

Pebble Creek Democratic Club

Meeting Minutes 3/4/2026

Meeting was called to order by Vice-President John Moore at 6:45p.m. at the Tuscany Falls Ballroom.

Veterans Service Committee Chair Chuck Veltri led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Moore made the following comment, after the Pledge and after asking the members to continue to stand:

*“We want to take a moment to acknowledge that, as we speak here tonight, American servicemen and servicewomen are risking their lives by following their orders and facing enemy fire across the globe. Several Americans have lost their lives this week doing their job. Regardless of what you think about our current military operations, I would like to take just a moment of silence in remembrance of the lives lost of American service members, and of the thousands of others who have been caught up in this.*

*(PAUSE FOR A MOMENT.) Thank you.”*

He then asked everyone to be seated, and mentioned that he just wanted to say a few personal words about the current situation:

*“This is a very difficult time in our world. What is going on the Middle East, in South and Central America, in the global economy and in the attacks on American democracy has created what I believe is a tipping point in history. All this has caused anger, anxiety, sadness and fear. If these events are challenging you personally to do something, please listen carefully tonight as we have many opportunities for you to take action. If you are looking for a moment simply to vent, to cry, to rage, please remember all of us in this room. Collectively, we are your greatest resource. I admire, I value and I trust the people in this room. If you want to talk, grab a coffee, go for a walk, sit in silence, and you wish companionship, please do not hesitate to reach out to any one of us. We are here for each other. Together we are our greatest strength.”* [Members applauded.]

Proceeding with the agenda, Vice President Moore spoke to the crowd about the Club’s Purpose (on the slide).

The following visitors and guests were introduced:

- Kathleen Harris – Maricopa County Democratic Party, Political Director for the West Side-
- Joe Pizzillo - Goodyear Mayor
- Benita Beckles - Goodyear City Council
- Jason Kish – Candidate for Goodyear City Council
- Sherry Lauritano – Candiate for Goodyear City Council, former City Council member
- Donna Davis – Candidate for Maricopa County Community College District Board
- Keith Luna – Candidate for AZ House, LD 25

- Dr. Michael D. Butts, Candidate for AZ Superintendent of Public Instruction – Dr. Butts was given a few minutes to address the members, provide his background and to explain his commitment to the position he is seeking.

Vice President Moore asked all new members of the Club to rise and be recognized.

He also:

- Reviewed the most recent Financial Report (for information only) as shown on the screen
- Thanked Les Gill for undertaking the review of the Club's financial records from January 1, 2025-December 31, 2025, noting the thoroughness of the records.
- Thanked Treasurer Tammy Dana-Bashian for her extraordinary work on behalf of the Club.
- Noted that Club and Board minutes are posted on the club website
- Reviewed the following committee reports from the appropriate slides:
  - a. Social – noted the upcoming events
  - b. Veteran Service – reviewed the work the committee is doing on behalf of the veterans and Luke AFB
  - c. Community Involvement – 846 pounds of donations in February, distributed to a variety of local nonprofits, including the Humane Society, plus \$200 to the Humane Society from the members.
  - d. New Members – If you have a question about whether you have paid your dues, email the treasurer. Name tags are available at the Membership Table.
  - e. If you are having trouble logging into the Club website, or if you think you are logged in but not finding some stuff you think should be there, make sure you are actually logged in. You must have registered on the site with a password. If you have not done so, the leadership team will be happy to help. Ask any of the club officers.
  - f. Political Action – Please review the Call to Action that the committee disseminates. If you are not receiving Constant Contact emails, please advise one of the officers or committee chairs so we can get you back on the list. Lots of great information comes to club members and supporters from Constant Contact emails.
  - g. LD 29 updates – Next meeting is March 18, 5:30 pm at the Georgia Lord Library in Goodyear. Everyone is welcome!
    - i. Kathleen Harris from Maricopa County Dems spoke – describing the types of help the County is seeking for this election period, both paid and volunteer, describing the differences and expectations for the positions. She invited folks to sign up. The training will be at the LD 29 meeting on March 18. If you are interested in helping out, please try to attend.
    - ii. Sandy Robertson from Gather spoke about the upcoming No Kings Rally on March 28 at the Goodyear Civic Center area, and described the need for volunteers to help out in a variety of ways. The training meeting is at 6pm on March 11 at Rudy's Bar-be-que. Please come and help out – and everyone is

encouraged to attend, even if they are not participating as a volunteer. We are hoping to have 2,000 attendees.

- iii. Eric and Christina have their signatures and \$5 donations to run clean campaigns. Cut off for signatures/donations is March 23 for all primary candidates. The primary is July 21, a recent change. Other candidates also have petitions here at the meeting in back of the room.
- iv. The Club and the LD exceeded the funds sought to support the Intern from the Keep AZ Blue Student Coalition, raising \$2,000. Thanks to everyone who contributed and we look forward to working with the student at Estrella Mountain Community College.

The Political Committee continues to be active –

- Weekly Notices of Upcoming Activities prepared and disseminated by Diana Wiedower
- The Club Website provides up to date information on issues, opportunities to make phone calls, write articles, etc.
- Anyone interested in serving on the Political Action Committee, writing articles or providing political updates, please let President Barber know.
- September 19 will be the huge Political Rally held at Tuscan Falls Ballroom. Details and opportunities to participate to come. Volunteers are needed; contact the President.

Other upcoming activities:

- Josh announced the Men's Breakfast, March 11, 8:15a.m., Eagles Nest
- Monthly Game Nights – see the Club website for information
- Every Saturday morning breakfast, Eagles Nest, 8:00a.m.

March 4, 2026 Speakers:

- Eric Stafford, Candidate for Arizona Senate, LD 29
- Christina Scianna, Candidate for Arizona House, LD 29, is unable to join us, but Lynn Peters, her campaign manager, spoke in her place.
- Dani Sterbinsky, Candidate for CD 9

Next PCDC meeting is April 1 in the Tuscan Falls Ballroom. From the AZ House of Representatives, Mariana Sandoval will bring us up to date on activities at the State Legislature.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Alisa Sparkia Moore, PCDC Secretary, March 7, 2026