Pebble Creek Democratic Club
Board Meeting Minutes
September 30, 2026

- **President Barber called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. All Board members except the Vice President (excused) were present, as were all committee chairs. The Secretary was appearing by phone. The President thanked everyone for attending.**

- **Additions to the Agenda: None**
- **Minutes from Board Meeting from August 26, 2026: Posted on the club website. Contact the Secretary for additions or corrections.**

- **Treasurer Tammy Dana-Bashian – Financial Report**
  - August 2026 Financial Report was previously distributed. Barbara moved, Vicki seconded approval of the report – motion carried.

  - The September 19, 2026 Rally Budget will need to reflect that income was less than expected because the Sun City Dems contributed $200 rather than the anticipated $300, and the actual expenses need to be reflected, even if they end up being contributed by members or attendees. We need to be able to document what the event actually costs for future reference. Please let Vicki know about any and all expenses incurred for the rally, with receipts. Whether those will be paid out of the budget is a separate matter. The Board approved the increased expenditures for the Rally to $2,720, with a motion from Barbara and second from Vicki.

1. **Committee Reports:**
   a. **Program Committee: – Charlotte Krause Chair**

      i. October 7 – Adrian Fontes, AZ Secretary of State

         - Frankie played a video and music from Rise Up that was approved to be played at the Oct. 7 meeting on a loop. Photos from the Rally taken by Bob Stout will also run. Make sure that Phil knows or if he will not be there, that someone else is advised.

         - Agua Fria Superintendent may speak to the attendees about the override on the ballot.

      ii. November 4 – Bryan Langley, Goodyear City Manager
      We also hope this will be a post-election celebration. The club may provide a cake or some other treat to celebrate that the election is over and hopefully we are successful.

iii. Future – Suggestion from John that we invite all the organizations that the Club supports to make a 2-3 minute presentation of their impact and needs, perhaps February, 2027. Board agreed. Judy asked to have time to contact them and describe what we have in mind. Board agreed that tables for the organizations who want to provide information would be helpful.

iv. No discussion of a specific speaker or program for the December 2, 2026 meeting, although later in the meeting the possibility of doing a survey of the members at the December meeting was raised and will be discussed at the October meeting.

v. We will need a new Program chair for the next administration.

b. Social Committee – Frankie Veltri

i. October 22 – Welcome Back Gathering, potluck at Oasis Pool

ii. Nov. 6 – Diamonds & Denim Dinner Dance, Tuscany Falls Ballroom

iii. Nov. 14 – Veterans Celebration, Baboo's Restaurant

c. Political Committee – Marsha Wallick Chair

i. Letter to Independents – Approximately 600 being mailed

ii. Sample Ballot – Voter Guide and Literature Drops (no door hangers) – full page, both sides. Bob Wiedower provided the turf cuts and Marsha has the current list of volunteers.

iii. Strategy for Midterm Election– Sign Ups
1. Canvassing/Lit Drops within PC – Marsha – may need more volunteers
2. Canvassing/Lit Drops outside of PC – Charlotte – has a list of 56 volunteers to cover the 48 cut turfs
3. Phone Banks – Roberta Medina and an LD 29 Rep outside of Pebble Creek will be organizing these
4. Texting – Barbara is coordinating with Kathleen Harris to do a ballot chase in October.
5. Poll Observers – Charlotte – has a list of who is trained, and will be setting shifts. May need more but they have to be trained.
6. Others – Nothing else was noted.

iv. **No Kings Rally October 17** – Vicki reported that GATHER is not planning on hosting the event, per Sandy Robinson. Activities will

focus on GOTV, rather than encouraging specifically Democrats and those intending to vote Dem to GOTV. In addition, the LAFB activity is the same day.

d. Membership – Sheryl Archer Chair

i. Sheryl reports that we gained two new members and are at about 350 members.

ii. Don't forget to bring your dues to the October meeting.

e. Community Outreach – Judy Hart Chair

i. Judy is seeking hands-on volunteers to help with the sorting. Membership is great about donations. Board suggested putting out a call for volunteers to assist, perhaps put it on the slide for the meeting as well.

ii. (Following details from email from Judy received 10/5/26):
   - Summer (Thanks entirely to Carol Miller and Gillian Driscoll!) 272 pounds, Donations to Hope's Closet and Agua Fria Food and Clothing Bank
   - September, 2026: 1,029 pounds, Donations to Goodyear Public Library, Hope's Closet, Phoenix Mission, St. Vincent de Paul, and Agua Fria

f. Communication – Kirk Brown Chair

i. Needs someone to cover the October meeting story because he will be not be able to do so. Deadline is Friday at 10am (corrected from prior 4pm deadline on Friday). (Alisa volunteered)

ii. The story on upcoming activities is done for the PC Post.

