



STONEWALL DFL

The LGBTQ Caucus of the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party

Hello Supporter!

COVID-19 is rightfully commanding our attention, but the local organizing and party building work doesn't stop. Read on to see what we're up to:

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COVID-19 Updates

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Minnesota DFL has changed its procedures to use online balloting instead of conventions to make party endorsements this election cycle. Additionally, party meetings or events of more than 10 people are prohibited, and teleconferencing is to be used wherever possible.

<https://www.dfl.org/covid19/>

Stonewall DFL is indefinitely suspending all in-person meetings and events. We will continue to conduct our meetings via Zoom teleconferencing and are exploring new avenues for outreach and volunteering opportunities that maintain social distancing guidelines.

Upcoming Board Meeting

Our next board meeting is **Sunday, April 5 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM** to take place via Zoom. Stonewall DFL members and guests are welcome at all board meetings; please join us!

<https://zoom.us/j/595825538>

Meeting ID: 595 825 538 | One tap mobile +13126266799,,595825538# US (Chicago)

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We currently have three vacancies on our Board of Directors: Secretary, Digital Director, and Field Director. We will open nominations for these offices and hold an election if there are candidates.

Secretary : [description](#)

Digital Director : [description](#)

Field Director : [description](#)

Additionally, we will vote on endorsements recommended by the Political Support Committee (see below).

Cancelled: LGBTQ+ Outreach & Inclusion Training for DFLers

We are cancelling our training scheduled on March 24 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Candidate Screenings

The Stonewall DFL Political Support Committee holds several candidate screening sessions each year to help make our endorsements, prioritizing races identified as strategically important to the caucus and overall DFL Party goals. Stonewall DFL members are encouraged to participate in our candidate screening sessions and be part of making our endorsement decisions.

We have scheduled candidate screenings in the following races across four dates:

- Minnesota House Districts 8A, 37B, 54B, 56A, 56B
- Minnesota Senate Districts 38, 44, and 56
- Hennepin County District 1

Candidate screenings are typically open to the public, but only Stonewall DFL members may vote on endorsement recommendations. We encourage you to join or renew your membership. Please note that Stonewall DFL membership becomes active 7 days after you submit dues/request a waiver (or immediately if you were a 2019 member).

[Join/Renew Membership](#)

All declared DFL candidates in these races have been invited to complete our questionnaire and screen with us. We will email their written questionnaire responses 2-3 days before the screening to the Political Support Committee member list. Please fill out this form to be added to the list:

[Join a Committee](#)

Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, all candidate screenings will be conducted remotely using the Zoom teleconference meeting platform. Please join us through Zoom or by calling in!

The endorsement recommendations from these screenings will be voted on for ratification at the next Stonewall DFL board of directors meeting on Sunday, April 5

Questions? Contact Maddie Pavek, Political Director, at maddie.pavek@gmail.com.

Saturday, March 28

11:30 am – 2:00 pm

HD37B, SD56

Join via Zoom or phone:

<https://zoom.us/j/587706895> | Meeting ID: 587 706 895 | One tap mobile +19292056099,,587706895# US (New York) | +13126266799,,587706895# US (Chicago)

Tuesday, March 31

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Hennepin County District 1

Join via Zoom or phone:

<https://zoom.us/j/675050490> | Meeting ID: 675 050 490 | One tap mobile +13126266799,,675050490# US (Chicago) | +19292056099,,675050490# US (New York)

Thursday, April 2

6:30 – 8:30 pm

HD8A, SD38, SD44

Join via Zoom or phone:

<https://zoom.us/j/326305616> | Meeting ID: 326 305 616 | One tap mobile | +13126266799,,326305616# US (Chicago) | +19292056099,,326305616# US (New York)

Saturday, April 4

1:00 – 3:30 pm

HD54B, HD56A, HD56B

Join via Zoom or phone:

<https://zoom.us/j/102073643> | Meeting ID: 102 073 643 | One tap mobile +19292056099,,102073643# US (New York) | +13126266799,,102073643# US (Chicago)

Endorsed Candidates

What is Stonewall DFL's endorsement process?

1. Candidates complete the appropriate questionnaire form for the office they are seeking. This is the primary component for considering an endorsement.
2. The Political Support Committee will review questionnaires and will contact candidates with an expected timeline for screening and endorsement if not yet announced or invited.
3. Candidates with the Political Support Committee for an in-person interview if invited. This will be 20-25 minutes per interview, also known as a screening. The committee will prioritize screening in races specifically identified as strategically important. Interviews may be waived for DFL-endorsed candidates.
4. The Political Support Committee will deliberate and vote on a recommendation to the full Stonewall DFL Board of Directors.
5. The Stonewall DFL Board of Directors will vote on endorsement to ratify the recommendations of the Political Support committee. This vote will occur at the next regularly scheduled board meeting but may be made sooner in certain cases.

All endorsements require 60% recommendation from the committee and 60% to be approved by the Board of Directors. Candidate ratings in lieu of an endorsement require a majority recommendation and majority approval by the Board.

If you have questions, please contact the Stonewall DFL Political Director, Maddie Pavek at maddiepavek@gmail.com.

