

Pebble Creek Democratic Club

Meeting Minutes 10/7/2026

Meeting was called to order by President Vicki Barber at 6:50p.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, given the huge challenges before us for the midterms, and the work the election entails, our motto is "None of us can do it all, but all of us can do something."

New members stood to be welcomed and the following visitors and guests were introduced at the beginning of and during the meeting:

- Trey Terry - Goodyear City Council
- Brannon Hampton - Goodyear City Council
- Jessica Ross and Donna Durand - LD 25
- Ken Melichar - Candidate PC HOA Board
- Christine Scianna - LD 29 House Candidate

President Barber:

- Reviewed the Financial Report for August 2023, reflecting the cash balance as of 8/31/2026, as shown on the screen
- Reminded the members to check with Treasurer Tammy Dana-Bashian if they have any questions about their dues. Payments being accepted now cover dues through 2027. Name tags are available at the membership table.
- Noted that Club and Board minutes are posted on the club website.
- Congratulated Sheryl Archer (Club Membership Chair) for being recognized by Life Long Learning as the Volunteer of the Year! Awesome work, Sheryl!
- Thanked Bob Stout and Diana Weidower for the great photos from the Rally that are showing tonight on the screen at the front of the room. We had four LD's candidates there, from 21, 25, 28 and 29, as well as virtually all the local school board, Corporation Commission, state-wide and community-college candidates. The ballroom was full and the event went off like clockwork, thanks to all the participating volunteers.
- President Barber introduced the proposed Amendments to the Club's Bylaws, sections 4.1 and 6.5. In compliance with the notification requirements of the Bylaws, the proposed changes were sent to all members by Constant Contact one week prior. She read and explained the proposed changes. Barbara McMahon moved that the

amendments be accepted, and Jim Sheard seconded the motion. The motion passed on the voice vote taken. The approved sections now read as follows:

4. Officers and Executive Committee

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.

6. Election of Officers

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 has vacated the office, the Vice President will fill the responsibilities set forth in this section. The Board shall vote as to 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.

- President Barber reviewed the committee reports, introducing some of the committee chairs to report or she reported from the appropriate slides:
 - a. Social Committee:
 - i. Ladies Luncheons, the Men's Breakfast, game nights and the Saturday morning breakfasts are back in full swing.
 - ii. The Ladies Luncheon scheduled for October 21 at Firebirds has met the restaurant-set limit for sign-up of 20. The committee is checking whether the restaurant would consider expanding that number given the size of our group. Word will come early next week, as there is already a wait-list.
 - iii. October 22 is the Welcome Back Event at Oasis Pool. Appetizers for the late afternoon event. Please RSVP as per the Constant Contact that went out.
 - iv. The Diamonds and Denim dinner dance is set for November 6, in the Tuscany Falls Ballroom. RSVP Constant Contact has already gone out; please sign up as soon as possible so the Social Committee can get a firm count.
 - v. A Veteran's Day is set for November 14 at Baboo's. Invite to come.
 - vi. Our thanks to Frankie and her committee for a year of great, fun activities.
 - b. Community Outreach - Thanks to Gillian Driscoll and Carol Miller for their help over the summer months, when they collected 272 pounds of donations to Hope's Closet and Agua Fria Food and Clothing Bank. Judy reports that in September, the club members and friends donated 1,029 pounds of goods to

Goodyear Public Library, Hope's Closet, Phoenix Mission, St. Vincent de Paul, and Agua Fria Food and Clothing Bank.

- c. Veteran Service – Chuck Veltri and Bob Wiedower:
 - i. Announced that the fund-raising drive for the backpack donations for Lattie Coor elementary school was a resounding success, and that 242 backpacks were being donated from the club and committee to the children in need. The backpacks are in photo.
 - ii. October 17 the Committee and the 12-13 volunteers already signed up will participate in the Luke AFB Operation Kids event, which takes the children of military service members through a simulated deployment exercise. Additional volunteers would be welcome. There will be a volunteer meeting on October 14 to get the volunteers trained and their admittance to the base taken care of.
 - iii. Please sign up at the table in the back for the Holiday Gift Drive for Lattie Coor Elementary School, same as we did last year. The names, ages and wish lists are set to go for the kindergarteners and first graders. Last year's drive was a great success – 234 kids received at least two gifts each. Please provide 2-4 gifts, trying to stay in the \$50 range for each child you sign up for. Wrap the gifts and bag them - put the card with their name and information in with the gifts and return them to Chuck or Bob or bring them to the November meeting. We look forward to giving these children a wonderful holiday.
- d. Political Action –
 - i. PebbleCreek Democrats can have a BIG impact – and we have lots going on and would love your participation. We had a great turnout in the primary, and beat the GOP turnout, hands down (84%-70%). The midterms can change a lot of what is going on in the country right now.
 - ii. The October 17 Rally is not a Democratic Rally, focused on No Kings, but rather a non-partisan, Get Out the Vote Rally, so GATHER and the club are not going to be involved. But there are lots of ways to help Get Out the Vote. Talk to your friends, family and neighbors. Make sure everyone has a voter guide, check their registration, and turn in their ballot by mail or in person as soon as possible after they receive it. Sign up to help with text and phone banking! Encourage everyone you know to vote up and down the ballot. Ballots dropped today. Please help us get out the vote!
- e. LD 29 update – Next meeting is October 21, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Old Pueblo Café and Pub, 102 N. Old Litchfield Road, Litchfield Park. Please RSVP.

Attendees will enjoy an informal evening of campaign updates and appetizers.

Drinks extra. For more info: <https://www.azld29dems.org>

- Kathleen Harris, Maricopa County Democratic Party Political Director was introduced by President Barber. Kathleen is a West Valley resident and very excited to see that the County Party has expanded its activities to the west to better serve the huge population growth out here. She talked about what the party has been doing to get out the vote for the Midterm Election, and walked through their voter guide, which she encouraged everyone to take from the stacks in the back of the room – share them with everyone!
- Our speaker was Adrian Fontes, Arizona Secretary of State, and candidate for re-election in November. We have been lucky to have Adrian speak regularly at the Club meetings, since he is a vibrant, electrifying speaker who has gained a reputation as a national leader in the fight by the Democratic Secretaries of State to protect and preserve democracy and to maintain the Constitutional responsibility of the states to handle all election matters, including how ballots are printed, mailed and counted. His speech resulted in several standing ovations, as his story from WWII called TenLittle Words, inspired the crowd. “If it is to be, it is up to me.”
- The next PCDC meeting is November 4, at Tuscan Falls Ballroom. Bryan Langley, Goodyear City Manager, will be the speaker.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Alisa Sparkia Moore, PCDC Secretary, October 7, 2026