



La Plata County Democratic Party 2026 Caucus & County Assembly Minutes

Date: March 7, 2026

Location: Durango Public Library

Call to Order: 1:41pm

Recessed: 4:44pm

Reconvene Date: March 9, 2026

Location: Zoom

Call to Order: 6:05pm

Adjourned: 7:53pm

Caucus

- The La Plata County Democratic Party Precinct Caucus was called to order at **1:41pm**.
- Participants reviewed caucus rules and procedures.
- Participants identified their precincts and convened accordingly.

Election of Precinct Organizers

- Precinct organizers were elected by affirmation where uncontested. Contested precincts conducted separate selection processes.

Delegate Selection

- Delegates to the County Assembly were selected at-large from caucus participants.
- Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Precinct Caucus adjourned.

County Assembly

- The La Plata County Democratic Party County Assembly was called to order at **2:13pm**.

Credentials Report

- The credentials report confirmed 157 delegates elected through caucus.
- A quorum of 40% (63 delegates) was required.
- 141 delegates were confirmed present, establishing a quorum.

Permanent Organization Report

- The Permanent Organization Committee presented its report outlining the rules governing the Assembly.

- Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Permanent Organization Report was adopted.

Nomination of County Candidates

- Nominations were opened for countywide offices.
- The following candidates were properly nominated for designation to the Democratic Primary ballot:
 - Elizabeth Philbrick — La Plata County Commissioner, District 1
 - Sean Smith — La Plata County Sheriff
 - Trevor Nyx — La Plata County Coroner
 - Carrie Woodson — La Plata County Assessor
 - Miles Walsh — La Plata County Treasurer
- Electronic ballots were opened for designation votes.
- Each candidate met the required 30% threshold and advanced to the Democratic Primary ballot.

Technical Interruption

- At approximately **2:53pm**, a Point of Order noted that the Colorado Democratic Party voting platform was down.
- Due to the continued failure of the platform, the Assembly could not proceed with the remaining preference polls.
- Upon motion duly made and seconded, the body voted to recess the Assembly and reconvene as a Virtual Assembly to complete the remaining business. Motion passed and Assembly recessed at approximately **4:44pm**.

Reconvened Virtual Assembly

- The Assembly reconvened virtually on Monday, March 9 and was called to order at **6:05pm**.
- 103 delegates were confirmed present, establishing a quorum.
- Preference poll results were announced for the U.S. Senate, Congressional District 3, and Colorado House District 59 races.
- The Assembly then elected the appropriate number of delegates to attend the State and multi-district assemblies.

U.S. Senate Preference Poll Results

- John Hickenlooper — 37.1% (7 delegates)
- Karen Breslin — 31.5% (6 delegates)
- Julie Gonzales — 29.4% (5 delegates)

Senate Delegate Election - Colorado State Assembly | March 28, 2026 Pueblo,CO

- **Delegates Elected for John Hickenlooper:** Sean Patrick Murray, Matt Salka, Eric Naber, Chris Hansen, Beverly Ellis, Barbara McLachlan, Anne Markward
- **Delegates Elected for Karen Breslin:** Stephen Salka, Lori Cole, Karen Zink, Gretchen Nordham, Christian Champagne, Alison Dance
- **Delegates Elected for Julie Gonzales:** Vivian Smotherman, Jonathan Jourdane, Joann Smotherman, Doug Walker, Anne Woods

Congressional District 3 Preference Poll Results

- Alex Kelloff — 51.45% (9 delegates)
- Uncommitted — 26.09% (5 delegates)
- Dwayne Romero — 22.46% (4 delegates)

CD3 Assembly Delegate Election - CD3 Assembly | Virtual, March 27, 2026 at 6:00pm

- **Delegates Elected for Alex Kelloff:** Chris Hansen, Guinn Unger, Judith Elliot, Karen Lee Zink, Kristina Woods, Lisa Weber, Margaret E. Cozine, Nancy Logan, Shauna Unger
- **Delegates Elected for Uncommitted:** Anne Markward, Beverly Ellis, Doug Fults, Gretchen Nordham, Melissa Lunsford
- **Delegates Elected for Dwayne Romero:** Andrew Corra, Bonnie Rozean, Janet Wiley, Timothy Wheeler

Colorado HD59 Preference Poll Results

- Katie Stewart — 97.1% (18 delegates)
- Uncommitted — 2.9% (0 delegates)

HD59 Assembly Delegate Election - Virtual, April 10, 2026 at 6:00pm

- **Delegates Elected for Katie Stewart:** Anne Markward, Gail Harriss, Guinn Eugene Unger Jr., Janet Wiley, Judith Elliot, Karen Lee Zink, Lisa Weber, Margaret L. Martin, Mary Kathryn Stewart, Matthew Salka, Melissa Lunsford, Nancy Logan, Peter Miesler, Peter W. Tregillus, Sarah Jacobson, Sean Murray, Teal Lehto, Thomas Morrissey

Platform Committee

- Participants were invited to join a [County Platform Committee](#) to develop a platform proposal for consideration by the Central Committee.
- Interest form can be found here: <https://forms.gle/2RDtAiW7ertzCh2X7>

Adjournment

- There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was duly made and seconded. The motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at **7:53pm**.