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The Democratic National Committee Elects New Leaders

Democratic National Committee (DNC) members from the Northern Mariana Islands participated in the election of the new officers of the DNC. In an election process that unfolded over twelve hours, Chair Jonathan Cabrera, Vice Chair Luella Marciano, National Committeewoman and Executive Director Nola Hix, National Committeeman Michael White, and DNC members from across the country and the territories voted for the next team of DNC leaders who will be tasked with setting the vision and the mission of the Democratic Party.

As many of the candidates mentioned in their final speeches before the election, our country is in crisis with a president run amok creating chaos, enabling fascism, reveling in division, empowering oligarchs, and upending the institutions that are meant to ensure America's safety, health, and prosperity. The candidate's speeches, however, did not only focus on all the challenges our country is facing but also on the strength and resilience of the American people and of the Democratic Party as an organization that has the capacity to respond, to act, and to fight.

What was expected to be a highly contested, multiple-ballot race for DNC Chair was, instead, a dramatic one-ballot overwhelming majority for Ken Martin, Chairman of the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor (DFL) Party and President of the Association of State Democratic Committees. He brings to the position his experience as an organizer and as a leader who has elected statewide candidates and has raised millions of dollars for Democratic candidates across the United States. He has knocked on doors in all the battleground states and is committed to winning elections up and down and across the ballot in all the states and territories.

The Territories Alliance, which includes DNC members from American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U. S. Virgin Islands voted as a bloc for Chair Martin and participated in a national press conference to make that announcement a day before the election. National Committeewoman Nola Hix led the formation of the Alliance in 2019. She worked closely with DPNMI National Committeeman Michael White, and former leaders to include, Puerto Rico Chair, Charles Rodriguez, and Virgin Islands Chair, Cecil Benjamin. As leadership from the territories shifted, with new members arriving and transitioning, the Alliance remained in tact, in the pursuit of national support, and equal treatment for the U.S. Territories.

"Chair Martin recognizes the importance of a 57-state and territory strategy for winning elections, and Alliance members are thrilled that he has committed to ensuring that the territories are resourced effectively and equitably. I am confident now more than ever that the goals outlined with our Alliance will be fulfilled under the DNC's new leadership with Ken Martin. I've worked alongside Ken for awhile now, and he's already made significant moves for us. It's time to continue the work onward through 2026 and beyond." said Nola Hix.

Regarding the experience of voting for new DNC officers, Vice Chair Luella Marciano said, “While we have so many challenges in the NMI and across the nation, with these new leaders in place, we can work together to overcome those challenges and to counter the chaos of Trump and the GOP. I am excited to continue working with my partners in the Territories Alliance to elect Democrats up and down and across the ballot in all our territories. We are the People’s Party, and we are ready to work.”

Some of the notable newly elected Vice Chairs of the Democratic National Committee include:

Artie Blanco, a card-carrying union member, currently serves as the National Campaign Director of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), a group of 61 national and international labor unions representing nearly 15 million working people.

David Hogg, at 24, is the youngest Vice Chair in DNC history, and is the first Gen Z leader elected to DNC leadership. Known for his work with March for Our Lives and Leaders We Deserve, Mr. Hogg has traveled across the country raising funds for and supporting Gen Z and younger Millennial candidates.

Malcolm Kenyatta, a young leader from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is the first openly LGBTQ+ person of color to serve in the Pennsylvania General Assembly and is one of the youngest persons to do so. In 2023, President Biden appointed him to chair the Presidential Advisory Commission on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Black Americans.

The new elected DNC Officers include:

Chair: Ken Martin

Vice Chair for Civic Engagement and Voter Participation (CEVP): Reyna Walters-Morgan

Vice Chair (three positions): Artie Blanco, Malcolm Kenyatta, and David Hogg

Secretary: Jason Rae

Treasurer: Virginia McGregor

National Finance Chair: Chris Korge

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