

Galveston Island Democrats  
Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes  
ILA Local 20 Union Hall  
Tuesday, May 27, 2025

**Call to Order** - President Carol Derragon brought the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Recitation of the U. S. Constitution's preamble

**Minutes:** Minutes from the previous meeting accepted as written.

**Financial Report:** Loretta Davis, Treasurer, reported that Galveston Island Democrats (GID) started the month with \$15,072 and after donations and expenses ended at \$15,610. All donations are appreciated.

**Attendance Report:** 65 people attended, 11 new members

**Special Speaker:** Clayton Tucker, President, Texas Progressive Caucus

**Background:**

Rancher, fair trade organizer, former kindergarten teacher, water researcher, and author

Southwestern University to study International Politics with a minor in Mandarin

National Chengchi University in Taipei, Taiwan to study Mandarin

Interned at the Texas State Capitol,

Worked for an environmental compliance firm in Shanghai,

Authored a science fiction book called [Mandated Happiness](#)—which he describes as 1984 with social media

Worked multiple campaigns and lead political organization founded by former Texas Agricultural Commissioner Jim Hightower. With Commissioner Hightower, Clayton lobbied the Texas government to provide healthcare for all Texans.

In 2020, ran for the Texas State Senate District 24 to fight for everyday working Texans.

Returned to Lampasas to help the family ranch

**Key Topics:**

Historical context of economic disparities, mentioning the National Farmers Alliance and the Populist Party

Shift of progressive populists to the Democratic Party under the 19th Amendment

Criticizes the Republican Party's reliance on big business and their use of dog whistle politics

Emphasizes the need for a strong Democratic Party to counteract Republican policies

Challenges faced by the Democratic Party, including the need to improve messaging and logistics

Importance of building a strong political party and changing its culture and operations

Highlights the need for better candidates and the importance of local elections

Vision for a stronger Democratic Party that can effectively challenge Republican policies

Floor opened for questions

**Committee Reports:** postponed until next meeting to accommodate speaker

**Old Business:** Memorial Day weekend protest rally and march had approximately 100 people.

**New Business:**

June 1, 6PM – Scholarship Gala at Old Central Cultural Center

June 14, 1-8PM – Juneteenth Festival and Celebration at McGuire Dent

June 19, 3PM – Juneteenth Parade and Picnic. Assemble on the 26th and Ball at 1PM to decorate and organize.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

Shelia Salinas  
Secretary

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