



## **Agenda for Special Meeting of the Central Committee**

**Monday, July 13, 2020, 7:30PM**

**Zoom Meeting**

**7:30PM**      **Call to Order; verify quorum**  
**Approval of June TCDCC minutes**  
**Approval of Agenda**  
**Appoint Sergeant-at-Arms**

### **Items:**

- a. Resolution (Jeff Sowers): **To Declare 5/18/20 CC Meeting as not valid** (Appendix A)
- b. Resolution (Nicolette Oliver): **To Endorse and Encourage a “Yes” Vote on Prop. 1 of Centralia School District no. 401** (Lewis and Thurston Counties, replacement educational programs and operations levy) (Appendix B)
- c. Resolution (Kyrian MacMichael and Victor Minjares): **In Support of Black Lives Matter** (Appendix C)
- d. Motion to create TCD “sign bank” for its endorsed candidates’ yard signs and campaign swag, and for distribution of endorsed campaign materials (in lieu of campaign hdqtrs)
- e. Motion to authorize expenditures for repair/maintenance of Voter Registration Booth (fka “Pepsi trailer”) and Burger Booth (food truck).
- f. Motion to deem the instant meeting as satisfying the monthly TCD meetings requirement, or alternatively, to suspend holding meetings until after primary on August 4, 2020.
- g. Motion to **Endorse Joe Biden for President** & Biden 2020 campaign
- h. Motion to suspend endorsements and grants of campaign services, and resume no earlier than August 24th TCDCC meeting (after 8/21/20 certification of primary results by Sec. of State)

**Good of the Order (Announcements: 1 min max)**

**Adjourn**



Appendix A

**Thurston County Democrats CC resolution to declare 5/18/20 CC Meeting as not valid, approving business transacted, and enacting rule allowing members to unmute themselves during meetings (submitted by Jeff Sowers)**

Whereas, The 5/18/20 Thurston County Democrats CC meeting was substantially out of compliance with TCD bylaws, and seriously violated many PCO and member rights to participate in accordance with Robert's rules or Order, Newly Revised (RONR), and were excluded from participation, due to the following reasons:

a. Members could not unmute themselves to speak and raised hands were ignored. This effectively silenced and excluded some members from participating for large segments of the meeting. TCD bylaws (sec. 4D) require the meeting to follow RONR, and many core rights under RONR are exercised by interrupting the speaker, rights which could not be exercised by multiple members. This includes the following:

I. Point of order - may interrupt the speaker (including chair) to call attention to a rule being broken. Chair must rule on point of order (RONR Art 4, sec. 21). Multiple members who wanted to make points of order were unable to do so because they could not unmute themselves.

II. Appeal the ruling of the chair - if a member disagrees with the chair's ruling, they may interrupt to appeal the ruling, in which case it is decided by the body (RONR Art 4, sec. 21). Multiple members wanted to appeal the chair's rulings but were unable to do so because they could not unmute themselves.

III. Point of information, point of personal privilege, object to consideration of the question, division, motion to reconsider, and motion to take from the table all entail the right of a member to interrupt. All members were denied these rights at the meeting because they could not unmute themselves to exercise these rights. The extent that members wanted to exercise these rights but were unable to do so is unknown.

b. Member motions were made and ignored, including a recount motion and a motion to adjourn. Since members could not make a point of order, members could not draw attention to these motions being ignored or rules being broken.

c. The Zoom room size was not big enough to accommodate all members who were attempting to enter, and some members received a notice that the room was full. While total attendance came down into the upper 90's, how many PCOs and members received the "room full" notice and as a result did not participate is unknown.

d. Many members report not receiving proper notice of the meeting.

Whereas, TCD is committed to respecting member rights under the bylaws and RONR.

Whereas, Unity in TCD is based on a mutual respect for the rights of all members and the bylaws.

Therefore be it resolved,

1. That the TCD CC declares that the TCD CC meeting held on May 18, 2020 was substantially out of compliance with the bylaws and that all business transacted at the meeting is not valid.

2. That the TCD CC hereby approves all business transacted at the May 18th, 2020 TCD CC meeting except for endorsements requiring a vote of 2/3rds which shall be approved separately.

3. At all further TCD meetings held via Zoom, all members shall retain the right to unmute themselves at all times in order to exercise their right to participate under RONR, unless the body by majority votes to mute a member or remove them from the meeting as provided by RONR.



