

1 **Washington State Democratic Central Committee**
2 **Executive Board**

3 Friday, September 12, 2008, 6:30pm – 8:30pm
4 Tulalip Resort Casino
5 10200 Quil Ceda Blvd., Tulalip, WA 98271
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7 **Minutes**
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9 **In Attendance** – Dwight Pelz State Party Chair, Eileen Macoll State Party Vice-Chair,
10 Luis Moscoso State Party Secretary, Habib Habib State Party Treasurer, Edward Cote
11 DNC Member, David McDonald DNC Member, Lona Wilbur DNC Member, Sharon
12 Mast DNC Member, Kent Hanson 1st CD, Todd Nichols 2nd CD, Judy Guenther 3rd
13 CD, Bob Esvelt 5th CD, Anita Latch 6th CD, Javier Valdez 7th CD, Di Irons 8th CD,
14 Zach Smith 9th CD, Elaine Phelps Federation of Democratic Women, Alec Stephens
15 Affirmative Action Committee Chair, and State Party Executive Director Jaxon
16 Ravens.
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18 **Absent** – Richard Brinkman 4th CD
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20 1 Call to Order 6:40pm by Chairman Dwight Pelz
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22 2 Roll Call
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24 3 Adoption of the Agenda
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26 A Chairman Pelz adds two items to the agenda.

27 i 2009 – 2010 WSDCC Meeting and Event Schedule

28 ii Review and discussion of resolution passed regarding the
29 formation of a caucus task force.

30 B Moved, seconded and passed.
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32 4 Minutes
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34 A Elaine Phelps – The State Party Secretary takes minutes. Why do the
35 minutes always come from the Executive Director?

36 i Dwight Pelz – The minutes always go to the Secretary for
37 approval before they are sent out.

38 B Elaine Phelps – On what basis was an Executive Session held?

39 i Dwight Pelz - Purpose of discussing process, not policy.

40 ii Elaine Phelps – Executive Session should only be called for
41 discussing personnel issues.

42 C Minutes moved, seconded and passed.
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- 1 5 DNC Reports and reports from the Democratic National Convention in
2 Denver, CO
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- 4 A David McDonald
- 5 i DNC adopted resolution to instate a Change Commission
6 sometime in February. The commission will address the
7 following issues.
- 8 a An appropriate reduction in super delegates. This seems
9 to have come from both the Obama and Clinton
10 campaigns.
- 11 b Revisions to the delegate selection rules that will prevent
12 having 22 states on the same day at the front of the
13 calendar.
- 14 c Standards and procedures for caucus states. These may
15 not effect us at all, then again they may make it
16 impossible for us to hold caucuses.
- 17 d Any such matters that the chair of the new DNC may
18 send to this commission based on the delegate selection
19 process.
- 20 B Ed Cote
- 21 i Had an excellent time at the National Convention and praises
22 Chairman Pelz and the State Party staff for their hard work.
- 23 ii On the issue of the number of Super Delegates, the Chairman of
24 the DNC appoints far too many.
- 25 C Sharon Mast
- 26 i Spoke highly of the hard work and commitment of the
27 delegation.
- 28 D Lona Wilbur
- 29 i Spoke highly of the delegation, the State Party staff and the
30 employees of the Coordinated Campaign and the Campaign for
31 Change.
- 32 E Eileen Macoll
- 33 i Thanked the State Party staff and the delegation. Felt that the
34 delegation was very committed and involved. We were
35 exceptionally responsive to Sen. Cantwell's comments and had
36 an exceptionally diverse caucus.
- 37 F Judy Gunther
- 38 i Went in as a Clinton delegate with her husband Bob Gunther
39 and was very pleased with how things went. Thrilled to be
