

Minority & Allies Caucus – August 2026 Minutes (Zoom Summary)

Meeting Date: August 8, 2026, **Format:** Zoom **Attendance:** Caucus members; guest Darken Wolf (UW Democrats)

1. Technical & Opening

- Brief connectivity issues; all participants rejoined.
- Introductions completed.

2. Treasurer's Report

- EIN process underway; delays due to IRS wait times and printer issues.
- Verification letter expected at caucus PO box; follow-up planned Monday.

3. Party & Political Climate

- Concerns raised about moderates feeling unwelcome in the party.
- Discussion on impacts to Black voter turnout and statewide messaging.

4. Minority History Review

- Key August events discussed: 1619 arrival of enslaved Africans, Nat Turner's Rebellion, Fugitive Slave Law Convention, Emmett Till, March on Washington, Fred Hampton.
- Members connected historical events to modern civil rights challenges.

5. Civil Rights & Prison Reform

- Discussion on overlooked women leaders in the movement.
- Agreement that private prisons and bail practices need reform.

6. Racism, Healthcare & Medicare Part D

- Review of Michael Brown case and systemic policing issues.
- Clarification on upcoming Medicare Part D subsidy changes; concerns about impacts on seniors and low-income residents.

7. Political Strategy & Messaging

- Discussion of Republican policies affecting marginalized groups.
- LT provided insight on far-right organizing.
- Agreement to focus on offering reasonable alternatives to extremist candidates.

8. Youth Outreach

- UW Democrats planning an informational website for young voters.
- Emphasis on amplifying positive Democratic messaging.

9. WDP Updates

- Announcement: “Democracy in Action” event in Casper.
- Report of 23 active county parties and increased candidate participation statewide.

10. Rihanna Kelter Case

- LT outlined legal strategy, noting misuse of “intent” and procedural issues in police handling.
- Recommendation to frame the case around constitutional protections.

11. Additional Legal & Event Updates

- Discussion of another case involving possible police misconduct.
- Upcoming events: speaking tour with **James Byrd and Lisa Kinney**; Northern Arapaho Powwow on Aug. 29.
- September meeting moved to **September 19** due to Klaus’s family commitments.