



CAUCUS AGENDA - May 23rd, 2024

1. Call Caucus to order by Temporary Chair
2. Temporary Chair Appoints Temporary Secretary
3. Temporary Secretary reads caucus notice
4. Election of a permanent Chair
5. Election of a permanent Secretary
6. Approval of Agenda
7. Explanation of Caucus Purpose and Procedure
8. Adoption of Procedure (1 motion)
 - Vote by show of hands, may move to vote by secret ballot
 - Floor Nominations Allowed
 - "Majority of Democrats present and voting" to Endorse
9. Nominations
10. Vote (collection and tabulation of ballots if necessary)
11. Announcement of results (Caucus Chair)
12. Adjourn
 - Follow up: Filing of Certification Paperwork

NOTICE OF LEDYARD DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

Notice of Democratic Caucus

To the enrolled members of the Democratic party of the Town of Ledyard, Connecticut:

Pursuant to the rules of the Democratic Party and Connecticut General Statutes, you are hereby notified that a caucus will be held on Thursday May 23rd, 2024, at 6:00 pm, at the Ledyard Town Hall Annex, 741 Colonel Ledyard Hwy., to endorse the candidate for Ledyard Democratic Registrar.

Please note that the caucus must be conducted in person. Children are welcome and the caucus should take approximately 30 to 45 minutes.

RSVPs to ledyarddtc@gmail.com are requested to ensure a sufficient number of ballots to be available. More information on the caucus can be found on the Ledyard DTC's Facebook page [@ledyardctdems](#) and at ledyarddtc.com.

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Ledyard Democrats Delegate Election Caucus:

Why are we here today?

At today's Caucus, we will endorse our candidate for Registrar. This Caucus is our town's voice in the party's process for deciding which candidate to endorse and whether or not there needs to be a Primary Election. Our By-Laws require us to Caucus any time we are placing names on the ballot.

We will nominate one candidate for Democratic Registrar, and provided nobody tries to Primary, they will appear on that spot in this November's ballot, alongside the Republican candidate for Registrar.

Didn't we just do a Caucus?

Yes, but this is the first time in 4 years that we've had to endorse a candidate for Registrar, and the last time we did this was May 2020, when the State Party had suspended Caucuses.

Earlier this year, we elected the DTC and then we elected Delegates who endorsed the candidates who will appear on the ballot: Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, Chris Murphy, Joe Courtney, Cathy Osten, Kevin Ryan, Kayla Thompson (placeholder), and Ty Lamb (placeholder). ***One spot remains on this November's ballot - Registrar.***

The Democratic Party schedules a Primary Election to select its candidates for the General Election on November 5th. But if the party can show that only one candidate is running, or that other candidates cannot gather enough support to be viable, the Primary can be canceled. This saves the time and money spent running a Primary. The Caucus - comprised of enrolled Dems and not limited to just the DTC membership - is our way of doing that.

We haven't done this in 4 years because our Town Charter gives the Registrar a 4-year term.

On the next page is a detailed explanation of the Caucus Procedure. This will be discussed and voted on, so ask any questions you have!

Caucus Process:

The Caucus agenda is structured to ensure that the Democrats, not the DTC, run the election. The DTC determines the Caucus date, and the Executive Team determines the time and location, and sends out the Notice. The DTC Chair calls this Caucus to order, but the Democrats decide who runs it.

By having the Democrats elect a Permanent Chair and Secretary, the Democrats are assured that the process is not completely controlled by the DTC, and are provided a check on the DTC's power over the election of its Delegates. For someone to be endorsed today, they do not need to be present, but they must receive a majority vote of the Democrats present and voting at this Caucus.

Normally, voting is done by secret paper ballot, but if the Caucus attendees decide, we can vote the same way we do in DTC meetings, unless we decide to stick with paper ballots.

Once we call the Caucus order, read the notice, and elect the Chair and Secretary, we will go over the rules and vote to adopt them. This way, we are all on the same page with the process and we can do this in an efficient and orderly manner. Then we complete the nomination process, vote, announce the results, and adjourn!

There are 4 big steps to the Caucus.

First: Adoption of the Caucus Procedure. The Chair will explain the procedure, and answer any questions about it, before we vote on it.

Second: Nominations. The Chair will open nominations from the Floor. This is a step required per Robert's Rules and State Party Rules, and provides the Democrats present a chance to nominate one or more candidates from among those Democrats not already on the ballot. The Chair will ask, "Are there any Nominations from the Floor?" three times.

- Once recognized, state your name and "I nominate (first name last name) for Delegate to [say which convention(s)]". Then the Chair will ask for a Second.
- Then the Chair will announce, "(First name last name) is nominated for Registrar".
- Once the Chair has asked for nominations from the floor for the third time and following a short pause thereafter, the Chair will announce, "Hearing none (or no more), floor nominations are closed."

Third: We vote! The vote will be a 'yes' or 'no' using the agreed-upon method.

Fourth: We adjourn! The Chair will make a brief address, then ask for a motion to adjourn. The motion will be seconded and voted on. Then we're done!