

Pebble Creek Democratic Club

Meeting Minutes 5/6/2026

Meeting was called to order by President Vicki Barber at 6:45p.m. at the Tuscany Falls Ballroom.

Vice President John Moore led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proceeding with the agenda, President Barber spoke to the crowd about the Club's Purpose (on the slide), noting that, as challenging as the political divisions feel at this time, "If you're here, you care, and that already puts you ahead of most people."

The following visitors and guests were introduced:

- Joe Pizzillo – Mayor, City of Goodyear
- Brannon Hampton – Vice Mayor, City of Goodyear
- Sheri Lauritano – Candidate, Goodyear City Council
- Jason Kish - Candidate, Goodyear City Council
- Trey Terry - Goodyear City Council member
- Benita Beckles - Goodyear City Council member
- Wally Campbell – Goodyear City Council member, retiring this year
- Vicki Gillis - Candidate, Goodyear City Council sent her regrets
- Eric Stafford – Candidate, LD 29 AZ Senate
- Manny Hernandez- LD 29 Chair
- Donna Davis – Candidate, Maricopa County Community College District Board
- Eddie James – Candidate, Litchfield School Board
- Representatives from LD 29, 23, and 25, and Dani Sterbinsky' campaign representative

President Barber:

- Reviewed the most recent Financial Report (for information only) as shown on the screen
- Reminded the members to check with Treasurer Tammy Dana-Bashian if they have any questions about whether their dues are current, expressed thanks to those who have brought their membership dues up to date, and that name tags are available at the table.
- Noted that Club and Board minutes are posted on the club website
- Updated the members that the guidelines and information for assistance in considerations regarding contributing to campaigns for candidates and initiatives has been created by the ad hoc committee of Bob Wiedower, chair, with John Moore, Alisa Moore and Charlotte Krause has been posted on the club website under resources.
- Reviewed the committee reports from the appropriate slides:
 - a. Social – commented on the terrific Kentucky Derby Ladies Luncheon and the fun photos by Communications Chair Kirk Brown running on the slides at the front of the room, and noted the next event is the Herberger Kax Theater play and luncheon on May 21 (a few

tickets still available). Ladies Luncheons, the Men's Breakfast and game nights continue over the summer months, but the Saturday morning breakfasts are on hiatus. The Diamonds and Denim dinner dance is set for November 6, in the Tuscany Falls Ballroom. More details to follow. Our thanks to Frankie and her committee for a great year of activities.

- b. Community Outreach - 1,995 lbs. of donated goods and \$100 cash in April went to Aqua Fria Food and Clothing Bank, Hope's Closet, Phoenix Mission, and PC Players. Thanks to the members helping out all these great organizations
- c. Veteran Service – Chuck Veltri, chair, reminded the members that the Goodyear Farms Memorial Clean-up is on May 23, and to please sign-up in the back of the room if you want to participate. The Litchfield Clean-up is the same day.
- d. Political Action –
 - i. Please review the “Call to Action” emails that are disseminated by the committee and created by Diana Wiedower and Marcia Wallick. Lots of great information comes to club members and supporters from those Constant Contact emails. The website also contains current information on issues and opportunities to get involved.
 - ii. The West Valley Rally preparations are rolling along – virtually every LD and Democratic Club in the West Valley is committed to participating, as well as MCDP, almost every candidate, Gather, and several other organizations. Volunteers are needed – please sign up with Marcia.
 - iii. We need signatures to be gathered for the Protect the Vote Arizona campaign in order to get on the ballot to protect early voting and vote by mail.
 - iv. Save our Schools still needs more signatures to get on the ballot and protect accountability in the state voucher system.
 - v. Candidates and initiatives have yard signs at the tables in the back of the room.
 - vi. Arizona's midterm election turnout is vital to protecting our democracy. As Maricopa County goes, so goes the state, which will have a huge impact nationally. We must keep our Governor, Secretary of State and Attorney General, because they lead the fight against the state legislature, both houses of which are led by Republicans. We would only need to flip a couple of seats in each chamber to have a majority. Mailed ballots drop on June 22, election day is July 21. If you are going out of town, the Post Office does not forward a ballot – you must submit a change of address form. Campaign lawn signs can be posted in Pebble Creek as of May 12.
- e. LD 29 updates – Next meeting is May 18, and is set up as a Town Hall in Peoria. Attorney General Kris Mayes will be speaking 6:00 pm at the Holiday Inn Express in Surprise. Everyone is welcome. The next event is June 2, 6:15 p.m. also with Kris Mayes, in Goodyear High School. Please RSVP to LD 25.

Our speaker was Francesa Martin, Co-founder of the Keep Arizona Blue Student Coalition, Keep Arizona Blue Student Coalition is a statewide organization that focuses on student turnout, community

building, civic engagement, and winning elections for Democrats. They're unique in their approach as they equip the next generation of leaders to develop political organizing and professional skills while making real-world change.

The Mayor, City Council and Maricopa County Community College District candidates all had an opportunity to address the members, and then there was a short Q & A session.

Next PCDC meeting is scheduled for September 2, at Tuscany Falls Ballroom, with Attorney General Kris Mayes as our speaker to kick off the election season. Summer meetings may be held depending on the availability of candidates to speak.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Alisa Sparkia Moore, PCDC Secretary, May 18, 2026