

Pebble Creek Democratic Club

Meeting Minutes 9/2/2026

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 at the beginning of and during the meeting:

- Mayor Joe Pizzillo
- City Council Members:
 - Wally Campbell
 - Benita Beckles,
 - Trey Terry
 - Brannon Hampton, and
 - City Council Member Elect Sheri Lauritano
- Grand Dems –
 - President Mike Gontko
 - Ken Kessler
- LD 23 - Deb Sawyer
- LD 25 - Donna Durand
- Keep AZ Blue - Francesca Martin
- Interns –
 - Jose Reyes
 - Sofia Perez-Gonzalez
- Kathleen Harris - Political Director MCDP
- Candidates:
 - Eric Stafford, LD 29 Senate
 - Donna Davis, Maricopa County Community College District Board

President Barber:

- Reviewed the Financial Report Q2 and Year to Date 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 dues are current and that name tags are available at the table.
- Noted that Club and Board minutes are posted on the club website
- Reviewed the committee reports 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. October 22 there will be a Welcome Back Event at Oasis Pool.
 - iii. The Diamonds and Denim dinner dance is set for November 6, in the Tuscany Falls Ballroom. More details to follow.
 - iv. An event in honor of Veteran's Day is in the works, more details to follow.
 - v. Our thanks to Frankie and her committee for a great year of activities.
- b. Community Outreach - Thanks to the members helping out all these great organizations.
- c. Veteran Service – Chuck Veltri:
 - 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.
 - ii. Reminded the members that on October 17 the Committee and additional volunteers will participate in the Luke AFB Operation Kids event, which takes the children of military service members through a simulated deployment exercise. Assistance from members is welcome. Contact Chuck or Bob Wiedower.
 - iii. We will sign up at the October meeting for the Holiday Gift Drive for Lattie Coor Elementary School, same as we did last year. The names, ages and wish lists will be ready at the meeting. Last year's drive was a great success and we look forward to replicating or exceeding that this year.
 - iv. Vicki also recognized that Chuck Veltri had been recognized within the Imprints of Honor current edition of service stories published in "Since You Asked."
- d. Political Action –
 - i. The message is clear- Democrats want change, both at the State and Federal levels. We are two months from the Midterm Elections. Please give of your time, expertise, talent or other resources. 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%).
 - ii. We will mail letters to the left-leaning Independents, Voter Guides being distributed within PebbleCreek and outside PebbleCreek, with the candidates and issues listed, as well as doing phone banking and texting and participating as poll observers. The sign-ups for the different activities

will be available at the end of the meeting in the back of the ballroom.
Please help us get out the vote!

- iii. Remember to vote as early as you possibly can so your name is checked off the voter list and those doing phone banking and texting can move on to the next voter who needs to be reminded to return their ballot.
- iv. 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 may still be needed – please sign up with Marcia or speak with Vicki.
- v. Remember – the Midterm Elections involve candidates from the Governor on down through all the state offices, Corporation Commission, Congressional representative, Judges, Community College and School Board members, and 8 initiatives! That is a lot of information for voters to make decisions on.
- e. LD 29 update – Next meeting is September 16, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Surprise, 16540 N. Bullard Ave, 86374. The speakers are Francesca Martin, Co-founder & Deputy Director, Keep Arizona Blue PAC and Cathy Sigmon of CEBV (Civic Engagement Beyond Voting). For more info: <https://www.azld29dems.org>
- f. LD23 is hosting a fundraiser on September 27, 2pm-5pm, 400 S. Old Litchfield Rd, Litchfield Park, including dinner, dessert auction and karaoke! For more info: connect@azld23dems.org
- Our speaker was Kris Mayes, Arizona Attorney General and candidate for re-election in November. She kicked off our fall election activities in a grand way; providing an explanation of the activities her office, in conjunction with the Secretary of State's and Governor's offices, has done to fight to protect Arizona's residents against the constant challenges to our personal and civil rights by this administration. More than 50 lawsuits have been filed against the administration on behalf of the people of Arizona, which have resulted in saving more than \$2.3 billion for the state. The suits include protecting our election processes, protecting minors from excesses of social media, protecting the elder from abuse, protecting our neighbors from deportations without due process, and protecting everyone from the scams and fraud occurring in numerous commercial, real estate, banking and other illegal activities.

Our next PCDC meeting will be October 7, at Tuscany Falls Ballroom, with Secretary of State Adrian Fontes as our speaker. This is the last meeting before the election, so don't miss it!

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Alisa Sparkia Moore, PCDC Secretary, September 6, 2026