



**Central Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 26, 2020, 7PM  
Zoom Meeting**

**7:05 PM Call to Order/Quorum Established**

**Officers Present:** Victor Minjares (Chair); Danielle Westbrook (1st VC – left at 8:30); Deborah Lee (2nd VC); Jordan Morris (Treas.); Kyrian MacMichael (Sec./Communications); Keoki Kauanoa (SCP); Ann Chaudhry (SCP); Neil Turner (MAL); Dave Little (LD2 rep); Jed Haney (LD20 rep.); Jeff Sowers (LD22 rep.); Vanessa Malapote (LD35 rep.)

**Officers Absent:** Meren Gadman (MAL)

**Members Present: 75**

**Appointments: Karen Valenzuela as Parliamentarian, and Dave Little as Sergeant at Arms**

September minutes approved by acclimation; October Agenda

Jeff Sowers – requests resolution regarding election results action to add to agenda – October Agenda approved as amended

Code of Conduct

**Communication Norms**

We will treat each other with respect

We will be sensitive to different perspectives and experiences

We will not unmute to interrupt a speaker who has the floor

We will be brief and meaningful when voicing our opinion

We will assume best intentions - We will ask questions when in doubt.

We will encourage participation by all

- *Sometimes, even if you're first to sign in to speak, you may not be called on. That will happen if you've already spoken on another issue and there are others waiting who have not yet spoken.*

**Chat Norms**

Proper use of chat:

To let the Chair know you are raising your hand:

- to make a regular motion
- to make a Point of Information/Order/Personal Privilege, or other privileged motion
- to get in line to speak for or against a motion on the floor (state which one, for or against)



Improper use of chat:

There is only one meeting at a time, and it is never going on in chat. A legal meeting should be accessible to the hearing impaired using devices. Improper use of chat includes:

- To debate a motion on the floor
- To make commentary about the speaker/subject
- To post irrelevant comments or text
- To disruptively or repeatedly post

*First time- The Sgt. at Arms will remind you in a private message.*

*Second time - The Sgt. at Arms will move you to the waiting room for one minute.*

*Third time - You will be removed from the meeting.*

**7:07PM      Officers' Reports**

1. Chair's Opening Remarks (Victor Minjares) –
  - a) Horrible to experience that Amy Coney Barret was appointed to the Supreme Court tonight and that people were making disparaging remarks in wake of this. Possible Trump and his team will have the Supreme Court rule that the election was fraudulent to prevent him from leaving office if he loses.
2. 1st VC (Danielle Westbrook)
  - a) 10 new members this month, 255 in all. Keitha Bryson and Caleb Baldwin are newly appointed PCO's
  - b) a lot of yard signs at coordinated campaign headquarters and lit drop volunteers are needed for this election
  - c) Mary Hall, county auditor – guest speaker – record turnout in 55.7% at 8 days out which is amazing and best turn-out in the state, surpassed 200,000 registered voters. People can register in person at SPSCC in the drive through.
    - a. DOL is triggering a new ballot and suspending their old ballot. Return the second ballot and do not return the first.
    - b. Election night results will not be out until about 45 minutes after 8pm. Ballot counts must called in and results verified.
    - c. Cynthia Pratt – if both ballots are returned, then only the second will be counted, if only the first suspended ballot is received, then it will be processed after time.



- d. Anyone who comes through the line to vote gets a mask, pen, and ballot
      - e. Krys Brown – clarifies about process and checking ballot on line
3. 2nd VC (Deborah Cano-Lee)
  - a) Encourage campaigns to get information to secretary to send out in mailer to PCO's
4. Treasurer (Jordan Morris)
  - a) discusses balance sheets from September
  - b) presents financial report
  - c) 29,000 after BB \$10,927 in checking and \$9,000 in savings – we have enough funds to cover operations for 5-7 months
5. Secretary (Kyrian MacMichael)
  - a) Roughly 250 PCO certificates to deliver – the cost would range from \$500- \$1000 to mail to PCO's directly. MAL Gadman – would prefer a special ceremony in person once restrictions are lifted to honor new PCO's and hand deliver certificates.
  - b) 4000 on mailing list for Blast!
  - c) Chair – unfinished business from February of 2019 needs to be rectified, the Approved Parliamentarian list needs to be officially approved. 1<sup>st</sup> VC moves to approve Kento Azagami, Tracey Carlos, Victor Minjares, Zahid Chaudry, Karen Valenzuela, and Sandra Romero be added to Approved Parliamentarian List. Secretary Seconds. 48 yes, 1 no.
  - d) Secretary – moves to suspend rules and add Phyllis Booth to Approved Parliamentarians. Seconded by many. Steve Seagull and Tracey Carlos – speak against. Phyllis Booth – speaks to motion.
    - a. Secretary – POI - must we suspend the rules first and then vote?
    - b. Chair - motion to suspend rules must occur first. 2/3 vote to suspend the rules is required. Vote: 30 yes, 19 no, motion fails

