

Green Party of California General Assembly Minutes

June 14, 2025



Note Taker: Charisse Cordero

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Approved at the November 15, 2025 General Assembly

8:30 - 9:00 am - Registration/check-in.

Facilitator(s): Tarik Kanaana and Mimi Newton

9:00-9:15 am - Opening Session: welcome - Agreements - other info
welcoming remarks provided by Tarik

9:15 am - Quorum Count - for starting GA and approving agenda

Report from Laura Wells: There are 21 active counties currently and, thus, quorum is a simple majority of 11 and we have 14 active counties present at 9:11 a.m. (The list of counties and delegates present is included here as APPENDIX A.) **Quorum is achieved.**

9:15 - 9:20 am - Agenda Approval

Tarik presented a revised draft agenda: this draft attempts to conclude all our business early so folks can attend the “No Kings” protests happening throughout California and the Country today. It also reflects the fact that our Guest Speaker, Adam McKay, had a last minute conflict due to the “No Kings” protests today and, unfortunately, cancelled his appearance. (This revised draft agenda is included here as APPENDIX B.) **The revised agenda was approved by consensus.**

9:20 am - Decision: The Body decided to move our Decision Item regarding Jared Laiti’s reappointment as GPCA Liaison to the Secretary of State’s Office up from 10:45 am to 9:20 am to save more time on the agenda.

The Revision To The Approved Agenda Was Approved By Consensus.

9:20-9:30 am - Decision: Confirmation of Coordinating Committee Nomination of Jared Laiti as GPCA Liaison to the Secretary of State for the Two-Year Term June 2025 - June 2027. (Coordinating Committee) (This item, as proposed, is included here as APPENDIX C.)

Mimi introduced the item to reappoint Jared as liaison to the California secretary of state's office. Affirmations were heard and questions answered.

The reappointment of Jared Laiti as the GPCA liaison to the ca sos through June 2027 was approved by consensus.

9:30 - 10:45 am- Decision: Endorse Dr. Butch Ware for Governor. Includes a presentation by Dr. Ware and time for Q&A (Candidates Committee) (This item, as proposed, is included here as APPENDIX D.)

Greg Jan introduced Dr. Ware. Dr. Ware spoke to the Assembly and answered a wide variety of questions posed. The General Assembly excused Dr. Ware briefly, whereupon the decision-making process ensued. When Dr. Ware returned, he was informed about the decision whereby **The Green Party Of California Approved The Endorsement of Dr. Butch Ware for state governor by consensus.**

10:45 am - Decision: The Assembly decided to move our Discussion Item regarding the next General Assembly up from noon to 10:45 am to save more time on the agenda.
The revision to the approved agenda was approved by consensus.

10:45-11:00 am - Decision: Next General Assembly Meeting date and place
Tarik Provided Background And Context.

The following dates in order of preference Were approved by consensus for the next General Assembly via zoom: Nov. 8; Nov. 1; Oct. 25.

11:00 - 11:10 am - Break

11:10 - 11:30 am - Presentation: Coordinating Committee candidates for the term 2025-2027 make statements.

Richard Gomez asked each of the cc candidates who were present to introduce themselves to the general assembly.

11:30 - 11:50 am - Presentation: GPUS Delegation delegate and alternate candidates for FY 2025-2027 make statements

Richard Gomez asked each of the GPUS delegation candidates who were present to introduce themselves to the general assembly.

11:50 am - 12:00 pm - Announcements: Committee vacancies

Mimi asked each of the committees to talk about what they do, the membership on the committee and when they meet so people who are interested in participating on a committee can join. the following committees were represented:

- The Bylaws and Rules Committee (Mimi)
- The Candidates Committee (Greg)
- The Communications Committee (Ashley Brown)
- The Finance Committee (Justin Richardson)
- The Membership and Outreach Committee (Ashley and Laura)
- The Policy and Platform Committee (Eric Brooks)

12:00 pm - The General Assembly was adjourned.

APPENDIX A - LIST OF ATTENDEES AND QUORUM COUNT

First Name	Last Name	County	REGISTRANTS Delegate or Alternate or Other(x)	Delegates & Other A.M. counted	County Quorum count A.M.	Consensus s for Agenda and all other decisions	No votes were taken
Greg	Jan	Alameda	Delegate	Present			
Orlando	Johnson	Alameda	Delegate	Present			
James	McFadden	Alameda	Delegate	Present			
Justin	Richardson	Alameda	Alternate	Present			
Pam	Spevack	Alameda	Delegate	Present			
Laura	Wells	Alameda	Delegate	Present	Present		
Meave	O'Connor	Alameda	x				
Wendy	Ravano	Alameda	x	Present			
Mark	Rendon	Alameda	x	Present			
Meg	Buckingham	Fresno	Delegate	Present			
Richard	Gomez	Fresno	Delegate	Present	Present		
Terrance	Tovar	Fresno	Delegate	Present			
Jovita	Harrah	Fresno	x	Present			
Shane	Que Hee	Los Angeles	Delegate	Present	Present		
Jon	Andreas	Los Angeles	x	Present			
Ashley	Brown	Los Angeles	x	Present			
Alex	Fleck	Los Angeles	x				
Elisabeth	Green	Los Angeles	x	Present			
Oli	Kooner	Los Angeles	x				
James	Lauderdale	Los Angeles	x				
Christopher	Jewell	Marin	Delegate	Present			
Mimi	Newton	Marin	Delegate	Present	Present		
Gabriel	Medina	Monterey	Delegate				
June	Henry	Monterey	x				
Travis	Owens	Orange	x				
Andrew	Caudle	Sacramento	x	Present			
David	Quinley	Sacramento	x				
Albert	Faz	San Bernardino	Delegate	Present	Present		
Jack	Lucas	San Bernardino	x	Present			

