

Washington County Democratic Central Committee
February 26, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes– DRAFT
Portland Community College Willow Creek Center

Credentialing and Social Networking: 6:00–6:45 pm

Special Presentation: 6:45–7:10 pm - A Presentation on Climate & Energy by Debby Garman

1. The Meeting Opened at 7:15 pm. Officers present were: Patrick Maguire (Chair), Martita Meier, (1st Vice Chair), Jeremy Likens (2nd Vice Chair), Veronica Williams (Treasurer) and Victoria Long (Recording Secretary). Also, present was Alice Bartlet, Parliamentarian. Quorum was met; there were 94+ PCPs present.

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Hall.
- The Prepared Agenda was approved as amended with 2 motions by Lisa Stiller, 1 motion by Janice Karpernick and a PCP Contact Information Requests Procedures Statement read by Victoria Long, all added under New Business.
- The Minutes of the January 22, 2020, Meeting were approved as amended with “**Alternate**” added under # 9.
- Introduction of Party Officers, First-Time Attendees, and Democratic Elected Officials

2. Reports from Party Officers

- Chair’s Opening Remarks — Patrick Maguire
 - Updates on Survey Results and Washington County Democrats’ Party Plans
- First Vice Chair — Martita Meier – Open House WashCo Dems Intro Presentation (every 2nd Saturday of each month, starting 3/14); remarks on efforts to increase diversity; in order to publicize upcoming events, contact Martita Meier to update the website calendar
- Second Vice Chair — Jeremy Likens – report on credentialing
- Treasurer — Veronica Williams – report on file

3. Reports from Committees

- Resolutions and Platform — Gerritt Rosenthal
 - First Reading - RPC 2019-006: Amendments to 2020 WCDCC Platform (Appendix 1)
 - First Reading - RPC 2020-003: 2020 Priority Legislative Action Items (Appendix 2)
 - First Reading - RPC 2020-006: Library Levy 2020 (Appendix 3) (Kathryn Harrington made remarks)
 - First Reading - RPC 2020-007: Public Safety Levy (Appendix 4) (Kathryn Harrington made remarks)
 - Rules — Garrett Fleenor – remarks on the Bylaws revision status
 - Budget — John MacDonald – Budget Report on 2020 Annual Operating Budget on file.
 - ❖ John MacDonald moved (MM2262020-01) **to approve the budget as presented.** Discussion. Vote: Ayes have it.

4. Reports from Temporary and Special Committees

- Contributions, Recommendation and Endorsement Committee (CRE Committee) — Steve Hall
 - Washington County Commissioner District 1 – Nafisa Fai made remarks.
 - ❖ Steve Hall moved (MM2262020-02) **that the CC membership approve the CRE Committee’s candidate endorsement selection.** No Discussion. Vote: Ayes have it.
 - Washington County Commissioner District 3 – Ben Marcotte made remarks.
 - ❖ Steve Hall moved (MM2262020-03) **that the CC membership approve the CRE Committee’s candidate endorsement selection.** No Discussion. Vote: Ayes have it.

- Metro Councilor District 3 – Gerritt Rosenthal made remarks.
 - ❖ Steve Hall moved (MM2262020-04) **that the CC membership approve the CRE Committee's candidate endorsement selection.** Discussion. Vote: Ayes have it.
- Washington County Sheriff – Red Wortham made remarks.
 - ❖ Steve Hall moved (MM2262020-05) **that the CC membership approve the CRE Committee's candidate endorsement selection.** No Discussion. Vote: Ayes have it.
- Judge of the Circuit Court – Steven Burke made remarks.
 - ❖ Steve Hall moved (MM2262020-06) **that the CC membership approve the CRE Committee's candidate endorsement selection.** Discussion. Vote: Ayes have it.
- Beaverton City Council Position 3 – John Dugger made remarks.
 - ❖ Steve Hall moved (MM2262020-07) **that the CC membership approve the CRE Committee's candidate endorsement selection.** Discussion. Vote: Ayes have it.
- Beaverton City Council Position 4 – Kate Kristiansen made remarks.
 - ❖ Steve Hall moved (MM2262020-08) **that the CC membership approve the CRE Committee's candidate endorsement selection.** Discussion. Vote: Ayes have it.
- Mayor of Beaverton – There are two Democrats running for Beaverton mayor, and each candidate (Lacey Beaty and Denny Doyle) had 2 minutes to speak. Lacey Beaty was not present but the membership watched a video, and Kathryn Harrington made remarks on Lacey Beaty's behalf. Denny Doyle made remarks.
 - ❖ Steve Hall moved (MM2262020-9) **that the CC membership approve the CRE Committee's candidate endorsement selection of Lacey Beaty.** Discussion. Vote: Ayes have it.

