

STANDING RULE #7 - ENDORSEMENTS BY THE WCDCC

Section 1 - Eligibility for Endorsement

1. Any candidate for a local nonpartisan office who has been registered in Washington County as a Democrat for no less than 180 days and who will be listed on the ballot in the coming election shall be eligible for endorsement by the Central Committee.
2. Candidates for statewide nonpartisan offices who have been registered in Oregon as a Democrat for no less than 180 days are also eligible for endorsement by the Central Committee.
3. Only candidates who have been vetted by the Endorsement Committee may be eligible for endorsement by the Central Committee

Section 2 - Committee Process

1. The Endorsement Committee shall maintain an Endorsement Application and Endorsement Questionnaire.
2. The Endorsement Committee shall vet each candidate submitting an Endorsement Application, providing to them the Endorsement Questionnaire
3. For each election that can be endorsed, the Endorsement Committee shall provide any of the following recommendations:
 - a. No Endorsement
 - b. Endorsement of a single candidate, or
 - c. Endorsement of multiple candidates.
4. The Endorsement Questionnaire shall be provided to the WCDCC before the meeting in which endorsement recommendations are considered
5. At the meeting in which the endorsements are considered, a member of the Endorsement Committee shall present the recommendations for endorsement, allowing time for all vetted candidates for that election to speak.

Section 3 - Special Meeting of the WCDCC

1. The Chair of the WCDCC shall call a Special Meeting to consider the recommendations of the Endorsement Committee at least 7 days prior to the Voters Pamphlet Filing deadline in each election that has races that can be endorsed.
2. Only candidates who have been vetted by the Endorsement Committee shall be considered for endorsement at the special meeting.
3. The Endorsement Committee may make additional endorsement recommendations after the date of the Special Meeting, and those will be considered at the next Central Committee meeting.

Section 4 - Deadlines

1. Members of the Endorsements Committee must be appointed and the Endorsements Committee must begin accepting Endorsement Applications at least 90 days prior to the Voters Pamphlet Filing deadline in each election that has races that can be endorsed.
2. For each election that can have an endorsement made the Endorsement Committee shall provide a written report including the recommended action, a rationale for that action, a minority report, if applicable, and the Endorsement Questionnaire for all eligible candidates

that have been vetted to date for that endorsement at least 6 days before the meeting in which the endorsement recommendations are considered.

Section 5 - Usage

1. Endorsement of a candidate for a nonpartisan office in a primary election will automatically follow any successful candidate to the related general election unless new information which requires reconsideration is brought to the Central Committee's attention.
2. Candidates for nonpartisan office who have been endorsed by the Central Committee may provide copies of their campaign literature for distribution through the Central Committee office and its door-to-door activities.