
Welcome!

Welcome to our virtual Central Committee meeting! Our business meeting will start promptly at 7:00 p.m., and checking members in via our electronic credentialing process will take some time. **So please arrive in the Zoom meeting by 6:30 p.m.**

Meeting Agenda

1. Meeting Opening (7:00 p.m.)

- Approval of Prepared Agenda
- Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
- Introduction of Party Officers, First-Time Attendees, and Democratic Elected Officials

2. Invited Guest Speaker: Metro President Lynn Peterson

3. Reports from Chair & Officers

- Chair's Opening Remarks – **Patrick Maguire**
- First Vice Chair – **Martita Meier**
- Second Vice Chair (Credentials) – **Amelia Manlove**
- Secretary – **Bridget Brooks**

4. Party Financial Updates

- Treasurer's Report – **Veronica Williams**
- Budget Committee – **John MacDonald**
- Finance Committee (Fundraising Event Planning) – **VACANT**

5. Updates on the Activity of Operational Committees

NOTE: *These committees are mainly operational, focused on getting the day-to-day work of the party done. These action-oriented groups could use your help as a volunteer member!*

- Training and Education – **Nancy Lewis**
- Community Outreach – **Sue Cocking & Derrick Ragan**
- Communications – **Brian Gardner**
- Campaign (Neighborhood Leader Program) – **Dan Riker**
- Young Democrats – **Sushruta Chandramouli**
- Information Technology – **Patrick Konsor**
- Office – **Connie Chen**

6. Updates on the Activity of Caucuses & Special Groups

NOTE: *These special groups work to increase inclusion at all levels of our party.*

- Education Caucus – **Lisa Stiller**
- Black American Caucus – **Zelos Marchandt**
- East Washington County Democrats – **Carol Greenough**

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6. Updates on the Activity of Delegations

NOTE: *These two groups of elected delegates represent our county in state party matters.*

- State Central Committee Delegation – **Farrah Chaichi**
- First Congressional District Committee Delegation – **Lisa Stiller**

7. Provisional Selection of New Precinct Committeepersons

NOTE: *Any new PCP's selected by the Central Committee will not take office at this meeting. They will take office after being verified and registered by the county elections official.*

8. Reports from Parliamentary Committees

NOTE: *These committees are mainly parliamentary, focused on scrutinizing proposals and recommending action to the Central Committee for a formal vote.*

- Resolutions and Platform – **Coy Lay**
- Rules – **Garrett Fleenor**

9. New Business (See Website for Details of Proposed Motions)

- Additional Endorsements (Requires Rule Suspension) – **Martita Meier**
- Forum to Urge State Treasurer to Divest from Fossil Fuels – **Janice Karpenick**

10. Supplemental Report from Endorsement Committee

- Additional Contributions to Beaverton School District Board Campaigns

11. Announcements

NOTE: *Announcements from non-members are limited to thirty seconds in length, and no more than one speaker may speak on behalf of the same candidate or political campaign.*

This regular monthly meeting of the Democratic Central Committee is held virtually via the Zoom platform during the continuing pandemic-related limitations on in-person gatherings. A meeting is held the fourth Wednesday of each month, except November and December.

General Note: The following motion was submitted by a member for consideration as new business at an upcoming Central Committee meeting and has not been examined or evaluated by any committee of the Washington County Democrats. You have the right to vote in favor or against the motion.

Note on a Potential Motion Regarding Forum to Urge State Treasurer to Divest from Fossil Fuels:

Janice Karpenick, a member of the Central Committee, proposes the following motion:

I move that Washington County Democrats co-sponsor and support a forum in which State Treasurer Tobias Read will be urged to “vote and invest as a climate champion” thereby not investing in and divesting from fossil fuels.

Explanation of the motion:

By supporting this forum, the WashCo Dems will join a coalition which can more effectively push Oregon to follow the lead of NY State and divest from fossil fuels. We will also help show Treasurer Read that support for fossil fuel divestiture has broad resonance statewide. Our organizational name and logo will be added to the cosponsor list on the 350PDX materials. There are currently 20 committed sponsors, including 350.org groups statewide, SEIU503, several Indivisible groups, and Rogue Climate to name a few.

