

Kentucky Democratic Party Reorganization Convention

📍 Owensboro, KY | June 14, 2025

Theme: Forward Together

Atmosphere: Unity, Fire, and Forward Motion

From the moment the room filled—twice—you could feel it: this wasn't just another gathering. It was a rallying cry. Delegates, elected officials, labor leaders, and first-timers came together not just to vote—but to recommit to a vision of Kentucky that lifts everyone.

Speaker Highlights – Voices That Moved the Room

Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman

Lt. Governor Coleman opened with a deep expression of gratitude, acknowledging the people in the room as the force behind Kentucky's recent progress. She emphasized the importance of reorganization as a chance to recalibrate and press forward: "What kind of Kentucky do you want in 2, 4, or 10 years?"

She recounted key achievements—from appointing public school advocates (including a student and a teacher) to the State Board of Education, to restoring voting rights to over 170,000 Kentuckians. Her analogy of the Democratic Party as a diverse dinner table resonated—everyone may not love every dish, but they all commit to staying at the table and doing the work.

Chair Colmon Elridge

With sincerity and resolve, Chair Elridge doubled down on the Democratic Party's commitment to labor. He honored decades of partnership between organized labor and Democrats, declaring, "There is no question—our party stands with labor." Elridge highlighted that labor isn't a political tool—it's the moral center of working-class advocacy. He set the tone for the morning and passed the torch to Teamsters' Bill Miller with pride.



Bill Miller, Teamsters Local 89

Bill Miller delivered a raw, humorous, and deeply principled message on the unbreakable bond between labor and the Democratic Party. Representing over 20,000 members across Kentucky and Indiana, he reminded the room that union victories were never handed over—they were won with sweat, organizing, and political partnerships. He walked us through history—from FDR's New Deal to the 1968 Teamsters donation to Dr. King's strike fund—and modern wins, including UPS contract support from Governor Beshear.

He also spoke about rebranding their PAC as 'Teamsters Fight Club'—which sparked record fundraising and engagement. Bill's closing message was simple and stirring: this alliance is not just strategic—it's a sacred promise to past and future workers alike.

Rep. Col. Pam Stevenson

Rep. Stevenson ignited the room with unapologetic moral clarity. She invoked her 27 years in the military as a backdrop to her political fight for freedom, justice, and dignity for all Kentuckians. She reminded attendees that the Pledge of Allegiance ends with liberty and justice 'for all,' not 'for two.'

Her call to action was electric: "You were born for such a time as this." Stevenson urged everyone to stop waiting, stop explaining, and start moving: "Stop giving me your opinion. I just need you to do the work."

She declared it too late to be tired, and too urgent to be distracted. Her voice became the moral heartbeat of the day, especially as she charged everyone to activate their networks, challenge disinformation, and build a Kentucky that values every soul—especially those most ignored.



A large group of people is gathered on a wet street in front of a modern glass building. Many individuals are holding umbrellas, suggesting it is raining or has recently rained. The group is holding various signs, including one that reads "WE HAVE A CONSTITUTION NO KINGS!", another that says "NO SIGN NO DISCRIMINATION ALLOW THE BANNERS IN HERE", and a third that states "FEMINISM IS FOR WOMEN NOT FOR MEN". The scene is outdoors with trees and a cloudy sky in the background. A silver car is visible on the left side of the frame, and a yellow car is partially visible on the right. The wet pavement reflects the light from the sky and the buildings.



Union Strength – Becky & Randy, smiling under umbrellas, showed that solidarity doesn't wait for sunshine.



Riverfront Recharge – Delegates united by the water, sharing a moment of reflection amid a weekend of action.



Welcome Energy – A balloon wall and bold signage welcomed the Kentucky delegation into a space of power and purpose.

Quotes That Stuck

- “Liberty and justice for... two? Nah. For all.” – Rep. Stevenson
- “This isn’t just about votes. It’s about dignity.” – Bill Miller
- “Gone are the days where shame changes hearts. Now is our time.” – Rep. Stevenson

- “If I get cussed out on the job site, that means we’re making progress.” – Bill Miller
- “We aren’t perfect. But we’re the ones at the table.” – Lt. Gov. Coleman

Final Takeaway

This was not a passive event. It was a rebirth—a reset. A realignment of purpose and a recommitment to those who cannot fight alone. Kentucky Democrats did not leave Owensboro with platitudes—they left with purpose.

The speakers brought fire. The people brought resolve. And the movement? It’s wide awake and moving forward together.