Washington County Democratic Central Committee
September 23, 2026 Regular Meeting
Draft Minutes

1. The meeting started at 7:00pm via zoom. Officers present were: Chair Martita Meier, Vice Chair 1 Gemma Fleenor, Vice Chair 2 Suze Engbretson (Credentialing), Treasurer Lars Ludeking and Victoria Long (Recording Secretary).

    - The prepared CC Meeting Agenda for September 23, 2026, was approved by unanimous consent with the addition of a consideration of a contribution of $2500 to the Hillsboro School District Bond Measure 34-355 Advocacy PAC in the Endorsements Section of the agenda.
    - The Endorsement Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2026, were approved by unanimous consent.
    - The CC Meeting Minutes for August 26, 2026, were approved by unanimous consent.
    - Introduction of Elected Officials, candidates and new members was conducted.
    - The Credentials report was presented by Suze Engbretson. There were 71 PCPs in attendance. A quorum was met.
    - The Treasurer's Report was made by Lars Ludeking and is on file.
    - The First Vice Chair Report was made by Gemma Fleenor who reported that it is 41 days until the Election and that canvassing is crucial to electing candidates. Oct 14th is when ballots are mailed out. Gemma made remarks on solidarity. Canvassing contacts:
    DPO For Tina (Saturdays at 10am) - https://www.mobilize.us/dpo/event/999615/
    Nafisa Fai - https://www.mobilize.us/nafisafai/
    Kipperlyn Sinclair - https://www.kipperlynsinclair.com/volunteer
    Hillsboro Slate, Diana Jackson, Karim Delgado, Dorian Russell (Saturdays 10am, Wednesdays 5pm) - https://www.mobilize.us/dianajackson/
    BEAVERTON
    Evelyn - https://evelynforbeaverton.com/get-involved
    Rachel - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDJWMmqC6J-ZzDfbZOcuqcUjwuC0oj-bnnRxlIlQzHspP-Wg/viewform
    TIGARD
    Yi-Kang - https://www.yikanghu.com/get-involved
    Kate - https://katefortigard.com/
    Yousef - https://www.mobilize.us/yousefallouzifortigardcitycouncil/
    Gabriel - https://www.gabevelasquez.com/
    TUALATIN:
    Valarie - https://valerieformayor.com/
    Beth - https://www.voteforbethdittman.com/get-involved
    Bridget - email bbrooksmsw@gmail.com
    FOREST GROVE
    Mallory - https://www.votemalloryhiefield.com/volunteer

- The Chair Report was made by Martita Meier who noted that next month (October), which will be Martita's last meeting as Chair, is the last Central Committee meeting of 2026 and will be in person at PCC Willow Creek. Martita reported on the new Volunteer Recruitment Workgroup and the need for more volunteers for this workgroup. Martita made remarks on members inadvertently unmuting, interrupting, and Robert's Rules of Order. The WCD is actively looking for a Parliamentarian.

2. Opportunities to Engage

- Finance Work Group — Martha Rampton reported the Neuberger Gala tickets are on sale. Tobias Read will be the keynote speaker, speaking about how votes are handled in Oregon, voting threats and how to defend the ballot box, which is the theme of the Gala. There will be a Silent Auction and the Wall of Wine. We currently have zero wine on hand for the Neuberger, so there is a desparate need for wine donations of $25+ in value. Martha reported on where the Gala monies go such as the Neighborhood Leader Program, support of local campaigns and CC meeting overhead, etc. The No Kings March is also on 10/17. Please try to attend both events; send any No Kings pictures to volunteer@washcodems.org for a chance at a prize.

- Community Outreach Work Group — Sue Cocking reported Outreach has one more event for the year: On Halloween night the Office will be open so we can give out candy to the kids. The Beaverton Celebration Parade was a big success.

- The Direct Action Work Group report was made by Chris Armstrong. See Appendix 1.

- The Training Workgroup Report was made by Barry Johnson-Smith. Engagement training (to make an informed decision) is open to everyone regardless of party affiliation.
- Candidate Recruitment Workgroup report was made by Kathe Welch. An official WCD email is going to be made soon for this workgroup. If you would like to volunteer with this workgroup contact: kathewelch@gmail.com

3. The Endorsement Committee Contributions recommendations were presented by Syed Qasim, who made remarks about solidarity and the various races. Sayed moved to approve all the contributions (3.1). See Appendix 2. Debate was limited to 20 minutes.