Rick	Greenblatt	San Diego	Delegate	Present	Present		
Eric	Brooks	San Francisco	Delegate	Present			
Rich	Stone	San Francisco	Delegate	Present	Present		
Anson	Gordon-Creed	San Francisco	x	Present			
Bailey	Navarro	San Joaquin	x				
Crystal	Baker	San Luis Obispo	x				
Patricia	Elgasseir	San Mateo	x				
Christopher	Lozinski	San Mateo	x	Present			
Charisse	Cordero	Santa Barbara	Delegate	Present	Present		
David	Han	Santa Clara	Delegate	Present			
Diane	Harrison	Santa Clara	Delegate	Present			
George	Koerner	Santa Clara	Delegate	Present			
Nadia	Nouri	Santa Clara	Delegate	Present	Present		
Brian	Good	Santa Clara	x	Present			
Baba Kofi	Weusijana	Santa Clara	x	Present			
Sean	Dougherty	Santa Cruz	Delegate	Present	Present		
Meilin	Obinata	Santa Cruz	x				
Tarik	Kanaana	Sonoma	Delegate	Present	Present		
June	Brashares	Sonoma	x	Present			
Woody	Hastings	Sonoma	x	Present			
Janet	Lusano	Sonoma	x				
David Alexander	Shantz	Sonoma	x	Present			
John	Schmit	Stanislaus	Delegate	Present	Present		
Merrily	Davies	Tulare	Delegate	Present			
Don	Manro	Tulare	Delegate	Present	Present		
Burch	Bryant	Yolo	Delegate	Present	Present		
TOTALS				42	14		
GUESTS PRESENT					(21 counties quorum=11)		
Butch	Ware	Santa Barbara	Governor Candidate				
Juwairia	Abbas	Butch Ware	Butch Ware Press Coordinator				

Wendy	Keslick	Butch Ware	Butch Ware Volunteer Coordinator				
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APPENDIX B - REVISED DRAFT AGENDA

DRAFT AGENDA OF THE GREEN PARTY OF CALIFORNIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, JUNE 14, 2025

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| 8:30-9:00 am | Registration/check-in. Please check in early so that the opening of the General Assembly is not delayed. Once you have been checked in you will be able to turn your video and audio off until it is time to start. |
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| 11:50-12:00 pm | Announcements: Committee vacancies |
| 12:00-12:15 pm | Next General Assembly Meeting Date and Place |
| 12:15 pm | Adjourn the GA |

APPENDIX C

ITEM REGARDING REAPPOINTMENT OF LIAISON TO CALIF. SOS's OFFICE

SPONSOR: Coordinating Committee

PRESENTER: Greg Jan, [Alameda County]/ Mimi Newton, Marin County

SUBJECT: Confirm Jared Laiti as Liaison to the Secretary of State

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: Back in June of 2023, at our General Assembly (GA) meeting then, we confirmed Jared Laiti as our Liaison to the Secretary of State. Our bylaws (in section 4-7) say that the term for that position is two years, and Jared has agreed to serve another term. Therefore, the Coordinating Committee, at its early April, 2025 meeting, re-nominated Jared to continue in this position (from June, 2025 to June, 2027), as he continues to do a great job.

PROPOSAL: That the Green Party of California, via its General Assembly meeting, re-appoint Jared Laiti to another term as our Liaison to the Secretary of State

COMMITTEE DECISION: The Coordinating Committee consensed to re-nominate Jared Laiti as our Liaison to the Secretary of State

TIMELINE/RESOURCES: Greg Jan (or another Coordinating Committee member) will inform Jared of the GA's decision. No other resources or steps are needed.

APPENDIX D

ITEM REGARDING GPCA ENDORSEMENT OF DR. BUTCH WARE FOR GOVERNOR

SPONSOR: Candidates Committee

PRESENTER: Greg Jan, [Alameda County]

SUBJECT: Endorse Dr. Butch Ware for Governor

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: As most of you know, Dr. Butch Ware formally announced his campaign for Governor several months ago, and he's been very actively campaigning since then. Butch later asked if we could endorse him, so we (the Candidates Committee), created a questionnaire (to be used for all statewide candidates), which Butch filled out, and which we found to be more than adequate.

Butch has already created an exceptionally strong campaign, with regular campaign events around the state, plus online events. He has done this earlier than any other Governor candidate we've had, and he also has a stronger early fundraising program and social media presence than our previous Governor candidates. He is campaigning as a Green and is explaining to people why it's time to break with the two-party system. Endorsing Dr. Butch Ware will benefit both his campaign as well as the Green Party of California.

PROPOSAL: That the GPCA endorse Dr. Butch Ware for Governor. This will enable the GPCA and Butch to build a strong, unified campaign effort. The GPCA will be able to unequivocally encourage voters to support Butch's campaign, and in coordination with it, we'll be able to better build the party at both the local and statewide levels. In addition, when we're asked whether Butch is "the Green Party's candidate for Governor?", we'll be able to clearly answer "Yes", instead of having to create an explanation about why we haven't yet given him our endorsement. Butch is already running a very strong, unprecedented Governor's campaign -- let's now endorse Butch and take advantage of this incredible opportunity to together build the Green Party here in California.

COMMITTEE DECISION: The Candidates Committee consensed to recommend that the GPCA endorse Dr. Butch Ware for Governor.

TIMELINE/RESOURCES: After the GPCA endorses Dr. Butch Ware for Governor, the Candidates Committee will inform his campaign about the endorsement, and will work with his campaign to coordinate GPCA involvement with it.

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