



Central Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 24, 2020, 7PM

Zoom Meeting

Call to Order & Quorum 7:00 PM

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); Neil Turner (MAL), Dave Little (LD2 rep); Jed Haney (LD 20 Rep); Jeff Sowers (LD22 rep.); Vanessa Malapote (LD35 rep.); Neil Turner (MAL).

Officers Absent: Meren Gadman (MAL).

PCOs, Members, and Guests Present: 106

7:26PM Call to Order; establish Quorum

Approval of June & July minutes 67 yes, 1 no

Approval of Agenda

- a. **Chair** Discusses changes to agenda and adds birger booth to agenda and the bylaw amendments are to initiate discussion and do not need to be voted on,
- b. Sam Hunt – Is Prop 90 is not on the agenda?, Katrina W. – passed it to TCD. Chair will look at it for next meeting
- c. Helen Wheatley – PoI are the Bylaw Amendments remaining on the agenda, Chair is there is time, then we will, hopes to get through 1st 2 agenda items
- d. 2nd VC – has 3 endorsements requests
- e. Agenda Approved 66 yes, 2no

7:07PM Officers' Reports

1. Chair's Opening Remarks (Victor Minjares)
 - a. Chair – remembering Betty , Carolyn Cox – lived to be 95, dedicated to our community and a dedicated Democrats, Walt Jenkins – Betty was very active in Panorama and on the board and ran study group, and Seb Pattin; Walt Bowen – John - Great advocate, good and loyal democrat, and a vet



b. Chair and his wife have put money upfront to create a sign bank. It has increased awareness to races that people often don't vote on. Hoping sign bank and promoting awareness will increase the vote. MAL Turner can take our voter booth to get the signs out and register voters on Saturdays and Sundays.

2. Membership (1st VC Danielle Westbrook)

- a. New PCO – Lynda Zeman
- b. 61 PCOs here, 43 members, and 5 or 6 guests
- c. Many people volunteered on campaigns, this is a big year. We have to take county commission back and support Carolina Mejia and Michael Steadman. Phone banking on Thursday night 5 – 8 PM to identify newly registered voters. Needs PCO's and members to volunteer to help with TCD phone banks
- d. Lit dropping is coming up soon. Please volunteer for your favorite candidates. It's up to us to elect democrats.

3. Campaign Services (2nd VC Deborah Cano-Lee/CS co-chair Kevin Pestinger)

- a. 2nd VC - Agrees with 1st VC – in supporting and focusing on helping Mejia and Steadman
- b. Thank you to all democrats who ran this time around and hopes that all who have run again and those who made it through run again
- c. Endorsement requests –
 - a. Carolina Mejia for Thurston County Commission, seconded by many, 94 yes, 0 no, Carolina says thank you
 - b. Denny Heck for Lt. Gov – seconded by many, friendly amendment to add Marco Liias, seconded, 2nd VC accepts friendly amendment
 - i. Paul Pickett, Alice Miller, Phyllis Farell, Bev Bassett – speaks against motion
 - ii. Katie Thomson, Lisa Riner speaks for motion
 - iii. Cynthia Pratt – doesn't feel like it is fair to endorsement candidates who have not filed for endorsement, 2nd VC – Liias has requested endorsement and met with CSC
 - iv. Call the question – 35 yes, 62 no
 - v. Motion to table endorsing either Lt. Gov. candidates
 - vi. KP Petsinger - Point of Order – please call for vote of phone call participants
 - vii. Eric Lidzbarski – PoO can one move to table if the vote has already been call
 - viii. Jed Haney PoO



- ix. Motion to table 59 yes, 30 no
 - x. Chair – We will invite both to meeting
 - c. Steven Segal – moves to endorse Jessica Bateman –
 - i. Lisa Parshley, Michael Steadman, Tracey Carlos – speaks for motion
 - ii. Guy Hoyal Dobson – speaks against motion
 - iii. Secretary PoI – 3 for, and 1 against
 - iv. Sam Hunt poI – discussed state party’s top two priority
 - v. Chris Stearns – speaks for motion
 - vi. Eric Lizbarski – PoO – we could clear the hands raised to see who wants to speak against
 - vii. Krystopher Brown – speaks against motion
 - viii. Vote 67 yes, 25 no Bateman is endorsed
 - a. KP Pestinger – starts to present a candidate for endorsement – Chair interrupts - not enough time, we can talk about it later if there is time
4. Finance Committee (Treasurer Jordan Morris)
- a. Discusses finance budget and spending – many people have re-upped their memberships and made donations for free signs, but we have raised 80% less than last year without the Burger Booth.
 - b. PDC reports have been received without errors for 2 years now. Steven Drew applauds that .
 - c. 2nd VC – if candidates can’t afford their own Zoom links, can TCD lend their links?
 - d. Cynthia Pratt – winding down with the requests but she has a few more masks to process – She and Sarah are almost done with that project
 - e. Chair – discusses restricted and unrestricted funds
 - f. Sowers – working on getting free signs donated from the state and can donate them to TCD to help with the sign bank – Jordan some signs are going at different rates – Sowers – what signs are needed
 - g. Tracey Carlos and Jim Lazar– inquire about a lit drop
 - h. Secretary – it’s possible to send out a digital campaign flyer via NGP to reach many voters
 - i. Chair – suspends reports due to time and necessity of discussing burger booth
5. Communications Team (Kyrian MacMichael)
6. Fundraising Chair (MAL Meren Gadman)
7. Burger Booth recertification status (MAL Neil Turner)
8. Legislative District Chair Reports



- a. LD 2 Dave Little
- b. LD 20 John Thompson
- c. LD 22 Jeff Sowers
- d. LD 35 Vanessa Malapote

8:44PM Unfinished Business

- a. Motion to authorize expenditures for repair/maintenance of Voter Registration Booth (fka “Pepsi trailer”) and Burger Booth (food truck) - tabled from 7/13/20
- b. Neil Turner – hasn’t been able to make money and food trucks are big ticket items. Took booth to minority owned small business.