Appendix B

**ENDORSEMENT: “YES” VOTE ON PROPOSITION 1**

WHEREAS RESOLUTION NO. 2020-09 was enacted by the Board of Directors of Centralia School District No. 401, Lewis and Thurston Counties, Washington, providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the District at a special election to be held therein on August 4th, 2020, of the proposition of whether excess taxes should be levied of \$2.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2020 for collection in 2021, and \$2.00 per \$1,000 in 2021 for collection in 2022, said excess taxes to pay part of the cost of educational programs and operations support of the District.

WHEREAS, Centralia School District No. 401, Lewis and Thurston Counties, Washington (the “District”), for the past four years has had in effect an educational programs operations levy in order to enable the District to pay for its educational programs and services, including teaching, school supplies, athletics, buildings and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the current educational programs and operations levies expire this year; and

WHEREAS, the money in and to be paid into the General Fund of the District during the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years will be insufficient to enable the District to pay for necessary educational programs and operations and to properly meet the educational needs of the students attending District schools; and

WHEREAS, the existing authority for the imposition of local tax levies and use of local revenues (including the proceeds of tax levies) has been modified by Chapter 13, Laws of 2017 (65th Legislature, Third Special Session) and may be modified in the future by the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, in the event the State Legislature increases education funding to the District, the District would, therefore, review annually and determine the need to roll back the levies;

THEREFORE, it is Resolved that the Thurston County Democrats hereby ENDORSES Proposition 1 and encourages electors in the above district to vote in favor of its passage on Election Day, August 4, 2020.

[Text of Proposition 1]

*PROPOSITION NO. 1*

*CENTRALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401*

**REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY**

*The Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2020-09 concerning educational funding. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support the District’s educational programs and operations not funded by the state:*

<i>Collection Years</i>	<i>Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</i>	<i>Levy Amount</i>
<i>2021</i>	<i>\$2.00</i>	<i>\$5,300,000</i>
<i>2022</i>	<i>\$2.00</i>	<i>\$5,400,000</i>

*all as provided in the Resolution. Should this proposition be approved?*

- Yes*
- No*



Appendix C

**Resolution In Support of Black Lives Matter**

Whereas the Washington State Democrats Platform adopted the statement, “We believe Human rights apply to all humans regardless of immigration status and include access to safe food, air, water, and shelter, as well as freedom of speech, freedom of religion, economic opportunity, personal safety, healthcare, education, employment, legal aid, and equitable due process (2020 WSDCC Platform, pg. 39, lines 1548-1550); ...as Democrats, we are, and will remain, at the forefront of the struggle to extend and ensure social, political, economic, legal, and cultural rights to all persons (WSDCC 2020 Proposed Platform, pg. 39, lines 1556-1557); ... (and that) Black Lives Matter (WSDCC 2020 Proposed Platform, pg. 39, line 1560)...”, and

Whereas the nine justices of the Supreme Court of Washington State issued an open letter on June 4, 2020, stating, “The devaluation and degradation of black lives is not a recent event. It is a persistent and systemic injustice that predates this nation’s founding. But recent events have brought to the forefront of our collective consciousness a painful fact that is, for too many of our citizens, common knowledge: the injustices faced by black Americans are not relics of the past. We continue to see racialized policing and the overrepresentation of black Americans in every stage of our criminal and juvenile justice systems. Our institutions remain affected by the vestiges of slavery: Jim Crow laws that were never dismantled and racist court decisions that were never disavowed.” “We go by the title of “Justice” and we reaffirm our deepest level of commitment to achieving justice by ending racism. We urge you to join us in these efforts. This is our moral imperative.”, and

Whereas we recognize our own county’s history in furthering and enshrining racial prejudice in that it was and is named for Samuel Royal Thurston, a white supremacist lawyer who testified before Congress for the enactment of exclusionary laws barring Black Americans from living in the Oregon Territory for fear they would intermarry with Native Americans and create a coalition against White Power (McLagan, 2009) and for the enactment of laws granting White Americans the stolen land of Native Americans, resulting in Samuel Thurston’s racist proposals enshrinement into Oregon’s state constitution,

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that we, Thurston County Democrats, fully support the Black Lives Matter movement, and will work to eliminate white supremacy in all its forms.

*Presented by: Kyrian MacMichael and Victor Minjares*

**References:**

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