The membership approved the Change of the order of Agenda to place next:

The Amendment to Standing Rule 13 — Jeremy Likens

STANDING RULE # 13: DISTRIBUTION OF PCP CONFIDENTIAL CONTACT INFORMATION

The name and physical address of PCP's is public information. Email addresses and phone numbers for PCP's that have been collected in party databases may be requested from the party for legitimate purposes related to internal party business.

- ❖ Jeremy Likens moved (MM2262020-10) **to amend Standing Rule #13 by inserting the following sentence to the end of the first paragraph: "Democratic candidates who are running for public office may also request this PCP information in the form of a Listserv."** Discussion. Vote: Ayes have it.

The membership approved the change of the order of the Agenda to place next:

- Latinx Committee - Alex Dias Rios remarks
 - Volunteer of the Month Recognition was awarded to Alex Dias Rios.

The membership approved the change of the order of the Agenda to place next:

- A PCP Contact Information Requests Procedures Statement (Appendix 5) - Victoria Long

5. Operational Committees Updates

- Training and Education — Nancy Lewis
- Information Technology — Patrick Konsor
- Campaign — Dave Coburn and Dan Riker

- Organizing and Campaign Coordinator — Gabe Mendez introduced Office Intern, Naim Ferris.
- Communications — Brian Gardner
 - ❖ Garrett Fleenor moved (MM2262020-11) **to adjourn**. Discussion. Vote: Nays have it.
 - ❖ Martita Meier moved (MM2262020-12) **to change the order of the Agenda to place the Outreach Committee report next**. Discussion. Vote: Ayes have it.
- Community Outreach — Sue Cocking and Derrick Ragan
- Finance — Victoria Long Update on SpringFest
 - ❖ Martita moved (MM2262020-13) **to change the order of the Agenda to place #8 next**. Discussion. Vote: Ayes have it.

8. Provisional Selection of New Precinct Committeepersons

- ❖ Victoria Long moved (MM2262020-14) **to appoint Connie Chen, Merridy McDaniel, Kenneth McDaniel, Garrett Fleenor, Evan Fellner, Carissa Bonham, John Dugger, Glen Geller, Stan Jewett, and Dorothy Sahlfeld as PCP members to the Democratic Party of Washington County**. No discussion. Vote: Ayes have it.
- ❖ Martita Meier moved to (MM2262020-15) **to adjourn the meeting**. Discussion. Vote: Ayes have it.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Recorded by:

Victoria Long

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Recording Secretary, Democratic Party of Washington County on February 26, 2020

Approved:

APPENDIX 1 – First Reading
A Resolution of the Washington County Democratic Central Committee
Resolution # 2019-006
Regarding Amendments to the 2020 WCDCC Platform

A. Whereas Washington County policy activists held a Platform Convention on October 6, 2019, and

B. Whereas a Platform consisting of 9 Articles and 128 Planks was duly adopted by the Convention at the close of the Convention on October 6, 2019, and

C. Whereas it is in the interests of the Washington County Democratic Central Committee (WCDCC) to make this Platform as accurate and precise as possible and to reflect our values and guide our interactions with our elected officials for the period 2020 through 2021 until the next Platform Convention, and

