Falsafi	Delegate	Middlesex
Bert Alberts	Delegate	Essex- Newburyport
Beth Bandy	Delegate	Franklin
Betty Zisk	Delegate	Middlesex
Daniel Melnechuk	Delegate- Treasurer	Middlesex
David Agnew	Delegate	Cape and Islands
David Dionne	Delegate	Bristol
David Rolde	Delegate	Middlesex
Diane Scherrer	Delegate	Hampshire
Ebony Barkley	Delegate- Co-chair; Minutes	Suffolk
Emily G. Lewis	Delegate	Hampshire
Eva Kerr	Delegate	Suffolk
Gerthy Lahens-Justafort	Delegate	Suffolk
Gil Obler	Delegate- Fundraising Director	Middlesex
Gordon Davis	Delegate	Diversity Delegate
Grace Ross	Delegate- Co-chair	Middlesex
Gretchen Clotz	Delegate	Middlesex
Jennifer Mazer	Delegate	Middlesex
Jim Bosman	Delegate	Hampshire
Jon Leavitt	Delegate	Essex
Jim Demetras	Delegate	Cape and Islands
Jon Levy	Delegate	Hampshire
Julie Saad	Delegate	Norfolk
Lisa Richards	Delegate	Diversity Delegate
Mark Laserte	Delegate	Worcester
Merelice	Delegate	Rainbow
Owen Broadhurst	Delegate	Hampden
Patsy (Altieri) Coyle	Delegate	Cape and Islands
Ralph Walton	Delegate	Suffolk
Richard Aviles	Delegate	Hampshire
Richard Zitola	Delegate	Worcester

Ronald Francis	Delegate	Middlesex
Rose Gonzalez	Delegate	Essex
Samantha Zitola	Delegate	Worcester
Sara Willig	Delegate- Timekeeper	Middlesex
Scott McGinley	Delegate- Stacker	Hampshire
Scott Pherson	Delegate	Middlesex
Sharon Nietsche	Delegate	Worcester
Sharron Tetrault	Delegate	Bristol
Stephen Milder	Delegate	Middlesex
Todd Jardin	Delegate	Plymouth
Tony Lorenzen	Delegate- Facilitator	Worcester
Wanda Boeke	Delegate- Facilitator	
James O'Keefe	Observer- Candidate Development	
Rudy Perkins	Observer	
Dave England	Delegate	Norfolk
Peter White	Observer	

Grace Ross calls meeting to order, gives welcome and provides an orientation session for new state committee members. She provides a handout on party organizational structure.

Request to consider Proposal M (proposal to amend state committee standing agenda). Following an extended discussion regarding the necessity of considering this proposal, it is agreed to adopt procedure sections A, B as amended, and E.

A) Add as the first item on the agenda:

Address any credentialing issues with delegates to the state committee. If none, this item is skipped. Decisions on credentialing will be made by those delegates whose credentials are not under review. Quorum is calculated based on delegates whose credentials are not under review.

B) Add as the second item on the agenda:

Allot 10 minutes to address any proposals that state com decides affect the standard agenda that are above and beyond a facilitators role of adjusting the standard agenda.

E) Add the following statement to the standard rules:

The facilitators have some leeway in adjusting the order of the standard agenda items as a tool to help facilitate the process of the meeting. Legal and timely items must be given preference in any reordering.

Five minute Break

Request to consider credentialing issues. Alternate delegate Scott Pherson from Middlesex County appointed as delegate. Alternate delegate Steve Milder from Middlesex County is appointed as a delegate for the day Anne Donahue from Middlesex County is appointed as a delegate.

#### Standing Agenda Item #1

Approve the minutes of 3/30/03 meeting after clarifying the language of the membership bylaw change. Correct language is below:

4.1 used to read: "Be a registered Green-Rainbow Party (G or J designations) voter in Massachusetts;"

4.1 now reads:

- Be a registered Green-Rainbow Party (J designation) voter in Massachusetts;
- Be a registered Rainbow Coalition (F designation) or GPUSA (G Designation) voter in Massachusetts through November 30, 2003;

Minutes approved as amended.

#### Standing Agenda Item #2

Setting the time and place for the State Committee meeting. Date is set for Sunday January 11, 2004 with a fall back alternate (snow) date of Sunday, January 25, 2004. Location will be the Springfield area.

#### Standing Agenda Item #4

Ranking of Proposals – See results below:

#### Overall Ranking

1G 2B 3C 4P 5R 6L 7K 8A 9J 10E 11O 12D 13F 14H 15Q 16N 17I 18T 19 M

#### Expedited Proposals:

1. J=82% 2. K=82% 3. T=80% 4. F=78% 5. H=78% 6. P=78% 7. T=76% 8. B=73%  
9. N=73% 10. Q=71% 11. A=69% 12. E=69% 13. M=69% 14. L=67% 15. O=67%

Proposals R, D, G, S and C did not meet threshold for consideration in expedited round.