40 Obama supporters now and want to make sure that we put a
41 Democrat in the White House.
- 42 G Dwight Pelz
- 43 i We cast our votes on the floor of the Convention.
- 44 ii We took the Washington standard from the Pepsi Center and
45 were one of the only states to do so.
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- 1 H Zach Smith
2 i Pleased with the participation of our elected officials, especially
3 with the Governor.
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- 5 6 Superintendent of Public Instruction
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- 7 A Judy Gunther motions that the Executive Board additionally endorse
8 Terry Bergeson for Superintendent of Public Instruction in addition to
9 Randy Dorn who was endorsed at the Executive Board meeting held on
10 June 14th in Spokane, WA.
11 i Seconded
12 ii Discussion ensued
13 a A copy of the email Chairman Pelz sent to the Executive
14 Board is included at the end of these minutes.
15 b Zach Smith - Would ask that the State Party provide
16 equal contributions to both candidates from this point
17 forward. This would probably come in the form of an
18 additional motion.
19 c Anita Latch - Feels that we made the right endorsement
20 on June 14th and that both Candidates and the Executive
21 Board had time to speak with each other.
22 d Zach Smith - Feels that we have two very good
23 candidates and we should endorse them both. We have
24 endorsed Terry Bergeson in the past and should again.
25 e Alec Stephens - Troubled by the fact that the Executive
26 Board made an endorsement in this race and the
27 endorsement was not addressed by the State Convention
28 as a whole. The Central Committee should have a voice
29 in this process in order to review the "recommendation"
30 of the Executive Board.
31 f Kent Hansen - Feels that we should stick to the
32 endorsement of Randy Dorn in support of the unions who
33 have also endorsed him.
34 g Sharon Mast - COPE, the State Labor Council and the
35 Building Trades have endorsed Terry Bergeson and we
36 should acknowledge and respect their recommendations
37 as well.
38 h Ed Cote - We are in a tight presidential and gubernatorial
39 race and need to focus on this. If we support this motion
40 it will detract from these efforts.
41 iii Vote - 8 in favor of the resolution and 9 opposed.
42 iv The motion fails.
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- 1 B Alec Stephens motions that the Executive Board's endorsement of
2 Randy Dorn as Superintendent of Public Instruction be brought before
3 the State Central Committee for ratification.
4 i Discussion ensued.
5 ii Javier Valdez - Feels that this would set a bad precedent. We
6 have not asked for ratification of Executive Board endorsements
7 in the past.
8 iii David McDonald - There are two issues. One on who to endorse
9 and the second on our endorsement procedures. Dwight has put
10 forward a bylaws amendment which will be debated at the next
11 meeting. It doesn't make sense to address this at the meeting
12 tomorrow.
13 iv Chairman Pelz - Friendly amendment that the State Central
14 Committee debate and vote on the issue of a dual endorsement
15 in the race for the Superintendent for Public Instruction with the
16 knowledge of the Executive Board's recommendation for the
17 sole endorsement of Randy Dorn.
18 v Alec Stephens - Withdraws original motion.
19 C Alec Stephens motions that the State Central Committee debate and
20 vote on the issue of a dual endorsement in the race for the
21 Superintendent for Public Instruction with the knowledge of the
22 Executive Board's recommendation for the sole endorsement of Randy
23 Dorn and opposition for a dual endorsement.
24 i Seconded.
25 ii Debate ensued.
26 iii Chairman Pelz - Wants to make sure that the issue is brought
27 forward from the Executive Board rather than as a motion from
28 the floor of the State Central Committee meeting.
29 iv Motion passes.