g. Website – Renee Borsari, Webmaster

i. Thank you from the Club and leadership for all the work on the website

ii. Now we have a clean database to work from.

h. Veteran Services – Chuck Veltri Co-Chair, Bob Wiedower Co-Chair

i. Chuck raised the issue of donations for the backpack collection for Lattie Coor far exceeding the costs of purchasing the backpacks, although the excess contributions can be used for other gifts to the school and children. The question is about how to identify the incoming donations and then how to expense the gifts, supplies, etc. The decision was to track the donations to the general

veteran's committee fund and to use line items to track the dispensing of the overages to the intended recipients.

ii. October Operation Kids – October 17, simulation of deployment processes for kids at Luke AF Base. More volunteers would be welcome. Volunteers will need to submit personal information to be granted the pass to get on base. Bob is arranging to serve as a bagpiper for the event.

iii. Nov/Dec Community of Caring – Lattie Coor – the program will kick off at the October 7 club meeting, and be updated at the November meeting. Like last year, the committee hopes to serve all the kindergarteners and first graders, although not every one of those were covered by those picking up names last year. So much was donated though that all the kids received gifts. The forms are easier to read this year.

iv. Status of Armed Forces Plaza at Eagle's Nest – Pavers – The stone will be in place by mid-October, with a photo and ceremony.

v. Pat Cherno is organizing the committee and volunteers to take over cleaning the Pebble Creek Military Memorial plaza, and looking into whether we can post a sign there, get photos etc.

2. September 19 – West Valley Democratic Rally Update

Review and Recap: Vicki thanked everyone who participated in the event profusely, noting that an incredible job was done to attend to all the details – from the check-ins, to the greeters, to parking, signage, set-ups, photo opportunities, introductions, decorations & swag – everything was so well done and looked great. The ballroom was full up! The speakers even stuck to the time limitations. Kris Mayes kicked it off and Adrian Fontes wrapped it up – high energy, documented what a positive culture the party brings!

3. LD 29 Update – Strategy for November Election

- Charlotte reported that LD 29 has more than 100 volunteers ready to go to handle the lit drop for 5,000 voters, send out 4,000 letters and processing 7,500 postcards. Voter guides, phone banking and four commercials for Christina and Eric to use on social media are all in the works as well. In order to show those at the PCDC October meeting, they will need to get them to Phil and ensure he has an audio cable.

- The November LD 29 meeting will be reorganization meeting for the LD, which will need a new treasurer, among other officers, as Charlotte's role will be changing.

4. **New Business**

   a. December Leadership Luncheon/Meeting: The December board meeting will be held on Friday, Dec. 4, at 10:30am, at Vicki's home. We will need to meet for the slate and other club election matters as well as to wrap up the year. The meeting will be followed by a potluck luncheon, organized by Barbara.

   b. Amendments to ByLaws:
   - If passed by the membership, the proposed 4.1 will substitute in full for the current 4.1: The proposed Amendment to Section 4.1 brought to the board for discussion was changed from "voting" to "non-voting", and so reads: 'The Immediate Past President will also serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Board.'

   - The 4.1 passed by the Board reads in full as follows: 4.1 Officers of the Club: Officers will be 1) President, 2) Vice President, 3) Secretary, 4) Treasurer, and 5) Member at Large. Officers will be elected for a one-year term. The Immediate Past President will also serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Board."

   - The proposed Amendment to Section 6.5 was changed to read as follows: 6.5 Replacement of Officers
     "In the event that an officer resigns or otherwise vacates the office during their term, the President shall seek nominations to fill the position for the balance of the vacated officer's term. If the President is the officer resigning or vacating the office, the Vice President shall fulfill the responsibilities of this section. The Board shall vote as to the acceptance of the proposed nomination for the position and the membership shall be notified of the results of the Board action in a timely manner."

   - The motion to approve the amendments to the ByLaws was made by Barbara, seconded by Tammy. The vote was 3 yes, 1 absent and 1 abstaining.

   - The Board agreed that Vicki would send out the changes by Constant Contact to the membership, which complies with the notice requirement so that the membership can vote on the proposed changes at the Oct.7 meeting.

   c. Survey of Club Membership – December – discussed but not decided upon

   d. Bulletin Board concept on website – more details needed. This would require evaluating how to keep the information open to only club members, but still useful.

5. **Old Business – none noted**
6. **Next Board Meetings:**
    - October 21, 2026, starting at 9am, rather than 9:30am. Tammy will not be able to attend.
    - No November board meeting (Thanksgiving week)
7. **Adjourn: 11:15 am.**

Respectfully submitted,

Alisa Sparkia Moore, Secretary