Bridget Brooks moved (3.2) to contribute $100 each to the two candidates who were designated to receive zero money (Dean Moberg and Malynda Wenzl), totaling $13,100 in total contributions. Seconded by Saba Anvery. Debate. Vote: Ayes 43/Nays 24 - Motion passes.

Dan Cushing moved (3.3) to remove the Commissioner Chair consideration from the contribution list or division of the question to separate, seconded by John MacDonald. No debate. Vote: Ayes 7 /Nays 59 - Motion fails.

Walter Hellman moved (3.4) to amend the main motion and remove the three City of Hillsboro candidate contributions from the list, totaling $3600. Margaret Doherty seconded. Debate. Vote: Yays 6/ Nays 63 – Motion fails.

Vote on (3.1): Ayes 66 /Nays 3 - Motion passes to approve the contributions to candidates as amended.

- Victoria Long moved (3.5) for the Washington County Democrats to contribute $2500 to the Hillsboro School District Bond Measure 34-355 (Advocacy PAC) which was endorsed by the Washington County Democrats. Seconded by Gemma Fleenor. Debate. Danielle Wentworth moved (3.6) to end debate. Erica Wills seconded. Vote: Ayes 60/Nays 2. Motion to end debate passes.
  Vote on main motion (3.5): Ayes 58/Nays 11 - Motion passes.

4. Budget Committee Preliminary Budget was presented by John MacDonald who moved to approve the 2027 Preliminary Budget as presented. Budget info on file with John. Debate was limited to 10 minutes. Vote: Ayes 52 – unanimously approved - Motion passes.

5. Reports from Parliamentary Committees

○ Policy and Resolution Chair Chris Armstrong presented two First Readings. See Appendix 3.

○ Rules Chair Chris Promitzer reported on four rules changes and so moved to approve each rule change separately. Debate limited to 20 minutes. See Appendix 4.

Martha moved to change all references in the Rules changes from Fundraising Workgroup to Fundraising and Events Workgroup. Claire Berger seconded. Debate. Vote: Ayes 13/Nays 17 - Motion fails.

Vote on Motion (1): Ayes 40 – unanimous - Motion passes.
Vote on Motion (2): Ayes 44 – unanimous – Motion passes.
Vote on Motion (3) with amendment: Ayes 35 – unanimous – Motion passes.
Vote on Motion (4) with amendment: Ayes 41 – unanimous – Motion passes.

6. Caucus & Special Group Updates

○ Latino Caucus— Karim Delgado reported the caucus is still active.

○ Labor Caucus— Claire Berger reported a successful Labor Day Picnic. Looking for new Labor Caucus members.

○ Education Caucus— Maureen Barnhart had to depart the meeting.

○ East Washington County Democrats — Carol Greenough reported that a Rep. from House District 37 will be speaking to EWC. Remarks were made. EWCDems@gmail.com

7. Delegation Updates

○ State Central Committee Delegation Report — Derrick Ragan reported the WCD is electing new delegates at the November Organizational Meeting.

8. The Provisional Election of New Precinct Committee Persons was conducted.

➢ Victoria Long moved that Angelica Peterson, Gilberto Rivas, and Youtheary Sim be appointed as Washington County Democrat PCPs. No second required. No debate. Vote: Ayes 33 - unanimous. Motion passes.

9. New Business & Announcements – Chris Armstrong announced he is running for Chair of the Washington County Democrats. Bridget Brooks reported the Tualatin Riverkeepers' big banquet, **2026 Green Heron Gala**, is October 3rd from 4:30pm to 8:00pm at the Eagles Nest Reserve Vineyard and Winery located in Helvetia, OR. For tickets refer to: tualatinriverkeepers.org/events/2026-green-heron-fundraiser

The meeting adjourned at 10:02pm
Recorded by:

Victoria Long

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Recording Secretary

Appendix 1
Direct Action Report by Chris Armstrong

Sky Harbour

- Request withdrawn. A good win for now. Need to keep an eye on it as it or a similar proposal may get future consideration at the planning commission.

Just happened

- Constitution Day event last week at the Beaverton Library. Washco dems gave out pocket constitutions. Thanks to for Sudarshan Cadambi for taking our flyers to the event.

No Kings – Vote Early Protests - 10/17 across the region. Support your local Indivisible Chapter by joining the event on Mobilize.us. There are events all day long.

