



Executive Committee Meeting Draft Minutes

Monday, May 4, 2020, 7PM

Zoom Meeting

7:08 PM Call to Order/Quorum Established

Officers Present: Victor Minjares (Chair); Danielle Westbrook (1st VC); Deborah Lee (2nd VC); Jordan Morris (Treas.); Kyrian MacMichael (Sec./Communications); Keoki Kauanoe (SCP); Ann Chaudhry (SCP); Meren Gadman (MAL); Neil Turner (MAL), Dave Little (LD2 rep); Jed Haney (LD20 rep.); Jeff Sowers (LD22 rep.); Vanessa Malapote (LD35 rep.).

Officers Absent: N/A

Members Present: John Newman, E.J. Zita, Dan Tufford, Luis Moscoso, Susan Herring, Deb Jaqua, KP Pestinger, Kyle Taylor Lucas

Appointments/Agenda Minutes

None appointed Sergeant at Arms

April Minutes and May Agenda Approved by Acclamation

7:11PM Officers' Reports

Board Reports/ Old Business

1) Chair's Report (Victor Minjares)

- a. May the fourth be with you
- b. Democratic campaigns– filing is next week
 - i. multi-county– Kitsap, Mason, and Thurston democratic challengers to sitting republicans – LD 35 covers all 3 candidates – 1 democratic challenger for each of the 2 republican incumbents – hoping for a motion of endorsement for single democrats candidates
 - ii. Pol – 2nd VC – Darcy and Colton Meyers – are they going to be in front of the body and will be on the agenda for TCDC
 - iii. 2. CD10 – a candidate is discussing filing as a 3rd party
- c. Nonprofit committee process basics
 - i. existing policy, process – discussion of purposes of committees
 - ii. all EC officers can participate in all committee meetings

2) Membership (1st VC Danielle Westbrook)

- a. No new members since last meeting
- b. 135 in contributions
 - i. LD 35 Rep – question about fundraising meetings
 - ii. email sent out remind PCOs to file
 - iii. 249 PCO application – for David Gaw – 1st VC moves to approve Gaw, LD 20 Rep seconds,
 1. Chair – Pol - wait 10 days prior to final meeting, to move to
 2. MAL Gadman – if no one else files, it is okay to vote on appointment



3. MAL Turner – TCD has historically of appointed PCO's who had won their election, but couldn't file in the waiting period, to allow them to vote
4. Pestinger – PoI process discussed, after election, they will not start role until December
5. Vote – 11 yes, 0 no – Gaw is appointed

3) Campaign Services Committee (2nd VC Deborah Cano-Lee)

- a. There are a lot of democrats running in various races and CSC has had a lot of candidates inquiring about applying for campaign services for LT Gov, LD races, County Commissions
- b. Many recommendation are anticipated to share with body as CSC is trying to conduct as many interviews as possible prior to the 5/18
- c. Planning to meeting with Colton Meyers in LD 35
- d. Chair invited to join CSC meetings
- e. An email with an applicant to serve on the committee sent in February during the email issues was forwarded to CSC
 - i. 2nd VC moves to add Kyrian MacMichael to CSC, LD 35 Rep seconds
 - ii. Chair – friendly amendment as a temporary placement to until the next session
 - iii. Kyle Taylor Lucas applied for CSC as well to the bad email in September, but she would like to have the vote for MacMichael
 - iv. vote 12 yes, 0 noes

4) Finance Committee (Treasurer Jordan Morris)

- a. Pretty slow month
- b. Essentials cost about 400 per month prior to NGP
- c. Will create a reduced budget to submit for membership approval

5) Communications Committee (Secretary Kyrian MacMichael)

- a. Secretary moves to reserve chat from the body to be directed only to the executive committee during meetings to maintain decorum, Treasurer seconds.
 - i. LD 20 Rep – PoI can the chat be saved or recorded
 - ii. Chair – the meeting was being recorded, but after 1:45 hours of the meeting was recorded once it was realized that it had not been activated. The chat was saved
 - iii. Chair – a motion is not necessary for a policy
 - iv. Chair moves to table the motion, Secretary seconds
 1. Vote - 9 yes, no noes
 - v. LD 20 Rep – Communications Committee should create norms to share with the board as to set establish norms for virtual meetings and will create a policy to share