**8:34PM New Business (Chair)**

1. Virtual Fundraising proposal (C. Cox) – experiencing a year with fundraising issues, can't provide much for 2020 candidates, virtual events and lit drops are costly, 2021 candidates will find it more challenging to get publicity. EJ Zita, 4-3 democratic majority in Lacey and one will be an open race after Deputy Mayor Pratt retires. Olympia has 4 seats coming open next year. Proposal made to meet the need to create new fundraising –
  - a. Chair - appoint ad hoc fundraising committee to develop ideas. Committee members must have experience with fundraising, campaigns, at large EC



members can serve as liaisons to TCDCC – Motion to form ad hoc committee for one year. Robin Vasquez – seconds. Chair – discusses concerns. MAL Gadman - is able to work with ad hoc committee. Vote - 55 yes, 2 no. Motion carries

- b. Please reach out to: [cox.carolyn@comcast.net](mailto:cox.carolyn@comcast.net)
2. Discuss possible donation(s) to County Commissioner Candidate(s)
  - a. Jed – support Mejia’s campaign.
  - b. Tracey moves to give \$750 to both Mejia and Steadman. Segal seconds.
  - c. Darcy Huffmann – asks for support; she has a tough race against republicans and has had a rough campaign. Would like support, but would not like to take funds from others. Asking for \$750 to get campaign commercial back on the air. Darcy Huffman moves to amend motion to add \$750 for her own campaign. Katrina Wymann seconds. 2<sup>nd</sup> VC – Pol – inquiries about funds to support this motion as CSC was not granted funds to donate to campaigns this year.
  - d. Vote carries to amend motion: 44 yes, 10 no
  - e. Motion to give \$750 each to Steadman, Mejia, and Huffmann.
    - i. Steven Segall – it is late in the game to give money, but urges a yes vote
    - ii. Vote 61 yes, 0 no
    - iii. Treasurer is directed to draft and deliver checks. Treasurer will drop off checks at campaign headquarters.
3. LD 22 Rep - Emergency Resolution to join a call to point a volunteer liaison. Motion to approve resolution to TCD in the days after the election if Trump does not accept the results, that TCD supports democrats to coordinate with DSA and other organizations to protest in Olympia.
  - a. Steve Segall – asks that Chair rules it OoO – we should not work with other groups who might not be aligned with us. Katrina Wynkoop speaks for. Simmons and Rhenda Strub – speak against.
  - b. Guy Hoyle – is asked to wait to speak to motion until later. Cory Miller – coordination with other democratic groups in the area, not just DSA. The spirit of this motion
  - c. Chair – changes ruling that resolutions must be presented to the body with 10 days before the meeting.
    - i. Tracey – you can vote to suspend policy, but not bylaws
    - ii. Bev Bassett – speaks for motion
    - iii. Chair – Guy and Jeff have already spoken. They do not need to speak again.



- iv. Guy Hoyle – PoO – wants to speak to motion – speaks to motion – Chair wants to entertain censuring Guy due to his tone after vote.
- v. Chair – changes ruling
- vi. Patricia Holm – speaks to motion
- vii. Motion to suspend rules - 41 yes, 17 no 70% motion passes
- d. Motion to approve resolution to protest in a joint effort with other democratic groups in Olympia if Trump refuses to accept the results and demand that Inslee not support him if he doesn't accept results and appoint a volunteer liaison to coordinate in a united response to report back to the TCDEC.
  - i. Chair rules the motion is OoO – as it would remove his role to lead TCD
  - ii. Karen Valenzuala – it might not be wise to rule OoO
  - iii. Cynthia Pratt moves to table. James Murray – seconds motion. Vote to table motion 24 yes, 28 no fails.
  - iv. LD 22 Rep – the role would not be to replace Chair, it would just create a liaison to report back to the Chair what events other groups are planning.
  - v. Sam Hunt – simple majority to table motion
  - vi. Robin Vazquez - Motion to strike “appoint a liaison” and replace with “the Chair shall coordinate with” and approve, seconded by Phyllis Ferryl. Vote on motion 42 yes, 13 no
- b. Rory Summerson - moves to extend meeting by 10 minutes, SCP Kauanoe seconds. 36 yes, 12 no
- 4. Bylaws Review Meetings
  - a. Cynthia Pratt speaks about motion
  - b. Debra Jaqua – having worked on bylaws it would be unfair to push this through quickly. Trevor Sandison – clarifies that chair is suggesting to remove LD Chairs.
  - c. Rory Summerson – Moves to extend to 9:45, Nicolette Oliver Seconds 24 yes 30 no.
  - d. Chair moves to extend 5 minutes. 1<sup>st</sup> VC second. Motion to approve: 29 yes, 2 no.