#### Standing Agenda Item #3

Reports

Co-chairs, Treasurer, Communications Committee, Membership & Diversity Committee, Fundraising, Convention Planning committee, Candidate Development and Legal

Lunch Break

#### Standing Agenda Item #5

Budget Matters

The following changes to Tier 3 of the 2004 budget were approved:

Annual Fundraising Dinner – cut

Member Phone Expenses – cut  
Fall Fundraising Appeal – set at \$3,000  
Member Travel Expenses – set at \$600  
Member Childcare Expenses – set at \$300

Standing Agenda Item #10  
Elections

GPUS Presidential Exploratory Committee – Rudy Perkins Elected  
Adcom Diversity Seat - Rose Gonzales Elected  
Adcom Diversity Seat - Merelice Elected  
Adcom Diversity Seat - Samantha Zitola Elected  
GPUS Accreditations Committee - Gil Obler provisionally elected  
GPUS Ballot Access Working Group - Vanessa Bliss provisionally elected  
GPUS Platform Committee - Tony Lorenzen provisionally elected  
GPUS International Committee - Gerthy Justafort provisionally elected  
GPUS International Committee – Julie Saad  
GPUS International Committee - Gretchen Klotz provisionally elected  
GPUS Diversity Committee - Gerthy Justafort provisionally elected

Standing Agenda Item #6  
Urgent Matters

2004 Candidate Recruitment Plan - Approved

2004 National Presidential Convention Delegate Selection Rules - Approved

2004 Presidential Election Plan – Approved as amended except for sections 5 and 8 which were removed. Amendment was to allow on the GRP primary ballot candidates from states without accredited green parties.

## Appendix A

### State Committee Virtual Meeting Minutes

**Date:** August, 2003

**Location:** Cyberspace - Conducted via email

**Time:** Commence: August 12, 2003 2:54 PM

Close: September 5, 2003 10:29 AM

#### Participants Ballot I

Name	Role(s)	Town/ Region
Mark Laserte	Delegate	Worcester County

Julie Saad	Delegate	Norfolk County
Tony Lorenzen	Delegate	Worcester County
Gordon C Davis	Delegate	Diversity Delegate
Aram Falsafi	Delegate	Middlesex County
Ron Francis	Delegate	Middlesex County
Owen Broadhurst	Delegate	Hampden County
Samantha Zitola	Delegate	Worcester County
Mary Broadhurst	Delegate	Hampden County
Wanda Boeke	Delegate	Berkshire County
Lisa Richards	Delegate	Diversity Delegate (Franklin County)
Ralph Walton	Delegate	Suffolk County
Betty Zisk	Delegate	Middlesex County
Stevan Bartone	Delegate	Hampshire County
Grace Ross	Delegate	Middlesex County
Gretchen Klotz	Delegate	Middlesex County
Jen Mazer	Delegate	Middlesex County
Emily Lewis	Delegate	Hampshire County
Diane Scherrer	Delegate	Hampshire County
David Agnew	Delegate	Cape and Islands
Rich Zitola	Delegate	Worcester County
Scott McGinley	Delegate	Hampshire County
Jim Bosman	Delegate	Hampshire County
David Rolde	Delegate	Middlesex County
Todd Jardin	Delegate	Plymouth County
Daniel Melnechuk	Delegate	Middlesex County
David Ebony Allen Barkley	Delegate	Diversity Delegate (Suffolk County)

**Participants  
Ballot II**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role(s)</b>	<b>Town/ Region</b>
Mark Laserte	Delegate	Worcester County
Julie Saad	Delegate	Norfolk County
Tony Lorenzen	Delegate	Worcester County
Gordon C Davis	Delegate	Diversity Delegate
Aram Falsafi	Delegate	Middlesex County
Ron Francis	Delegate	Middlesex County
Owen Broadhurst	Delegate	Hampden County
Samantha Zitola	Delegate	Worcester County
Mary Broadhurst	Delegate	Hampden County
Wanda Boeke	Delegate	Berkshire County
Lisa Richards	Delegate	Diversity Delegate (Franklin

		County)
Ralph Walton	Delegate	Suffolk County
Betty Zisk	Delegate	Middlesex County
Grace Ross	Delegate	Middlesex County
Gretchen Klotz	Delegate	Middlesex County
Jen Mazer	Delegate	Middlesex County
Emily Lewis	Delegate	Hampshire County
Diane Scherrer	Delegate	Hampshire County
David Agnew	Delegate	Cape and Islands
Rich Zitola	Delegate	Worcester County
Scott McGinley	Delegate	Hampshire County
Jim Bosman	Delegate	Hampshire County
David Rolde	Delegate	Middlesex County
Todd Jardin	Delegate	Plymouth County
Daniel Melnechuk	Delegate	Middlesex County
David Ebony Allen Barkley	Delegate	Diversity Delegate (Suffolk County)
Aimee Smith	Delegate	Middlesex County
Gil Obler	Delegate	Middlesex County
Gary Hicks	Delegate	Rainbow (Suffolk County)
Marie Avin	Delegate	Rainbow
Elizabeth Adams	Delegate	Middlesex County

The special State Committee meeting was called for by 26 delegates, in excess of one third. Quorum established for both ballots with 27 in the first ballot and 31 in the second ballot. Quorum is one half of 52 delegates plus one. Proposals A through H:

**Passed by consensus on first ballot:**

Proposal B: Endorse Owen Broadhurst, City Council, Agawam

Proposal C: Endorse Chuck Turner, City Council, Boston (Up for reelection)

**Passed by consensus on second ballot:**

Proposal A: Endorsed Candidates Requirements Policy

1 person with concerns, stood aside

Proposal E: Endorse Aimee Smith, City Council, Cambridge

2 persons with concerns, stood aside

Proposal F: Endorse Michael Castronova, School Committee, Pittsfield

Proposal G: Endorse Sharon Nietzsche, City Council, Worcester

Proposal H: Endorsed Candidates In Kind Tech Donation Policy

**Passed by over 2/3rds supermajority fall back vote:**

Proposal D: Endorse Dan "the Bagelman" Kontoff, City Council, Boston

4 persons with concerns, 3 stood aside.