



**VETERANS CAUCUS
CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY
MINUTES
January 17, 2020
Eboard Special Meeting
Via Zoom**

6:45pm Call to Order

Officer Roll Call

Verification of a quorum - acting Parliamentarian (verified) three board members and three appointed committee chairs per bylaws
Jillyn, Crystal, Shelisa, Kelsey, Michelle, Stephanie, Basil.

Adoption of the Agenda - agenda amended by Jillyn to add Overseas Dem. Vets. No objections. Agenda adopted as amended.

Approval of minutes- Approved as written

New Business

1. Appointment of Officers to Vacant Positions

- a. **Chair, Bylaws and Resolutions:** the Chair Seconded by Crystal Jackson. Discussion: Basile recommended that since he had been working with Ralph Miller and Emma Harper he continues until the process is completed. Recommendation by Basile accepted. Crystal recommended Joshua to be the Interim OD Chair. Chair recommended that the vacant positions on the agenda be done as a whole (seriatim). Also Stephanie will post the vacant positions on the website.
- b. **Chair, Underserved Veterans: Vacant**
- c. **Chair, Disabled Veterans: Vacant**
- d. **Interim Northern Regional Vice Chair:** George Perezvelez (reiteration of past action)
- e. **Interim Chair, Organizational Development:** Joshua Cameron
- f. Basile motioned to accept the appointments that were made by the board. Seconded by Michelle. Vote was passed unanimously.

2. Robert Leahy termination from Caucus membership and elected office.

- a. Pursuant to given Notice in accordance to Article XI on August 31, 2019 and verified by the Sergeant at Arms on September 1, 2019. Membership Termination in accordance via Section 5(D). Comments and discussion: (Chair) notified the board of the meeting CRC held and what they are requesting to ratify what previous actions were taken. George reiterated the events in question. Basile stated the following actions submitted the following day (notification sent to Chris Myers affirming that proper notice was given). Basile also provided Chris Myers the notification of the meeting reconvening September 24, 2019 due to Mr. Leahy taking control of the Zoom meeting. Therefore the caucus was not able to continue or adjourn the meeting electronically. Message adjourning was sent to board members via text by chair and explained that we would reconvened. Date to be announced and posted asap .
- b. Chair reads the message sent by Mr. Leahy that was then sent to Emma Harper as requested by Michelle. "I will bring my megaphone to Long Beach if you think this continuing illegal removal of my board position and my membership is going to fly. The Executive Board does not have the authority and only the Sergeant at Arms can convene a special meeting per XI. I will see you at the convention but the sooner you and I and the rest of the board stop being negligent the sooner we can get back to work. Otherwise, if you keep this up it will be in the open at the convention and you will have ruined the meeting." Requests were made for additional security because this is seen

as a liability issue. This is now viewed as a tangible threat to the safety of all caucus members and the ability for the caucus to convene and perform its functions.

- c. Motioned by George and seconded by Michelle that we also have safety precautions and be aware of our surroundings at all times. Vote taken by roll call regarding Mr. Leahy's removal. Vote passed unanimously.
- d. Question asked what can be done until actions have been taken: Per RROO if Mr. Leahy carries through with his threats he will be named as an offender. The body will decide what action to take.

3. **Convention**

- a. Veteran Caucus meeting will be Friday, November 15, 2019 at 7 pm. No business will be conducted on the program.
- b. Agenda will include speakers and presentations by different guests. Walk-in guests are welcomed. In addition, we will use the caucus meeting to agendaize and notice the membership of all actions items to be taken at the next e-board meeting in Visalia on March
- c. Membership Registration: any type of money will be prohibited at the desk. Any new members must register online and a Que scan will be provided for them.

12:03 pm Motion to adjourn: motioned by Basile seconded by Crystal

Attendees: Jillyn Molina, Dr. Crystal Jackson, Kelsey Pressnall, Michelle Gomez, Basile Kimbrew, George Perezvelez, Stephanie Terrazas

Minutes approved as written by Shelisa Williams, Secretary