### **7:37PM Old Business**

- 1. Resolution to Recommend Voters Approve Washington Referendum 90, the Sex Education in Public Schools Measure (Sam Hunt) Sam Hunt moves to endorse. Many second – motion passes unanimously



2. Resolution to Curtail the Open Carry of Assault Rifles in Urban Zones (Kyrian MacMichael) – Cynthia Pratt moves to approve motion. Keoki seconds – Chair speaks against – Regan passed laws to suppress the Black Panthers and this could be used to repeat the same action
  - a. Motion to extend meeting by 5 minutes. 26 yes, 12 no 9:28 pm
  - b. Cynthia Pratt – speaks for motion. Mary Hall - speaks against. Krys Brown – supports motion as the resolution is designed to reinforce the RCW in place to protect people against open carry to intimidate. Steve Segall – speaks against, Keoki speaks for. Vote 26 yes, 15 no. Motion passes.

9:34 move to adjourn 27 yes,  
**Adjournment 9:34 pm**



**Motions/Actions Summary**

Motion to approve September Minutes	Passes by Acclimation
Motion to October Agenda with amendments	Passes by Acclimation
Motion to approve Kento Azagami, Tracey Carlos, Victor Minjares, Zahid Chaudry, Karen Valenzuela, and Sandra Romero be added to Approved Parliamentarian List	Passes 48 yes, 1 no.
Motion to suspend rules then add Phyllis Booth to Approved Parliamentarians List – requires 2/3 vote	Fails 30 yes, 19 no
Motion to form ad hoc committee for one year to raise funds remotely for campaigns	Passes 55 yes, 2 no
Motion to give \$750 to both Carolina Mejia and Michael Steadman campaigns	amended
Motion to amend motion to add \$750 for Darcy Huffman	Passes 44 yes, 10 no
Motion to give \$750 each to Steadman, Mejia, and Huffmann campaigns	Passes 61 yes, 0 no
Motion to suspend rules to consider resolution to protest with other organizations. 2/3 vote required	Passes - 41 yes, 17 no 70%
Motion to approve resolution to protest in a joint effort with other democratic groups in Olympia if Trump refuses to accept the results and appoint a volunteer liaison to coordinate in a united response to report back to the TCDEC.	amended
Motion to table resolution	Fails 24 yes, 28 no
Motion to strike “appoint a liaison” and replace with “the Chair shall coordinate with” and approve resolution	Passes 42 yes, 13 no
Motion to extend meeting by 10 minutes	Passes 36 yes, 12 no
Motion to extend to 9:45	Fails 24 yes, 30 no
Motion to extend meeting for 5 minutes	Passes 29 yes, 2 no.
Motion to endorse Resolution to Recommend Voters Approve Washington Referendum 90, the Sex Education in Public Schools Measure	Passes unanimously
Motion to adopt Resolution to Curtail the Open Carry of Assault Rifles in Urban Zones	
Motion to extend meeting by 5 minutes.	Passes 26 yes, 12 no
Motion to adopt Resolution to Curtail the Open Carry of Assault Rifles in Urban Zones	Passes 26 yes, 15 no
Motion to adjourn	Passes 27 yes

Drafted by: Kyrian MacMichael Revised by Kyrian MacMichael

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Resolution to Curtail Assault Rifles in Urban Zones

WHEREAS RCW 9.41.270 states that it is “unlawful for any person to carry, exhibit, display or draw any firearm... at a time and place that either manifests an intent to intimidate another or that warrants alarm for the safety of other persons.”

WHEREAS the violence associated with assault rifles on American streets, in public and private schools, government buildings and structures, and places of business has led to mass casualties,

WHEREAS the threat of violence such weapons pose to American citizens is mentally and emotionally intimidating, as such behavior poses an implied threat to the physical safety of persons in public spaces,

WHEREAS the policing of heavily armed persons intimidating citizens through the exhibit or display of assault rifles in urban zones in America has been nonexistent,

WHEREAS 94% of Washingtonians live in urban areas\* and about 98% of the land in Washington State is identified as rural\*\*,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Thurston County Democrats encourages our legislators to adopt a stance that carrying assault rifles in public spaces be illegal within urban zones in the state of Washington\*\* and that transport and storage of such weapons must be conducted within locked gun safes, safety cases, or with trigger locks actively in place in order to alleviate the threat of perceived intent to violate and intimidate our citizenry.

\* Population of Rural-Urban Disparities can be found at <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/Pubs/346090.pdf>

\*\* Urban counties as defined by the USDA using census data can be found at [https://www.ers.usda.gov/webdocs/DataFiles/53180/25602\\_WA.pdf?v=0#:~:text=Rural%20locations%20are%20those%20outside,based%20on%20Census](https://www.ers.usda.gov/webdocs/DataFiles/53180/25602_WA.pdf?v=0#:~:text=Rural%20locations%20are%20those%20outside,based%20on%20Census)