Washington County Democratic Central Committee
June 25, 2025 Regular Meeting at Portland Community College (PCC)
Draft Minutes

1. The meeting started at 7:03pm in person. Officers present were: Martita Meier (Chair), Garrett Fleenor, (1st Vice Chair), Lars Ludeking (Treasurer), Suze Engbretson, (2nd Vice Chair) and Victoria Long (Recording Secretary).

- The prepared CC Meeting Agenda for June 25, 2025, was approved by acclimation.
- The CC Meeting Draft Minutes for May 28, 2025, were approved by acclimation.
- A Moment of Reflection/Silence was held.
- Introduction of First-Time Attendees/Democratic Elected Officials was conducted.
- The Volunteer of the Quarter award was presented by Martita Meier to Isadora Mefford, Vice Chair of Young Dems.
- Second Vice Chair (Credentials) report was presented by Suze Engbretson. There were 43 PCPs in attendance; a quorum was met.
- The Treasurer's Report was presented by Lars Ludeking; report on file with Treasurer. WCD forms were discussed. See Appendix 1.

2. Workgroup Reports:

- The Direct Action Workgroup report was presented as a film by Marc Grambo.
- Community Outreach Workgroup report was presented by Sue Cocking (Chair) regarding the need for volunteers for the 4th of July Parade and for the Wash. Co. Fair.
- Office Workgroup report was presented by Connie Chen (Chair), requesting volunteers for an Office shift once a month.
- Finance Workgroup - Martha Rampton (Chair) reported on the Music in the Garden event (music by Laura Cunard). The HOPS WashCo Dems game will be on August 15th/ 30 tickets still available.
- The Communications Workgroup report was given by Karolina Newcombe (Chair). Volunteers who enjoy writing are needed on the Communications team.
- Training Workgroup report was given by Barry Johnson-Smith (Chair). Good turnout for the recent *How to Engage with Local Government 101* training given by the Training

Workgroup. Barry made remarks on positive local support received for the Advisory Council on Racial Equity.

6. Tabletop Activity was conducted, and protest signs were made for 4th of July. Activity began at 7:40pm and ended at 8:02pm.

- Garrett Fleenor presented info on Direct Action protest needs such as a portable PA system, a stage and the Mobilize App Account to send out mass emails. The Direct Action Budget was presented as approximately $4764. All these upcoming acquisitions are for usage by the entire Party not just the Direct Action Workgroup.

4. The Budget Update for the Direct Action Workgroup was presented by John MacDonald.

○ John MacDonald moved to approve this modification to the budget expenses. Debate. Vote: Ayes - Unanimous approval

5. Reports from Parliamentary Committees

- Two First Readings were presented by Chris Armstrong, Chair, Resolutions and Policy. See Appendix 2:
  - ✓ Resolution # 2025-03 - Regarding the Importance of Due Process to American Civil Liberties
  - ✓ Resolution # 2025-04 - A Resolution in Support Of HIV/AIDS Vaccine Federal Funding

6. Delegation Updates

○ The State Central Committee Delegation Report was presented by Garrett Fleenor. The SCC meeting will be held in Ashland this coming weekend, June 28-29th.

- DPO Platform Convention will be held August 15-17 (3-day event in Monmouth). Aug. 16 is a breakout session where important issues are discussed. Everyone is invited. The sign-up form is on website. There is a cost to attend (usually $30) and a cost for housing (there are scholarships available). Everyone must have proof of vaccination. Sign-ups close on July 25th. Refer to washcodems.org/2025/06/25/sign-up-for-the-dpo-platform-convention-august-15-17th/

● The CD1 Chair election was postponed and will be conducted online. Various open DPO alternate spots are still available. Contact vicechair1@washcodems.org

○ First Congressional District Committee Delegation Report remarks by Garrett Fleenor.

○ Sixth Congressional District Committee Delegation – Carl Fisher was absent.

5. Caucus Reports & Special Groups

- Education Caucus— Maureen Barnhart was absent.
- East Washington County Democrats — Carol Greenough made remarks.
- Young Dems — Spencer Lindquist was absent. Isadora Mefford, Vice Chair of the Young Dems, made a report. Spencer will be out of town until July 10th. A Pie & Ice Cream Social is coming up in the Fall, and they are working on adding YD volunteers.

8. The provisional appointment of new Precinct Committee Persons (PCPs) was held.

- ✓ Victoria Long moved that Erin Harmon, Sophia Gonzalez, Maxfield Joyner, Callie Peters, Gilberto Rivas, and James Silver be appointed as PCPs. No second required. No debate. Vote: Approved by Acclimation. Motion passes.