Washcodems is asking for volunteers to support Beaverton indivisible with a variety of tasks including:

- Setup
- Safety
- The Washco Dems table
- The First Aid station
- Teardown (need lots of help)
- Clean up (need lots of help)

The Beaverton event will be in the afternoon. They especially need help with teardown and clean up from volunteers who are not planning to go to Neuberger in the evening.
If interested in volunteering please reply to me or contact Lisa Stiller directly @ koffeenut@yahoo.com

Appendix 2
Endorsed Candidate Contribution Recommendations

Candidate	Recommended Amount	Approved Amount
FOREST GROVE		
Malynda Wenzl	$0.00	$100 by amended motion
Mallory Hiefield	$1,000.00	$1,000.00
HILLSBORO		
Diana Jackson	$1,200.00	$1,200.00
Karim Delgado	$1,200.00	$1,200.00
Dorian Russell	$1,200.00	$1,200.00
TIGARD		
Yi-Kang Hu	$750.00	$750.00
Yousef K. Allouzi	$750.00	$750.00
Kate Ristau	$750.00	$750.00
Gabriel Elijio Velásquez	$750.00	$750.00
TUALATIN		
Valerie Pratt	$500.00	$500.00
Bridget Brooks	$150.00	$150.00
Beth Dittman	$150.00	$150.00

TSWCD		
Dean P. Moberg	$0.00	$100 by amended motion
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4		
Kipperlyn Sinclair	$1,500.00	$1,500.00
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, CHAIR		
Nafisa Fai	$2,000.00	$2,000.00
BEAVERTON		
Evelyn Kocher	$500.00	$500.00
Rachel Philip	$500.00	$500.00
Total	$12,900.00	$13,100
HSD Bond Measure 34-355	$2500	$2500 (not incl. in above amt)

Appendix 3
2 FIRST READINGS
Presented by Chris Armstrong

RPC-2026-008

THE IMPORTANCE OF A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR POLITICAL DISCOURSE IN OUR SOCIETY

Whereas, free speech and open discussion are pillars of representative democracy. These require a safe environment for the free exchange of ideas which is critical for improving policies that directly affect our lives;

Whereas, political intimidation and violence are never appropriate and should be condemned by all free people without equivocation. There are many types of political violence including deliberate use of physical force or verbal aggression with the purpose of coercing an elected official into not holding true to their purpose. This includes assaults, threats, or harassment aimed at elected officials and community leaders;

Whereas, whether targeting activists or elected officials, it is our duty as Americans to oppose all intimidation and silencing of political discourse. This requires both empathy and understanding of different views, but also a firm stand against tactics that cross a line into fear, intimidation, or violence regardless of the source or the target;

Whereas, a recent incident involving Sen. Sollman reminds us that political violence takes many forms and can happen to any of us during respectful civic engagement.

Whereas, Elected officials should continue to listen to constituents and discuss policies, needs, and concerns at open houses, meetings, coffee hours, and more. This conversation requires a safe environment for constituents to participate in and share issues with their elected leaders;

Therefore, Washington County Democrats stand resolved that:

1) Our public square must remain free of intimidation and violence in order that we may all hear the voices of our entire community so that government can better serve

the people;
2) Elected officials, community leaders, and activists should all respect each other's role in good governance and protect our community from violence and intimidation that can stifle political discussion or threaten individual's safety;
3) We stand with Oregon's leaders' recent statements and state clearly:
We urge Oregonians of every political perspective to reject intimidation and violence and to help maintain a political culture where people can disagree openly and safely. We respect the role of law enforcement and the courts in addressing such issues when allegations arise. We support our elected officials in holding true to their purpose, which means being free from fear and intimidation from political violence.

