

Iowa Democratic Party  
Summary Notes from the State Central Committee  
September 20, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hart at 9:06 at the IBEW 347 meeting room in Ankeny and by Zoom. Mary attended in person. A quorum of 33 were present.

Chair Hart's report was given and included introduction of Holly Lyman who served as an intern this past summer and is now employed as an assistant to Lynsey, Party Affairs Director.

Chair Hart praised and thanked all of those who made the special election a victory for Catelin Drey. She expressed confidence about the number of excellent candidates seeking office in all 4 of the Congressional Districts.

She indicated the Coordinated Campaign will be launching in January of 2026. She encouraged completion of the "family survey" regarding the Iowa caucuses. It will be finalized and a report given to the SCC at the December 6 meeting.

Vice Chair Christensen gave his report including thankfulness for the volunteers who helped Catelin. He spoke of the educational/informational meeting sponsored by the Women's Caucus last Thursday. He spoke about the work of BRAVER ANGELS, and the idea generated in the breakout session of he, Mary Weaver, and Jan Norris about meeting with identified Republicans to improve communication and seek mutual values.

A video was played from the DNC chair and secretary honoring and thanking Sandy Opstvedt and Jan Bauer for their past commitments in representing Iowa on the DNC. Chair Martin did not replace them with Iowans. At this point Chairs Hart and Christensen, along with Scott Brennen and June Owens are the Iowa representatives to the DNC. Scott was not reappointed to the Rules committee by DNC chair, Martin.

The State Central Committee Board moved into closed session for the treasurer's report. In general, the financial picture appears stable and indicates continuous improvement. The annual audit report will be completed and reported at the December meeting.

At 9:50 the group moved out of closed session. Following a vote by the SCC board the following dates were identified for 2026. County Conventions March 21; District Conventions May 22; State Convention, June 13.

To improve efficiencies the number of bank accounts has decreased from 17 to 15, and with the action given to Bob Ward by SCC moves the number of accounts to 13.

The Liberty and Justice gathering will be held at the Iowa event center November 9. By October 1<sup>st</sup> the speaker will be announced.

SCC meetings for 2026 will be held March 28 and June 27. The 3 and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter dates were not identified.

County, district and caucus activities and dates were encouraged to be submitted to the IDP online calendar.

Mike Sexton House District 7 in north central Iowa has resigned to join the Trump administration. A special election will be held soon. Rachel Burns was planning to run in 2026 and now will run in the special election.

Marti Anderson, platform committee chair spoke about the plans to make the platform available to all candidates, and to streamline the user friendliness of the document.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

Summary Minutes shared by  
Mary Weaver, women's caucus chair and  
Member of District 4.