8:44PM New Business (Chair)

a. Burger Booth Presentation

- i. Chair – discusses Burger Booth
- ii. Rory Summerson – PoI – was unclear if Jim Lazar was raising a motion and seconded – Lazar – did not make a motion
- iii. David Gaw – discussed efforts to get repairs required for L&I covered affordably. Looked to get itemized list to try to find lower cost solutions. This is the lowest bid. It would take 6 figures to buy a new or used food truck to replace Burger Booth.
- iv. Chair – anticipated a higher estimate, but thanks to the work of Jordan, Neil, David, and Chair, the estimated cost was a good surprise.
- v. MAL Turner – hasn’t been able to make money and food trucks are big ticket items. Took booth at a minority owned small business. Previously on a temporary use permit. Now there are tougher standards.
- vi. Treasurer –Discusses current balances and request for funds. Moves to approve expenditures up to \$29,000 for Burger Booth repairs.
- vii. Sam Hunt PoI – hopes we can do with union labor and there are (Thurston Lewis Mason Labor Council <https://tlmlabor.org/home-page/> who have donated to Burger Booth repairs in the past
- viii. Guy – proposed waiting since we might not be able to use the booth for years
- ix. Treasurer – if we do not make repairs now, then we will not be able to use booth in the future
- x. Chair – invites people to come and see what we have been working through



- xi. Laurie Dolan, Lisa Parshley, Rhenda Strub – inquired about possibility of getting union shops to complete work
- xii. Steven Drew – if it's not a union shop, then we need to have the blessing of our union members before we contract with a non-union shop. Does the cost include license? Are they licensed and bonded?
- xiii. Chair – those costs are built in. Discussed fundraising options
- xiv. Chair, Treasurer, and MAL Turner – discuss timing is imperative. It needs to be in action now.
- xv. Call the question – clarified to motion – Jim Lazar - motion to table, seconded
- xvi. Erik Lidzbarski – motion to postpone to give it a month to consider it
- xvii. Steven Drew – motion to postpone –
- xviii. Chari – calls the question – 42 yes, 41 no

b. Chair – reorg on December 7th or December 14th

Motion to adjourn – no endorsements from the floor if we adjourn – yes to adjourn, no to extend meeting – vote - 44 yes, 22 no

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm

b. Proposed Bylaw Amendments (see Appendix A)

Adjournment 9:27

GOOD OF THE ORDER (Announcements: 1 min max)



Motions/Actions Summary

Motion/Discussion	Result
Motion to approve June and July minutes	Passes – 67 yes, 1 no
Motion to approve August Agenda	Passes by Acclimation
Motion to endorse Carolina Mejia	Passes – 94 yes, 0 no unanimously
Motion to endorse Denny Heck and Marko Liias	Fails 35 yes, 62 no
Motion to table/postpone endorsing Lt. Gov. candidates to next meeting	Passes – 59 yes, 30 no
Motion to endorse Jessica Bateman	Passes – 67 yes, 25 no
Moves to approve expenditures up to \$29,000 for Burger Booth repairs	Postponed 42 yes, 41 no
Motion to adjourn	Passes 44 yes, 22 no

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Revised	9/16/20
Approved	9/28/20



Appendix A

Proposed Bylaw Amendments

1. Amending Article II, Sec. 4, subsection B (fixes invalid definition of a meeting quorum):

Deleting “A quorum exists when 40 percent of the members who have signed in are present,” and substituting, “A properly noticed TCDCC meeting is quorate when ten (10%) or more of elected and appointed PCOs are present.”

2. To Article VI, Sec. 1, subsection 6 (ex officio):

Explicitly stating that the Chair is an ex officio member of all TCD committees. Implicit in Chair’s existing duties in Section 1.

“6. Appoint committee chairs as needed to fulfill the duties of office, *be an ex officio member of all committees*, and make other appointments authorized by the membership or these Bylaws.”

3. To Article VI, Sec. 4, subsection D (update RROR edition):

Updating to the version of Robert’s Rules of Order adopted by WSDCC as of February 2020, but not immediately adopting the 12th Edition as it is still being reviewed by the state party.

“Robert’s Rules of Order, ~~Revised~~ newly revised, 11th ~~Tenth~~ Edition, ~~October, 2000~~ or the last revised edition, shall prevail in all matters governing meetings that are not specifically addressed in these Bylaws.”

In matters not covered by the Bylaws, Standing Rules, or written policy, Robert’s Rules of Order, newly revised, 11th Edition, shall prevail.

4. Striking Article IX, Sec. 1, subsection 3 (abolishing “Campaign Services Committee” as a unitary standing committee):

Abolishes the “Campaign Services Committee” as a permanent standing committee by striking the subsection in its entirety. Would not prevent formation of ad hoc committee(s) from taking over one or more of its functions.