RPC-2026-009
RESOLUTION URGING THE OREGON LEGISLATURE TO ENACT A BAN ON SURVEILLANCE PRICING

WHEREAS, surveillance pricing is the practice of using a consumer's personal data—including purchase history, location data, browsing behavior, device identifiers, and inferred demographic characteristics—to set, adjust, or offer individualized prices for the same goods or services, charging different consumers different prices based on their personal data rather than uniformly applied criteria; and
WHEREAS, a 2025 Federal Trade Commission study found that a wide range of consumer personal data is being used by intermediaries and retailers to set individualized prices, confirming that surveillance pricing is not a theoretical risk but an active and expanding commercial practice; and
WHEREAS, surveillance pricing is distinct from dynamic pricing (time-based price changes applied uniformly to all consumers, such as surge pricing or seasonal sales) and from algorithmic price fixing (coordination among competitors via shared data, which is already prohibited under state and federal antitrust law), and this resolution addresses surveillance pricing only; and
WHEREAS, Kroger has deployed electronic shelf labels in stores across the Portland metro region and nationally, enabling real-time, individualized price changes at the point of purchase, and has built extensive "secret shopper profiles" from loyalty program data, as documented by Consumer Reports in 2025 and raised in a letter from U.S. Senators Elizabeth Warren and Robert P. Casey, Jr., to Kroger's CEO expressing concern about electronic shelving and price gouging; and
WHEREAS, a Consumer Reports and Groundwork Collaborative investigation published in December 2025 found that Instacart's AI-enabled pricing experiments were inflating grocery bills for individual consumers, with the company subsequently halting the practice following public scrutiny; and
WHEREAS, surveillance pricing disproportionately harms low-income consumers, seniors, communities of color, and rural residents who have fewer alternatives and less ability to comparison-shop across digital platforms, as documented in academic research on ridehailing price discrimination and in Federal Trade Commission findings; and
WHEREAS, the Oregon Consumer Privacy Act (ORS 646A.570–646A.589), effective July 1, 2024, grants consumers rights to access, correct, delete, and opt out of the processing of their

personal data, but does not restrict the use of their personal data to set individualized prices, leaving a critical gap in Oregon's consumer protection framework; and
WHEREAS, the State of Oregon, led by Attorney General Dan Rayfield, joined the U.S. Department of Justice's antitrust litigation against RealPage, Inc., in 2024, and in 2026 announced multimillion-dollar settlements with property management companies Greystar and LivCor for algorithmic rent price coordination affecting thousands of Oregon rental units, demonstrating that algorithmic pricing abuse is already a documented harm in Oregon's housing market; and
WHEREAS, the City of Portland passed Ordinance No. 192122 in May 2025, prohibiting algorithmic rental price-fixing and including a private right of action for affected tenants, providing an Oregon precedent for legislative action against algorithmic pricing abuse; and
WHEREAS, Portland City Council's proposed Consumers Opposed to Surveillance Technology (COST) Ordinance would add regulation of surveillance pricing demonstrating local interest and concern in the metro area; and
WHEREAS, New York State enacted the One Fair Price Act in June 2026, prohibiting surveillance pricing across all industries while preserving loyalty programs, rewards, membership discounts, and class-based discounts, demonstrating that a broad, cross-industry surveillance pricing ban is politically achievable and legally durable; and
WHEREAS, Maryland enacted HB 895 (Chapter 154) in April 2025, prohibiting surveillance pricing in food retail, and Connecticut enacted a surveillance pricing ban in June 2026, further confirming growing national momentum for legislative action; and
WHEREAS, Colorado's HB26-1210, which would have prohibited both surveillance pricing and surveillance-based wage setting, was vetoed by Governor Jared Polis in June 2026 as overly broad, illustrating that legislation focused specifically on surveillance pricing—rather than encompassing wage-setting or other unrelated practices—has a stronger path to enactment; and
WHEREAS, the Washington County Democrats recognize that surveillance pricing undermines market transparency, penalizes consumers for their personal data, and exacerbates economic inequality in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Democrats:
1. Urge the Oregon State Legislature to enact, during the 2027 Regular Session, a comprehensive prohibition on surveillance pricing—the use of consumer personal data to set individualized prices—that applies across all industries, builds upon the definitions and covered entity thresholds of the Oregon Consumer Privacy Act (ORS 646A.570–646A.589), and preserves bona fide loyalty programs, rewards programs, membership discounts, class-based discounts, volume discounts, and uniform promotional offers.
2. Urge that such legislation includes a private right of action enabling consumers to enforce their rights directly, with appropriate caps on statutory damages to deter frivolous litigation while providing meaningful recourse for harmed individuals, recognizing that Attorney General enforcement alone cannot scale to the volume of individual surveillance pricing harms and that distributed enforcement imposes no cost on the state.
3. Urge that such legislation be drafted to clearly distinguish surveillance pricing from

dynamic pricing (which should remain permissible when applied uniformly to all consumers) and from algorithmic price coordination among competitors (which is already addressed by state and federal antitrust law), so as to maintain a focused scope that maximizes the likelihood of enactment.
4. Direct the Secretary of the Washington County Democrats to send this resolution to all Washington County municipal city leaders, the Washington County state legislative delegation, the House and Senate committee chairs with jurisdiction over consumer protection, the Oregon Attorney General, and the Governor's office.

