

**Washington County  
Democratic Central Committee**

May 24, 2023 Regular Meeting  
Minutes



**Meeting Opening (7:02 p.m.)**

Approval of Prepared Agenda Approved by acclamation  
Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting Approved by acclamation  
Introduction of First-Time Attendees and Democratic Elected Officials

**Campaign Report**

2023 Election Results and Neighborhood Leader by Campaign Chair Matthew Wurst and Field Director Kyle Linhares reports on local races/turnout

**Special Presentation**

Northwest Labor Press — Don McIntosh speaks on unions and labor conditions

**Credentials and Vice Chair reports**

First Vice Chair — Ryan Van Domelen presented on Wine Club July 8 Duck Pond Vineyard  
Second Vice Chair (Credentials) — Derrick Regan 54 PCPs 2 Guests

**Opportunities to Engage**

Office — Connie Chen Office hours 10AM-2PM  
Community Outreach — Sue Cocking Reported on summer events. Details at [washcodems.org/category/event/active-event/](https://washcodems.org/category/event/active-event/)  
Training and Education — Barry Johnson Smith Reported

**Delegation Updates**

First Congressional District Committee Delegation Report — Brenda Buratti Reported  
Sixth Congressional District Committee Delegation Report — Andrew Stiffler Reported  
Vote on alternate seat elections — Garrett Fleenor ran votes for SCC, CD1 and CD6  
New Alternates - SCC: Dolby Toews; CD1: Don Royce, Kimberly Culbertson

**Report from the Chair / Special Reports**

Chair — Martita Meier  
\*See full report in Appendix  
Report was followed by an approximate 40-minute discussion. Ideas were recommended.

**Party Financial Updates**

Treasurer's Report & Finance — Lars Ludeking Reported  
Budget Chair — John MacDonald Reported

**Reports from Parliamentary Committees**

Rules Chair Garrett Fleenor provided updates on the plan for the Rules convention. We will hold the rules convention at the online August Central Committee Meeting

**Updates on the Activity of Caucuses & Special Groups**

Education Caucus Report by Maureen Barnhart

**Provisional Election of New Precinct Committeepersons**

Secretary Kimberly Culbertson; With no applications sent to the Secretary, there will be no appointments

this month.

### **New Business / Announcements**

- None

Adjourn (9:20 PM)

### **Appendix**

#### Chair Report

The chair is reporting on the vote by the executive board regarding saying the pledge allegiance, particularly at are now reenacted in-person quarterly central committee meetings.

The executive board spoke in discussion for approximately 30 minutes regarding the issue. It has been long-standing that there have been members of the central committee who are not comfortable with the statement "under God" in the pledge of allegiance or feel that enforcing the pledge is not aligned with our current practices.

Today most public schools do not partake in the pledge of allegiance, and It was a sentiment during the discussion that it will be better for inclusivity that we say *not* the pledge at the beginning of our meetings.

It was also stated that we do want to impart to our members that we are respectful of the flag, and we understand the meaningfulness of the pledge to many fellow members of the community.

The following motion was made at the executive board:

The Executive Board recommends to the Chair of the WCDCC that we do not put the pledge of allegiance back in the WCDCC agenda.

The executive board voted unanimously in favor of this recommendation.

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