D. Whereas amendments to this Platform are allowed, according to WCDCC Special Rule #9, as early as the Central Committee meeting in January, 2020:

THEREFORE we, the WCDCC Resolve as follows:

1. The title of the of the adopted "2019 WCDCC Platform - Draft Final Version" shall be changed to "2020-2021 WCDCC Platform - Final" and the adoption date shall be changed from "10/08/2019" to "10/06/2019."
2. The following "scriveners" changes are adopted:
 - Article II Economic Justice/ The Economy - Preamble - delete the word "guarantees" as contextually redundant with "provides"
 - Article I Civil Right/ Sanctuary - Plank 19 - delete this Plank since the wording is almost identical to that in Article II Plank 10 - also, the term "equitable standard of living" is better than "minimum standard of living".
 - Article IV - Education- Plank 8 - modify this to read "We support fact-based education in all fact-based subjects at all levels, since "fact based" may not apply to the arts"
 - Article IV Plank 10 - the use of plurals is incorrect...change "identify" to "identifies" since the subject is "feedback" not "teachers", and put the phrase "to classroom teachers" at the end of the sentence
 - Article V Plank 14 - delete this Plank as essentially redundant to Planks 8 and 9
 - Article VII Sustainability - Plank 12 - 2nd line - the word "in" should be replaced by "that" to be correct from a syntax standpoint.
4. Article IV - Plank 13 - replace the phrase "no student should fear gun violence" with "no one should fear gun violence" so that it covers all those involved in the educational arena as well as the community at large
5. Modify Article IV - Plank 15 which states that "all students" should receive "free transportation" to read "We believe quality, safe, and free transportation should be provided for all K-12 public school students."
6. Modify Article V - A Just Legal System - Plank 2 currently states that prosecutorial misconduct "...should result in criminal penalties..." - change this to read "and should allow for criminal penalties, legal mitigation, compensation, and/or restoration to victims."
7. Modify Article V - A Just Legal System - Plank 5 - which currently reads "...neither police..." to say "neither local law enforcement..." since "police" doesn't necessarily include sheriffs and game officers.
8. Modify Article V - A Just Legal System - Plank 11 currently specifies that inmates should receive the "same" quality of health care as the "general public" to read "inmates should receive health care at least equivalent to Basic Medicaid/Medicare." since much of the "general public" currently has inadequate health care.

9. Modify Article IX - Global Responsibilities - Plank 20 regarding drinking water to read “We believe all people worldwide have a right to clean public drinking water and we support efforts at all levels to accomplish this goal.” - since a) in many cases there is no infrastructure, b) this principle should apply to more than schools.

Resolution submitted 11/24/2019: G Rosenthal, R&PC Chair, Amended by R&PC, December 3, 2019 with a DO PASS recommendation.

APPENDIX 2 – First Reading

Washington County (Oregon) Democratic Central Committee
Proposed Priority Legislative Action Items (LAI's) for 2020/2021
(note: % indicate % of respondents listing this issue)

