



## Central Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 25, 2019

Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
2315 Division St NW, Olympia, WA 98502

### Call to Order & Quorum

- The monthly regular meeting was called to order by the Acting Chair, First Vice Chair Danielle Westbrook, at 7:10 PM.
- The Acting Chair appointed:
  - as Parliamentarian: Tracey Carlos
  - as Sergeants-at-Arms: Walt Bowen and Helen Wheatley
- The First Vice Chair confirmed a quorum of PCOs in attendance: 65 out of 145.<sup>1</sup>

### Minutes

Motion passed to approve the September and October 2019 regular meeting minutes as drafted.

### Agenda

- Motion failed to postpone Bylaws Revision [item on the agenda] until the Bylaws are revised as a whole.
- Motion passed to add Rent Control Resolution to the agenda.
- Motion passed to approve the agenda as amended.

### Board Reports

Deputy Treasurer Kathy Package provided the P&L statement and bank account totals as of October 31, 2019.<sup>2</sup>

### Old Business

1. Election of Chair
  - a. Rory Summerson chaired the election pursuant to his appointment by the Executive Committee at its previous meeting on 11/12/19. The election rules were passed by the board at the same meeting and emailed to the body on 11/18/19.
  - b. Motion passed to amend the election rules by allowing each candidate for chair to have two speakers for their candidacy and two against.

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<sup>1</sup> 145 seated PCOs of the 280 precincts within the county. Membership attendance not tallied.

<sup>2</sup> No other executive board members were scheduled to give reports.



- c. Motion passed to allow candidates to remain in the room during the for and against speakers.
- d. Motion passed as amended to allow candidates to entertain two questions each from the membership.
- e. Motion by First Vice Chair to open the floor for nominations of chair; seconded, passed.
- f. Nominations for Chair: Tracey Carlos, Victor Minjares, and David Gaw by members; accepted by the candidates.
- g. Motion passed to close nominations.
- h. Motion passed to move agenda forward.
- i. Motion passed to conclude discussion. Objections to discussion but no discipline.
- j. Victor Minjares elected as Chair by the PCOs through a secret ballot<sup>3</sup> vote.
- k. Election certified by County Auditor, Mary Hall.

Final Tally:                   36 Victor  
                                      26 Tracey Carlos  
                                      3 David Gaw

2. New Chair Seated

Mr. Minjares took seat as the new TCD chair.

## **New Business**

1. Democrat of the Year

- a. Motion passed to open the floor to Democrat of the Year nominations.
- b. Nominations for: Neil Turner (by Acting Chair); Franz Kilmer-Schoutz, Tracey Carlos, and Kathy Package (by members), and accepted by the candidates.
- c. Voting took place by full membership using secret ballots. The winner to be announced in January.

2. Bylaws Revision

Motion passed unanimously to revise bylaws Article II, Sec 2, part C to read: “Any other *resident of Thurston County, age 16 or older* within who declares himself/herself a Democrat and pays annual membership dues shall be a member.”

3. Rent Control Resolution

- a. Motion by Jeff Sowers to support the “22<sup>nd</sup> LD Rent Control Resolution,” which calls for repeal of RCW 35.21.830 prohibiting local rent control ordinances.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Protects PCOs from having their vote known publicly, as opposed to signed ballots.

<sup>4</sup> Copy of draft resolution provided to the body via email on 11/18/19.



- b. Amendment passed to allow the Executive Committee to correct language to include reference to cities and towns other than Olympia, Lacey, and Tumwater to the resolution.
- c. Motion passed unanimously as amended to support “22<sup>nd</sup> LD Rent Control Resolution.”

**Adjournment**

Motion by First Vice Chair to adjourn the meeting; passed by voice vote. First Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

**Motions/Actions Summary**

Motion	Result
Motion to postpone bylaws amendment to a time to consider the bylaws as a whole.	<b>Failed</b>
Motion to add Rent Control Resolution to agenda.	<b>Passed</b>
Motion to change rules for discussion to allow 2 for and 2 against.	<b>Passed</b>
Motion to allow candidates to stay in room during discussion.	<b>Passed</b>
Motion to allow candidates to entertain questions from the membership.	<b>Amended</b>
***Amend previous motion to limit to two questions per candidate.	<b>Passed</b>
Motion to open floor to nominations for chair.	<b>Passed</b>
Motion to close nominations.	<b>Passed</b>
Motion to move the agenda forward.	<b>Passed</b>
Motion to conclude discussion.	<b>Passed</b>
Motion to open up floor to Dem of the Year Nominations.	<b>Passed</b>
*****Neil Turner (x4)	
*****Franz	
*****Kathy Package	
*****Tracey Carlos	
Motion to revise bylaws to say “resident of Thurston County, age 16 or older” (Article II, Sec 2, part C)	<b>Passed (Unanimous)</b>
Motion to pass support of rent control resolution.	<b>Amended</b>
*****Amend previous motion to add language about other LDs and Cities/towns to resolution.	<b>Passed (Unanimous)</b>
Motion to adjourn	<b>Passed</b>



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