

**Democratic Socialists of America**  
**National Political Committee**  
**Zoom Conference – March 21, 2019**  
**Approved 10/19/19**

Present: Chris Riddiough (Chairing), Ravi Ahmad, Ajmal Alami (YDSA Coordinating Committee), Theresa Alt, Delé Balogun, Alex Birnel, Heidi Chua (Staff), Allie Cohn, Marianela D'Aprile, Zac Echola, Elliott Geary (YDSA Coordinating Committee), Jeremy Gong, Catherine Hoffman, Ella Mahony, Chris Maisano, Natalie Midiri, Renée Paradis (National Electoral Committee), Jack Suria Linares, Maria Svart (National Director), Nina Svirsky (National Electoral Committee), Megan Svoboda (National Electoral Committee), Tascha Van Auken (National Electoral Committee). Absent (excused): Christian Bowe, Joseph Schwartz.

The meeting began shortly after 9:00 PM Eastern Time.

The NPC reviewed the national poll results, also other feedback that had been received via a national form and emailed to the NPC. The poll showed 76% in favor of endorsing and 24% opposed, whereas the other other types of feedback showed 25 chapters or organizing committees or YDSA chapters asking to wait while 20 chapters asked to endorse. Some DSA and YDSA chapters are starting to work on a campaign. Our Revolution will be doing an independent expenditure campaign.

Jeremy Gong moved and Marianela D'Aprile seconded that DSA endorse Bernie Sanders. Zac Echola moved and Ravi Ahmad seconded that the NPC wait until the April 13-14 meeting to formally vote on an endorsement. The substitute failed with 5 for and 8 against. More discussion followed until the question was called. In the roll call there were 11 in favor: Jeremy, Marianela, Ella, Chris M, Theresa, Natalie, Allie, Cathy, Jack, Chris R and Ajmal and Elliott together making one YDSA vote; there were 4 opposed: Zac, Delé, Ravi and Alex.

Ravi moved to rescind the report of the National Electoral Committee, adopted at the January NPC meeting, which contained the plan to do an independent expenditure campaign. The motion was seconded. Discussion followed. The motion failed with 4 in favor: Zac, Ravi, Delé and Alex but 11 opposed: Theresa, Natalie, Marianela, Jeremy, Ella, Chris R, Chris M, Cathy, Allie, Jack and Ajmal and Elliott together making one YDSA vote.

Ella Mahony moved, and it was seconded, to call on Bernie Sanders to support HR 40, the bill to study reparations, and within DSA to develop political education on reparations. This carried unanimously.

The meeting ended at 10:30 PM Eastern Time.