6) 2020 Campaign Space (SCPs Keoki Kauanoie & Ann Chaudhry)

Nothing to report

7) Burger Booth recertification status (MAL Neil Turner)

- a. Debating how to run booth with social distancing – families running the booth
- b. Waiting for second wave and phase 4 to come around to be able
- c. Chair – voting booth on the Stack's property has had the tags renewed



- i. 1st VC offered to store and MAL Turner will tow to her after getting it pressure washed
- 8) Fundraising Chair (*MAL Meren Gadman*)
 - Kennedy Dinner Canceled. – hoping for August or September
- 9) LD2 Caucus (*LD2 Rep. Dave Little*)
 - a. Not enough candidates for there to be an election
 - i. Will send to secretary
- ii. Yanah was endorsed by many democrats
 - b. WA Democrats is organizing virtual phone banks
 - c. LD 35 Rep – Pol – How many Latinos applied for delegates in your community?
 - i. don't have an accurate count, but can provide information later
- 10) LD20 Updates (*LD 20 Rep Jed Haney*)
 - 1. Nothing to report – no virtual meetings
- 11) TCD Convention & LD Caucuses (*LD22 Rep. Jeff Sowers*)
 - a. Completed election of delegates and will announce by Friday.
 - b. Get word out for people who would like to run for congressional delegates (dates ?)
 - c. Chair – Pol – did you share norms in LD 22 meeting – LD 22 Rep responded
 - d. LD 35 Rep – Pol – How many Latino delegates ran for delegates?
 - i. LD 22 Rep – will run an affirmative action report to send to Latino Caucus
- 12) LD35 Updates (*LD 35 Rep. Vanessa Malapote*)
 - a. LD 35 Rep – is now chair of LD 35 as former chair had to stand down for health issues
 - b. Good and healthy, diverse numbers to run for delegate
 - c. Will have an endorsement meeting – if no contenders Darcy and Meyers will be granted endorsement of LD 35 – Deb Jaqua and Neil Turner
 - d. Thank you for paving the way for hosting meetings for other Democratic Organizations.
- 13) **Old Business**
 - a. May 18th General Meeting agenda items (Chair)
 - b. Chair – discussed using the drive
 - c. Secretary – created a calendar reminder for EC members to make contributions to the agenda
- 14) **New Business**
 - a. Zoom meeting suggestions/discussion
 - i. Can't make motions from the chat room and make a guide for decorum
 - ii. LD 35 Rep – agree that we need to adapt our norms from face-to-face meetings to the virtual platform
- 15) **Executive Session**
 - a. Chair moves to go into executive session, Westbrook seconds, motion passes unanimously, Executive Session from approx 8:45 – 10:15 pm. Executive Committee comes out of Executive Session.
 - b. LD 22 Rep moves letter from CSC (Appendix A) be entered into minutes, SPC Chaudry seconds.



- c. 1st VC – speaks against the motion
 - i. Secretary – received a text from 2nd VC to discuss the letter at a later date – 2nd VC lost computer connection and exited from meeting
 - ii. LD 35 Rep – Motion to table
 - iii. Guest Zita called by chair while waiting for 2nd VC. 2nd VC does not reenter meeting.
 - iv. Secretary – motion to table the issue to a special session within 7 days. No second.
 - v. Chair raises issue of waiving any confidentiality in response to released letter
 - vi. LD 20 Rep – speaks for original motion, against confidentiality
 - vii. MAL Gadman moves to adjourn, no 2nd, out of order
 - viii. Chair – call the question on motion re letter. Motion passes 5 yes – 3 no

16) Motion to adjourn made, seconded, passes.

