

Galveston Island Democrats  
Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes  
ILA Local 20 Union Hall  
[6501 Harborside Dr, Galveston, TX 77554-2825](https://www.galvestonisdemocrats.com)  
Tuesday, March 31, 2026

**Pre-meeting activity:** none

**Call to Order:** President Lynda Harvey brought the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Recitation of the Preamble to the U. S. Constitution

**Minutes:** Minutes from the previous meeting accepted. Motion to accept by Janet Jordan.

**Financial Report:** Loretta Davis, Treasurer, reported that Galveston Island Democrats (GID) has \$24,025 in bank. After bills and donations this evening, it is expected we will have \$24,802.96.

Still have a matching challenge of \$5000 in which \$1186 has been matched. Since the challenge is specifically for election related costs, it is assumed that the deadline for the challenge is November.

**Attendance Report:** Forty people attended, six new members.

**GID Announcements:**

**Rally and Community Engagement - Carol Derragon, Activism –**

The No Kings rally had about seven hundred attendees. GID was in partnership with LULAC 151 in Galveston. The Galveston Daily News featured the event, and photos were shared on Facebook. The meeting highlights the importance of community support and collaboration with organizations like LULAC.

**Upcoming Community Events and Participation**

The upcoming Journey to Recovery Walk on April 18<sup>th</sup> will be sponsored by the ADA Walk.

The Cinco de Mayo parade on May 2<sup>nd</sup> participants are needed especially with golf carts.

Information on local and state run-off elections in May is available at the back table.

Connie Rivers provided details on the state Democratic Party convention in Corpus Christi, with 130 seats available for state delegates.

**David Finklea City Council District 2 - Guest Speaker**

- David Finkley, a local businessman and current City Council member, discusses his background and community service.
- He shares the story of Chain Reaction Ministries, which started by donating used bikes to those in need.

- David emphasizes the importance of community involvement in city government and the need for residents to serve on boards and commissions.
- He encourages residents to contact their City Council members to express interest in serving on boards and commissions.

### **Q&A Session with David Finkley**

- Residents ask David about various community issues, including the loss of home control by the state legislature, the importance of local control, and the role of the mayor's office.
- David discusses the challenges of maintaining local control over tax rates and the impact of state policies on local governance.
- He highlights the importance of community involvement in city government and the need for residents to be proactive in addressing local issues.
- David shares his vision for a more inclusive and sustainable Galveston, emphasizing the need for community participation in local governance.

### **Candidates in House**

Gerald Wilson, City Council District 1

Shannon Dicely, Senate District 11

### **Social and Activism Events:**

Events can be seen at: <https://galvisledems.com/events/>

### **Comments from the Floor**

None

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM for social and 7 PM for meeting.

Shelia Salinas - Secretary

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