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31 7 Coordinated Campaign and the Campaign for Change

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- 33 A When we were putting the Coordinated Campaign plan together we
34 were in need of federal funds to do get out the vote and party IDs. In
35 2006 this money came from Sen. Cantwell's campaign. When Obama
36 became the apparent nominee the campaign indicated that they wanted
37 to make Washington a targeted state. This helped provide the federal
38 funds we needed. Usually when this happens the campaign sends
39 someone from out of state to take over. Fortunately we have very good
40 relations with Paul Tewes and Marygrace Galston who have worked
41 for us and with us in the past. Carol Albert was hired to run the
42 Obama campaign in Washington. We received \$1.6 million. Rory
43 Steele is running the Campaign for Change which is the field operation.
44 It is paid entirely with federal funds. We're IDing for Obama and Gov.
45 Gregoire.

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- 1 8 Current Financial Picture – Habib Habib
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3 A Habib Habib reviews the financial documents contained in the
4 Executive Board packet.
5 B The State Party has a deficit of \$319,462.90
6 C The Coordinated Campaign has a deficit of \$311,569.16
7 D The Campaign for Change has a surplus of \$237,062.86
8 E Cash Reconciliation on page 11 lists current cash at \$806,449.50
9 F There is not a Financial Committee meeting scheduled for this State
10 Central Committee meeting.
11 G Chairman Pelz decides how expenditures are made for candidates.
12 i Elaine Phelps – Feels that we need to have a set of operational
13 rules for the Executive Board.
14 ii David McDonald – Bylaws specifics that Roberts Rules of Order
15 prevail in the absence of anything else and would thus prevail at
16 the Executive Board meetings.
17 H Moved, seconded and passed.
18 i Elaine Phelps abstains.
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- 20 9 Meeting and Events
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22 A Chairman Pelz – We face uncertain finances in 2009 because the 50 State
23 Strategy may no longer be supported by the new Chair of the DNC.
24 This will affect our finances. We may not be able to afford holding four
25 State Central Committee meetings in 2009.
26 i Anita Latch – Feels that the Charter calls for 4 meetings and we
27 need to follow this.
28 ii Habib Habib – Often the Holiday Party has been counted as a
29 State Central Committee meeting.
30 iii Bob Esvelt – Would like to see one of the meetings in 2009 held
31 in Eastern Washigton.
32 B Di Irons motions in 2009 to have 4 State Central Committee meetings
33 one of which will be the Holiday Party.
34 i Seconded.
35 ii Discussion ensued.
36 iii Passes.
37 C Locations of meetings in 2009
38 i 6 locations over the course of 2009 – 2010
39 a 2 of these should take place in Eastern Washington.
40 Pullman or Ellensburg, probably in September.
41 b There will be no meeting in June of 2009.
42 c Kitsap County for a meeting in 2009, probably in April.
43 d Maybe we could hold a State Central Committee meeting
44 in a small city.
45 e Recommendations will be made at the January meeting.
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- 1 10 Caucus Task Force – SCRES 97
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3 A Chairman Pelz – We will ask on this quickly, within the next year, and
4 focus on the past rather than the future since things might change
5 dramatically before the next cycle.
6 B King County has already moved forward on this.
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- 8 11 Top Two Primary – David McDonald
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10 A. State Party Briefs – In implementing the top two primary the Public
11 Disclosure Commission adopted a regulation stating that party
12 preference and party affiliation are the same thing for PDC purposes.
13 The advertising statute requires anyone advertising about a candidate
14 to identify the candidate's party. The PDC says people should use the
15 candidate's stated preference on his/her declaration of candidacy as the
16 candidate's party and also tells people they may indicate the
17 candidate's party by using the party's trademarks and logos without
18 getting permission. Even if the State is not still enjoined by Judge Zilly,
19 in light of the above it should be. But we think it is and it is not
20 difficult for the State to comply with the injunction it is under. All they
21 should have to do is to recount the ballots by party and candidates
22 would be placed on the ballot. An additional election is not needed.
23 Exactly what will happen next depends on the ruling of the 9th Circuit
24 as it addresses the issues not addressed by the Supreme Court.
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- 26 12 Good of the Order
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28 A Luis Moscoso - The Obama Campaign is doing aggressive and positive
29 outreach to the Hispanic/Latino community. There are numerous
30 people in this state working on this.
31 B Elaine Phelps - Asks Chairman Pelz to apologize for his behavior
32 towards her and treat her with more respect.
33 C Lona Wilbur – Departs to attend the final minutes of the Native Vote
34 Project event.
35 D Alec Stephens - The Affirmative Action Committee will be holding a
36 lunch meeting tomorrow.
37 i He became a grandparent since the last meeting and has a
38 daughter who will soon be getting married.
39 E Zach Smith - The Labor Caucus is hosting a hospitality suite in room
40 902.
41 F Anita Latch – Please come to the Puyallup Fair and visit the Democrat's
42 booth.
43 G Kent Hansen – Snohomish County is hosting a hospitality suite on the
44 16th floor.
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- 46 13 Adjourned at 8:33pm.

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Proposed Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Reports from Members of the Democratic National Committee
6. Superintendent of Public Instruction
7. The Coordinated Campaign and the Campaign for Change
8. Current Financial Picture
9. 2009 - 2010 WSDCC Meeting and Event Schedule
10. Review and discussion of State Convention Resolution 97 regarding the formation of a caucus task force.
11. Adjourn

Washington State Democratic Central Committee
Meeting and Event Dates for 2008 – 2010
 (Updated 9/26/2008)

Meetings and Events in 2008:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
WSDCC Mtg.	September 12 – 13, 2008	Tulalip
General Election	November 4, 2008	Statewide
Holiday Party	December 7, 2008	Seattle

Meetings and Events in 2009:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
WSDCC Mtg.	January 23 – 24, 2009	Olympia
Crab Feed	February 16, 2009	Lacey
WSDCC Mtg.	April 17 - 18, 2009	(Kitsap County?)
Primary Election	August 18, 2009	Statewide
WSDCC Mtg.	September 25 – 26, 2009	(Ellensburg/Pullman?)
General Election	November 3, 2009	Statewide
Holiday Party	December 6, 2009	Seattle

Meetings and Events in 2010 (Caucus and Convention Year):

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
WSDCC Mtg.	January 29 – 30, 2010	TBD
Crab Feed	February 15, 2010	Lacey
State Convention	June 4 - 5, 2010	TBD
Primary Election	August 17, 2010	Statewide
WSDCC Mtg.	October 1 – 2, 2010	TBD
General Election	November 2, 2010	Statewide
Holiday Party	December 5, 2010	Seattle