1. Improve public safety by banning assault weapons and high capacity magazines and closing existing background check loopholes. (Oregon) (68%)
2. Create a progressive tax structure that increases taxes on wealthy corporation at least equivalent to individual tax rates in order to generate more state revenue. (Oregon) (46%)
3. Require Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates to release their most recent 10 years of tax returns as a condition to appear on the Oregon ballot.
(Oregon) (46%)
4. Advocate for a minimum wage of at least \$15/hour. (Oregon and US) (45%)
5. Advocate for abolishment the Electoral College. (US) (43%)
6. Support legislation that allows parents to decline vaccinations only on the basis of medical necessity.
(Oregon) (43%)
7. Protect DREAMER's by extending DACA. (US) (42%)
8. Honor the carbon reduction commitments of the 2016 Paris Agreement on climate. (Oregon, US) (41%)
9. Eliminate the income cap on Social Security tax deductions. (US) (40%)
10. Legislatively prohibit public funds from being used to support for private charter schools that are not covered under the Oregon Charter School Act of 1999. (Oregon) (40%) *See Note
11. Support legislation to ensure net neutrality. (Oregon, US) (40%)
12. Enforce laws that prevent family separations while they await immigration or asylum decisions. (Oregon, US) (40%)
13. Remove the statute of limitations (currently 12 years) for rape and other sexualized violent crimes. (Oregon) (36%)
14. Implement a Single Payer health care system in Oregon. (Oregon) (35%)
15. Eliminate mandatory minimum sentences. (Oregon, US) (35%)
16. Abolish the death penalty. (Oregon) (35%)
17. Repeal the Oregon Personal Income Kicker. (Oregon) (34%)
18. Fully enforce Equal Pay for Equal Work. (Oregon) (34%)

*Note: italics added by consensus. The 1999 Act provides licensing, regulation, funding, and oversight by the state for “approved” Charter schools.

APPENDIX 3 – First Reading
A Resolution of the Washington County Democratic Central Committee
Resolution # 2020 - 006
The Renewal of Local Option Library Levy by the Washington County Board of
Commissioners appearing on the May 19, 2020 Ballot

A. WHEREAS the Washington County Board of Commissioners are placing a renewal library levy covering FY 2021-22 through FY 2025-26 on the May 19, 2020 Primary Ballot, and

B. WHEREAS, this levy continues the current levy started in 2004 for an additional 5 years at no increase in cost per \$1000 value and provides approximately 40% of the operating budget of the Washington County Cooperative Services which provides the majority of operating expenses for 16 libraries in the county:

THEREFORE, we the WCDCC Resolve as follows:

1. To endorse this levy as stated and,
2. Show that endorsement on all our County Slate cards to be passed to voters before that election.

Submitted by Steve Hall, 2/3/2020 on behalf of the Washington County Board of Commissioners.

APPENDIX 4 – First Reading
A Resolution of the Washington County Democratic Central Committee
Resolution # 2020 – 007
Regarding Replacement of the Public Safety Local Option Levy

A. WHEREAS the Washington County Board of Commissioners are proposing the replacement of the Public Safety Local Option Levy currently in force with a new levy lasting from FY 2021-22 through FY 2025-26 on the May 19, 2020 Primary Ballot, and

B. WHEREAS the proposed levy increases the current levy from \$0.42 per \$1000 of assessed value to \$0.47 per \$1000 of assessed value to help cover the additional and increased costs of Prosecution, Community Correction, Juvenile Services and expansion of the Emergency Shelter program in the county:

THEREFORE, we the WCDCC Resolve as follows:

1. To endorse this levy as stated and,
2. Show that endorsement on all our County Slate cards to be passed to voters before that election.

Submitted by Steve Hall, 2/3/2020 on behalf of the Washington County Board of Commissioners

APPENDIX 5
PCP CONTACT INFORMATION REQUESTS PROCEDURE STATEMENT

1. The Secretary of the Washington County Democrats will receive any requests for PCP contact Information via email with the PCP Contact Information Request Form attached. The Secretary approves the request, *if appropriate; and sends the request on to Technology (IT) Chair, Patrick Konsor.
2. The IT Chair emails the Listserv link to the requester and copies to the Secretary.
3. The Secretary records the date the Listserv link was emailed to the requester on the LIST REQUEST form on the google drive.
4. The Secretary will inform the E-Board at the monthly meeting who requested PCP contact information and who was approved for the Listserv link.

***What is considered appropriate for approving someone's request for PCP contact information?**

The answer is:

1. Someone who is running for an officer or delegate position within the Washington County Democrats' party or...
2. Someone who is a non-partisan candidate in a local election or...
3. Someone who is a candidate that is endorsed by the Washington County Democrats.

Submitted by Victoria Long, 2/26/2020