Prepared by Christian Robertson-Lofthouse on August 24, 2026

Appendix 4
Rules Chair Chris Promitzer made the following motions:

Motion (1): PASSES - Ayes 40 – unanimous
The Rules Committee moves to amend all references to the “Finance” Workgroup (or Workgroup Chair) to be changed to the “Fundraising” Workgroup (or Workgroup Chair). This includes changing:

- Bylaws:
    - Article 6
        - Section 7.5D
    - Article 13
        - Section 1
        - Section 4.3, 4.5D
- Standing Rules:
    - Standing Rule #7
        - Section 2.C
        - Section 3

Justification:
This comes from a request by the currently named Finance Committee, and is a simple name change. The Rules Committee would like to ask for simple unanimous consent from the body to change our Bylaws, and Standing Rules accordingly.

Motion (2): PASSES - Ayes 44 – unanimous
The Rules Committee moves to amend Bylaws Article 6, Section 7.1 to add:

- Article 6, Section 7.1M
    - “Ensure duties of all officers are completed and, with the consent of the Leadership Team, reassign those duties should the need arise;”

Justification:

The Rules Committee felt it important to add new language to the Chair's duties that allows them to appoint substitute individuals to fulfill officer duties as needed. Previously, there was no mechanism for the Chair to officially allow others to meet unfulfilled duties by the Officers for one reason or another (theoretical example: a long-term illness). It is important to note that the Chair cannot use this power unilaterally, and it requires the consent of the Leadership Team defined in our rules.

Motion (3): PASSES WITH AMENDMENT - Ayes 35 – unanimous
The Rules Committee moves to add to Article 13, Section 4 – a new Section 10: (creates a new board member)

- The Candidate Recruitment Workgroup Chair Shall:
    - Manage and maintain candidate recruitment materials and processes within the WCD.
    - Reach out and engage registered Democrats interested in running for any office that would appear on our ballots in Washington County.
    - Focus efforts on races for offices that are not held by members of the Democratic Party.
    - Work with the Democratic Party of Oregon (DPO) and associated values-aligned organizations to find and engage candidates.
    - Work with the Training Workgroup Chair to provide materials or training on running effective campaigns, how to get endorsements, and other aspects of getting elected.
    - **Coordinates with house district leaders as appropriate to identify local candidates.**

Justification:

This is the proposed language for one of the new Workgroups for the Washington County Democrats. The overall purpose of the Candidate Recruitment Workgroup is to ultimately elect Democrats in offices where there currently are none.

Carol Greenough moved to amend Motion (3) to add a bullet point:
Coordinates with house district leaders as appropriate to identify local candidates. Gemma Fleenor seconds. No Debate. Vote: Ayes 32 - Unanimous - Amendment passes.

Motion (4): PASSES WITH AMENDMENT - Ayes 41 – unanimous
The Rules Committee moves to amend Article 13 Section 11 to add: (creates a new board member)

- The Volunteer Engagement Workgroup Chair Shall:
    - Assist in recruitment, welcome volunteers to the WCD, and manage and maintain volunteer intake forms and processes
    - Work with Committees and Chairs to help direct interested volunteers to workgroups, committees, caucuses, and the Neighborhood Leader Program.
    - Work with values-aligned organizations to bring in additional volunteers to the WCD.

- ○ Encourage new volunteers to become PCPs *__and Neighborhood Leaders__ if they are not.

Justification:
This is the proposed language for the other new Workgroup for the Washington County Democrats. The new Volunteer Engagement Workgroup will be entirely focused on volunteer recruitment, and funneling new volunteers into the various committees and workgroups that align with their interests. Furthermore, they will also be actively encouraging any new volunteers to become PCPs.

Carol Greenough moved to amend Motion (4) to add *__and Neighborhood Leaders__ to the last bullet point. Seconded by Gemma Fleenor. Debate. Vote: Ayes 41 – unanimous – Amendment passes.

- Encourage new volunteers to become PCPs __and Neighborhood Leaders__ if they are not.

1.0 – 9/23/2026