



Special General Meeting Minutes  
August 26, 2023, 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
[Online via Zoom](#)

**BUSINESS MEETING:** Expect an efficient meeting to cover many updates and decisions quickly.

- Call to order- 16:00
  - Welcome everyone!
  - Pledge of Allegiance

- Consent Agenda: Single motion to approve all items listed below

Approve this meeting's agenda and prior meeting's minutes – by Janet Landesberg

Point of Order regarding 10-day notice for meeting not being at 10-day mark due to time change. Point not well taken and ruled out of order by Chair due the point being a de minimis issue. Point of Parliamentary inquiry by Andrew Brewer, and is challenging the Chair's ruling. Chair feels that as the issue is de minimis it is not a suspension of the bylaws

Issue discussed.

- Motioned by Joe Maldonado seconded by Donna Sinclair, passed 51/9 to sustain the ruling of the Chair. There was no appeal.
  - Question of who has voting rights and has everyone that is voting been properly credentialed. Eligible voters as described in bylaws discussed. Attendance collected with credential information
- Review expectations
  - Treasurer's Reports: Approve the unanimous budget recommendations from the Executive Committee to increase the budget for office incidentals by \$2000 and increase the budget for community outreach by \$2000. Request for friendly amendment for increase to \$5,000 to office incidentals. Friendly amendment accepted.
    - Motioned by Joe Maldonado seconded by Susan Schwartz, motion is passed
  - Old business
    - Office update and ribbon-cutting – October 12 at 4pm. Congresswoman Perez has been invited. Refreshments expected to cost ~\$450

- Forward Friday: Canceling August and focusing on a BIG Forward Friday in September!

***Lt. Governor Denny Heck Celebrates YOU!***

*Born and raised in Vancouver, Lt. Governor Denny Heck is thanking Clark County Democrats with a special Forward Friday party on Friday, September 29, with live music, free food and drinks, and a rousing speech by our Lt. Governor, Clark County's own Denny Heck!*

*6-8:30 PM, Sep 29, Fort Vancouver Red Cross Building, 605 Barnes St, Vancouver WA 98661*

- New business
  - Party Officers: We are seeking a second vice-chair and state committeeperson. If interested please contact Tim Probst at [timprobst@comcast.net](mailto:timprobst@comcast.net).
  - Vote on 2023 election recommendations

For each motion, two statements for and two statements against may be offered, and then we will vote and determine the decision of the body. Voting may be by secret ballot if requested. Candidates may designate the two individuals who they would like to make statements on their behalf, which may include the candidate themselves if desired, by informing the Chair at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

    1. Seek a motion to approve a slate of recommendations from the Endorsements and Recommendations Committee. Recommendations report reviewed by Recommendations Committee Head. Motioned by Mike Pond, seconded by Joe Maldonado, passed 62 for and 1 against
    2. Seek a motion to approve the committee's separate recommendation for Port Commissioner District 1. Motion discussed. Motioned by Tony Baldwin seconded by Owen Thornhill, passed by unanimous consent
    3. Seek a motion to approve the committee's separate recommendation for Vancouver City Council Seat 6. Committee has made a dual recommendation, recommending both Leah Perkel (D) and Sarah Fox (I). Motion for dual recommendation discussed. Motioned by Mike Pond, seconded by Oletha Wade-Matthews, motion has failed 33 for 37 against.
    4. Motion to vote to make a single recommendation for either Leah Perkel or Sarah Fox for Vancouver City Council Seat 6. Motioned by Charles Polacek, seconded by Joe Maldonado, passed by 41 Leah Perkel and 22 Sarah Fox. Leah Perkel will be the recommended candidate.
- Adjourned at 19:40 PM