9. New Business & Announcements – Dale Feik left 4 books ***On Tyranny*** by Timothy Snyder in the Office and are available to anyone. Bridget Brooks made remarks about the Tualatin Festival in July. Sheri & Dick Schouten are having a summer fundraiser for Tina Kotek on July 24th from 5:00-6:30pm at their home . Steve Hall reported that on Saturdays (3:00-4:30pm) there are weekly protests at the 185th overpass in Hillsboro. Park in the Sportsman's parking lot.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm

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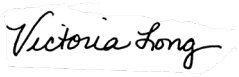

Victoria Long
Recording Secretary
Washington County Democrats, June 25, 2025
Next CC Meeting via Zoom on July 23, 2025

Appendix 1

Forms Treasurer Uses for Mandatory Reporting

EventDonationFormFillable.pdf - Event Donation form for Fundraisers
EventTicketSetupFormFillable.pdf - Setup information needed for ActBlue sales site
InKindDonationFormFillable.pdf - Fill this out when donating item(s).
ReimbursementFormFillable.pdf - Fill out for reimbursement of personal expenses.
Finance Event Performance Review (Finance Chair)
FinanceEventReviewFormFillable.pdf Describe event and review.
PCP Application Form Goes to Secretary
WCD-PCP-fillable.pdf
**Administrative Forms - Washington County Democrats**

Appendix 2

A Resolution of the Washington County Democratic Central Committee
Resolution # 2025-03
Regarding the Importance of Due Process to American Civil Liberties

(A) Whereas, due process is guaranteed by the Constitution in that no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law;

(B) Whereas, due process is a keystone right because without it all persons on American soil cannot access their other rights;

(C) Whereas, habeas corpus is another fundamental right focused on the protection against unjust or illegal detainment;

(D) Whereas, the Trump administration is denying due process to people based on their immigration status;

(E) Whereas, the State of Oregon and Oregon cities including Hillsboro, Portland, and Beaverton are sanctuary cities;

(F) Whereas, Oregon Sanctuary Law prohibits law enforcement personnel from participating in immigration enforcement in the absence of an official court warrant;

(G) Whereas, due process protects democracy itself as well as individual rights by shielding government officials from authoritarian retribution or unfair treatment under the law;

(H) Whereas, our elected leaders have the responsibility to protect the rights of all Americans and persons within their jurisdiction;

THEREFORE, THE WASHINGTON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:
1. Due process and habeas corpus are fundamental rights that apply to all persons as a basic tenet of the rule of law.

2. Due to the illegitimate nature of the administration's attacks on due process, we support the standing policy of non-cooperation with Federal agents, prioritizing individuals' rights and protecting Oregonians from Federal overreach.

3. Further, we support Oregon's civil servants including local, county, regional, and state officials in efforts to actively intervene to oppose these attacks on the rights of people throughout Oregon utilizing all available resources.

A Resolution in Support Of HIV/AIDS Vaccine Federal Funding
Resolution 2025-04

Whereas, the Trump Administration has terminated a $258 million program critical to the development of an HIV/AIDS vaccine;
Whereas, the consortia for HIV/AIDS lead research partners, Duke University and Scripps Research Institute, indicate the work was broadly applicable to a wide range of treatments for other illnesses from COVID drugs to snake antivenom and therapies for autoimmune diseases;
Whereas, The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has also paused funding for a clinical trial of an HIV vaccine made by Moderna;

Whereas, the Trump administration also shut down the HIV prevention division of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which provided funds to states and territories for HIV prevention:

Whereas, in January the Trump administration halted disbursement of funds from the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, Pepfar, a $7.5 billion program that supplied most of the treatment for HIV in Africa;

THEREFORE, THE WASHINGTON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. We call upon our Congressional delegation to take whatever measures are necessary to reinstitute this vital funding for AIDS vaccine research.
2. We call upon each member of our Congressional delegation to publicly state their support for AIDS vaccine research.
3. We call upon the State Democratic Party to pass a similar resolution.

REFERENCES:
https://www.nytimes.com/2025/05/30/health/trump-hiv cuts.html?unlocked_article_code=1.LU8.e2ZI.Hse7zT8b3kHF&smid=url-share
https://www.science.org/content/article/devasting-nih-cancels-future-funding-plans-hiv vaccine-consortia

End of Appendices