



Auburn Area Democratic Club
Auburn City Hall: The Rose Room
1225 Lincoln Way
Auburn CA 95603

AADC General Meeting -July 9, 2026

Doors open at 5:45PM (Pizza & Soft Drinks)

Meeting Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM or earlier

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.

II: Introduction

- Cindy Engen, President
 - Welcome & Establishing a Quorum

President Cindy Engen welcomed everyone and introduced Vice-President Don Ferguson, noting other Officers, Secretary Joan Jernegan, and Controller Emily Gaber, were absent. A quorum was established.

III: Approval of Minutes

- June 2026 Minutes

Motion: Gail Bartlow moved to approve minutes of the June 2026 Monthly Meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a voice of raised hands.

IV: Guest Speaker

David Lawrenson, a candidate for Placer Union High School District Board, introduced himself, providing information about his educational background and his commitment to district students, teachers, and school administrators. He requested the support of AADC members to help in his campaign.

V: AADC Going Forward

Strong voices and strong actions: How can we effect changes with AADC?

President Engen encouraged all AADC members to become more involved in AADC activities to keep our local democratic club thriving. She reported on AADC efforts to partner with like-minded groups, host events, and get out into the community by attending various community events. She reiterated that these efforts require volunteers!

- **Recap of Events in First Half of 2026**

President Engen recapped a list of events that AADC either has hosted or has participated in since the beginning of 2026. ***(List available on AADC website.)***

VI: Officer Presentations

What is it like to hold office?

President: Cindy Engen

President Engen reviewed many of the tasks and duties she has been engaged in since assuming the position and outlined the responsibilities of the President, the skills required, and the time commitment of this position.

Vice President: Don Ferguson

Vice President Ferguson reported that while the Vice President's main role is to support the President and serve in that role if the President is unavailable, the position allows great latitude to undertake tasks of interest to the person serving as Vice President.

Secretary: Leslie Moonshine filling in for Joan Jernegan

Former Secretary Leslie Moonshine outlined the responsibilities of the Secretary to record minutes and maintain the Bylaws, which were revised in 2025.

Controller: Gail Bartlow filling in for Emily Gaber

Former Treasurer Gail Bartlow briefly explained the current system now that AADC contracts with a financial services provider and how this system requires a Controller in lieu of a Treasurer. She noted the responsibilities, skills, and time commitment required of the Controller, who manages all financial matters for AADC, and lauded the work done by our new Controller, Emily Gaber, who recently assumed the position.

VII: Committee Reports

Why are the committees so important?

Membership: Sandy Floyd & Edlene McKenzie (Co-Chairs)

Co-Chair Sandy Floyd reported that as of the end of the 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026 Membership Year ended, AADC had 248 members. As of this July 9 meeting, only 150 members are current in paying their 1 July 2026 – 30 June 2027 dues. She encouraged prompt payment from any members still needing to renew their membership.

Co-Chair Floyd reviewed the responsibilities, skills, and time commitment required of the Membership Committee Chair.

Co-Chair Edlene McKenzie thanked Co-Chair Floyd for her work in leading this committee for the past few years.

Voter Registration & Outreach – Gail Bartlow & Leslie Moonshine (Co-Chairs)

Co-Chair Leslie Moonshine reported on the “flagship” activity of the committee: weekly visits to Sierra College to reach young voters through means of a survey. She also reported on various activities conducted by the current Voter Registration and Outreach committee, many of which overlap with the focus of the Community Events Committee. She encouraged participation in these efforts by AADC members.

Co-Chair Gail Bartlow reported that AADC once again will partner with Sierra Foothills Unitarian Universalist (SFUU) to staff an 11-Day Vote Center in Auburn for the November election. She outlined the training and fingerprinting requirements and encouraged attendees to sign up, if interested, to receive the necessary information. Firm commitment will not be required until a later date.

Communications- Susan Roughgarden (Chair)

Chair Susan Roughgarden reiterated that there is much crossover in the work of several committees, but that focus for *all of us* is to get good people elected by working together. She challenged attendees to get involved by participating in at least one small thing, such as writing postcards, or liking, posting, or reposting on social media. She reminded everyone that AADC’s weekly *What’s Happening* emails include 5-7 activities for members to engage in.

Chair Roughgarden explained the varied responsibilities of the Communications Committee and welcomed anyone who wants to join. She expressed the committee’s specific need for people who might have a PR or marketing background and/or an interest in writing or posting on social media.

Community Engagement Committee- (Chair Needed; Susan Roughgarden filling in)

Communications Chair Roughgarden also encouraged attendees to help reactivate the Community Engagement Committee to help AADC expand its reach within the community.

Fundraising- (Chair Needed; Cindy Engen filling in)

President Engen explained that currently no one is Chairing a Fundraising Committee, but that plans are underway for an August picnic and staffing the November Vote Center, both of which will serve as fundraisers for AADC.

[At this time, attendees broke into groups based on the Standing Committee that most caught their interest to learn specific ways to become more engaged in the work of AADC.]

VIII. Old Business –

See My Child Juneteenth

President Engen reported on this event held June 20th in Rocklin’s Johnson-Springview Park which allowed AADC and other democratic clubs an opportunity to get out in the community and show our communal strength.

School Supplies Drive

Members can drop off school supplies to the AADC Headquarters on Fridays during Coffee & Conversation hours.

IX. New Business

Get Out the Vote – July 10th at the HQ.

President Engen reminded attendees that a Get Out the Vote postcard writing event will take place at AADC Headquarters tomorrow (Friday, July 10) from 11 – 1. She encouraged people to attend and take part in this important effort.

AADC Picnic - August 29th at Recreation Park from 10:30 to 1:30. Sign Up online.

President Engen provided information about the August 29 AADC Summer picnic and encouraged everyone to sign up via the AADC website or through the link provided in the weekly *What's Happening* email blast. She reported that there will be a birthday celebration for Neva Parker, candidate for Assembly District 5, and other local down-ballot candidates will be invited.

X. Member Announcements

Tomás Vera briefly explained the role and the importance of Assembly District delegates in determining policies, endorsements, and the direction of the Democratic Party. He encouraged AADC members to consider applying to become a delegate for 2027.

XI: Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.