Adjournment 10:31

Motions/Actions Summary

Motion/Discussion	Result
Motion to add Kyrian MacMichael to CSC temporarily until next general session	Passes unanimously
Motion to reserve chat from the body to be directed only to the executive committee during meetings to maintain decorum	Motion Tabled
Motions to go into Executive Session, exit ES	Passes unanimously
Motion to enter letter from CSC (Appendix A) into minutes	Passes 5 yes, 3 no
Motion to adjourn meeting	Passes unanimously

Drafted by: Kyrian MacMichael, Revised by: Victor Minjares and Kyrian MacMichael

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Approved	



Appendix A

To: Victor Minjares, Chair, Thurston County Democrats and the Executive Committee, Thurston County Democrats

From: TCD Campaign Services Committee

RE: Concerns about TCD meeting of Monday 27 April 2020

Date: Friday 1 May 2020

Dear Victor,

We are in receipt of your confidential email dated 29 April 2020. We agree that TCD and Campaign Services Committee (CSC) need to resolve any uncertainties so that we can effectively discharge our duty to Thurston County Democrats.

We are deeply concerned about your actions at the last TC Dems meeting, on Monday, 27 April. It appears that you had one or more campaign services applications since 14 April. We would like to know why you chose not to forward those applications to the campaign services committee (CSC), as per policy. At the meeting you stated that you withheld them in order to “see how pervasive the problem is with the CSC,” and you blamed the CSC Chair for not knowing about difficulties receiving applications. It appears that you were aware that campaignservices@thurstoncounty.org was not a working email address. Please recall that TCD policy calls for any applications to be forward to the co-Chairs of CSC.

You knew of technology issues that made it difficult for the CSC to receive these applications. Despite diligent work to get this corrected, the problem persisted (until Patrick fixed it very recently). The CSC has asked for assistance from TCD on this issue since 2018. It was clear to TCD membership that you attacked the CSC chair, assuming that she did not know about or attempt to resolve the technical issues. After giving the floor to the CSC chair to present her report, you persistently interrupted and re-directed her presentation. We would like to know why you chose this approach.

This is disrespectful and uncooperative at best, and cruel at worst. Withholding CSC applications from the CSC for the purpose of “investigating” the CSC was a blindsided attack, and it delayed appropriate processing of candidate’s applications. This violated campaign services policy and inconvenienced candidates. You attacked the integrity and competence of the CSC. Publicly undermining dedicated volunteers who are doing their best to serve our local Democrats serves no good purpose. When you have any concerns regarding campaign services, please contact us directly.

Especially now, during a pandemic when many rely on technology because we cannot meet in person, we should help each other do our best with the tools at hand. That means responding with grace if technical issues arise, and helping each other resolve any difficulties.



Especially now, when anti-democratic opponents threaten good governance, from the county level to the national level, we should work together collegially and civilly. That means supporting each other in our good work toward common goals – not attacking our volunteers and allies.

We recommend that you:

- Remember your duty of loyalty to the TCD organization
- Follow TCD and CSC policies
- Promptly forward any candidate's campaign services questionnaire/applications you may receive to the CSC
- Facilitate assistance from technical experts at the TC Dems, to resolve any technical issues with the website that may arise
- Cooperate with our good volunteers and show good will
- Refrain from bullying our good volunteers
- Publicly apologize to the CSC Chair
- Publicly acknowledge to the TCD membership that the CSC has performed their duties appropriately.

We understand from you that the technical issues on TCD's website, including the email for CSC, have been resolved.

We understand that this is a stressful time for everyone. At such times, counseling or conflict resolution services may be useful to gain perspective, develop coping skills, and restore civility and order.

Sincerely, Campaign Services Committee of Thurston County Democrats

Signed:

TCD 2nd Vice Chair, and CSC co-Chair, Debbie Sioux Cano Lee

CSC co-Chair, KP

CSC subcommittee Team Chairs:

Zahid Chaudry

Keoki Kauanoë

Vanessa Citlali Malapote

Luis Moscoso

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