"Thinking about the state treasurer's job might put people to sleep, but when they realize how much money Tobias Read manages (\$118 billion) it should jolt them awake. Add to that the fact that Read's investment clout has the potential to help stop the climate change nightmare, and people might be abuzz all day.

With that in mind, on May 5, at 7 pm, 350PDX has organized an online Q&A with the state treasurer to wake the public up to their financial power, especially when that power is channeled and magnified through the state treasurer's actions.

As the manager of the PERS retirement fund, Tobias Read not only decides where to invest the billions entrusted to him by state workers (like firefighters and teachers), he could also make multinational corporations lose sleep when he leverages his clout to push for the environmental and human rights protections that the public wants.

This Q&A session is also an opportunity for the community to remind Read about their clean energy and racial justice dreams.”

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Given the State Treasurer's power to fight the climate crisis by investing the billions held in state retirement funds and voting as a shareholder, 350PDX is organizing the Q&A with the Oregon State Treasurer to educate the community about the power of state treasurers in the fight against the climate crisis and to continue to push the Treasurer to vote and invest as a climate champion.

As a major investor, the Oregon Investment Council, with Treasurer Read at its helm, votes for who will be on the boards of directors of most large companies as well as how funds will be managed and invested. Oregon needs to use this power to a much greater extent than it is at present. In May 2020, after lots of grassroots pressure, Treasurer Read was among 9 of the state treasurers who voted to have Lee Raymond, the former CEO of Exxon and major climate crisis denier, removed from the Board of JPMorgan Chase. It worked, and reinforced the immense influential power that Treasurers can wield in the fight to hold those financing the climate crisis accountable. There is more work to be done by our State Treasurer to be a climate champion.

350 PDX is working with Treasurer Read, as they did last year, to support his vote on some key Board of Director and corporate resolution votes at upcoming shareholder meetings. They are also asking the Treasurer questions about why Oregon is still invested in fossil fuels, and why it doesn't follow the lead of New York State, which is aggressively divesting.

The forum will open with an expert in sustainable investing presenting information about the power of the Treasurer and the Oregon Investment Council. State Treasurers make decisions to invest the (nationwide) trillions of dollars that are their responsibility. That investment in fossil fuels produces lower returns/higher risk than investment in portfolios without fossil fuels. Stakeholders from around the state, like a teacher with PERS, and the president of SEIU503, will then speak, followed by Treasurer Tobias Read. Finally, a Q&A will wrap up the forum.

This forum serves several purposes: education about the investment power of the Treasurer, and letting the Treasurer hear concerns and support for divestment from climate activists.

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Note on a Potential Motion Regarding Additional Endorsements:

Thus far we have endorsed candidates in two of the four races for the Beaverton School Board. Ugonna Enyinnaya and Sunita Garg are running in the remaining two races. Both women stepped up to run near the filing deadline when it became clear that the Republican candidates in these two races might go unopposed, which is why they did not meet our normal endorsement deadline. Although they are both first-time candidates, they have already won significant support from local activists and elected officials to help them run effective campaigns against their conservative opponents. **Vice Chair Martita Meier will be moving to suspend some of the rules around endorsements and requesting that members hear more about both of these women and provide our endorsement for their election this May 18th.**

In particular, the following sections of Standing Rule 7 would need to be suspended if members wish to agree to endorse these candidates outside of the ordinary process:

B. Only candidates for a nonpartisan office who request Central Committee endorsement by the ad-hoc Contribution Recommendation and Endorsement Committee's announced application deadline shall be considered.

C. All endorsement requests will be vetted by the Central Committee's ad-hoc Contribution Recommendation and Endorsement Committee before presentation to the full Central Committee for action. In addition, the Committee will report to the Executive Board prior to the presentation before the Central Committee.

Find more details about these candidates in our op-ed here:

<https://washcodems.org/2021/04/20/op-ed-a-blue-ribbon-team-for-beaverton-school-board>

You can also visit the candidates' web sites:

Ugonna Enyinnaya

<https://ugonna4bsdschoolboard.com/>

Sunita Garg

<https://www.sunitaforbeavertonschools.com/>