

October 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes (Draft)
11th Congressional District Committee
FCDC HQ, Fairfax, VA

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused/Absent</u>
Anne M. Alston		X
George Becerra		X
Jay Bhandari		X
Jennifer Boysko	elected	Excused
Gerry Connolly	elected	Excused
Paul Davis		X
Justin Fairfax	elected	Excused
Bryan Graham		X
Kathy Hackshaw		X
Bob Haley		X
Kia T. Hamel		X
Dorothy Holley (Dottie)		X
Morgan Jameson	elected Young Dems Nat'l	PHONE
Ernestine Jenkins (Ernie)		X
John Jennison		Excused
Richard Jessie		X
Sue Langley		X
Daniel Press		X
Lola Quintela		X
Rachel Rifkind		X
Alex Rodriguez		X
Penelope "Penny" Rood		X
Keith Scarborough		X
Lainie Singerman		X
Manisha Singh		Excused
Jacqueline Smith		PHONE
Janet Carver	emeritus	NP
Total members in Attendance: 21 (including 2 by phone)		
Guests: Sandra Klassen, Greg Brandon Atty. John Farrell, Court Record Debbie Cavazo Late guest: Kimberly Adams, Dr. Ibraheem Samirah and Gerald Walsh		

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chair Haley, 8:01 pm.

1. b Roll Call: Rood (secretary pro tem) for Jennison
2. Guest Introductions -
3. a Motion to Approve Agenda made by Dan Press and seconded by Alex Rodriguez

The order of the Agenda was amended to allow the Appeal filed by John Farrell on behalf of Sheila Olem, Signe Friedrichs and Cesar Del Aguila to go forward prior to the usual business of the committee

No minutes were presented due to the Excused absence of the Secretary.

Morgan Jamison requested that the minutes for August 20th reflect that he attended by phone.

John Farrell of McCandlish Lillard attorney for the above named appellees requested that the appeal filed by Les Halperin and Michael Bradley be dismissed. Prior to a discuss of the appeal, Richard Jessee moved and George Becerra second a motion that any parties who assisted in the appeal by Mr. Halperin and Mr. Bradley recuse themselves. The chair Mr. Haley spoke to the motion and indicated he would recuse himself unless there was a tie vote. The motion passed.

Mr. Farrell requested that the appeal be dismissed for the following reasons:

The parties had no standing to bring the appeal

There was no basis for the appeal

An unsigned affidavit was presented supporting the appeal of the vote from the September 25, 2018 action of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee regarding the endorsement of candidates running for the Herndon Town Council on November 6, 2018.

All members of the Committee were provided an opportunity to speak to the motion.

Dan Press moved and Rachael Rifkind seconded the motion that the appeal be dismisses. 19 members supported the motion and there were 2 abstentions.

A written statement by Mr. Halperin is attached to the minutes.

There was a discussion about the process of appeals and inviting members from the 8th and 10th districts to attend our next meeting to discuss the appeals process.

The meeting then returned to normal business

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4. Treasurer's Report -

Federal account \$ 8855.19

Non-federal account \$ 4053.02

Motion for report to be filed by Rachel.

Accepted. No vote required.

5. Chair's Report - Haley

- The Chairman reported that the Diwali event was a success

- The chairman reported there was a DPVA event at which James Carville was the Special Guest—this event made \$30,000 for the state party.

6. vice Chairs' Reports -

Fairfax – Lainie reported that there was a record number of absentee voter applications and high absentee voting.

PWCo - Ernie: - PWCo next mtg. on October 25th@ Kelly Bldg.
Ernie also reported there was a Special Election for the School Board chair seat and there had been a forum on October 1st.
Ernie also reported there would be a 11th District congressional Candidates debate on October 18th at Westminster House at 7 pm
Lastly, there was very heavy voter registration in Prince William County

City of Fairfax—Kathy Hackshaw reported we had a very successful Fall Festival on October 13th
The Seafood in the City event for Congressman Connolly is scheduled for October 25th at Captain Pell's.
Lastly, Izzy Oldfield is the Committee's new Vice Chair

7. Jurisdiction Reports:

FfxCo - Sue:

Sue reported that the County was busy with Election Day coverage

FfxCity - Kathy: - no further report

8. Tech/Comm working group No Report at this time

9. Caucus/Committees

- Jai: Reported that the DAV and 11th District co-sponsored the Diwali and that there was a good turnout from elected officials

- Dan: Reported that there was a need for volunteers to do Voter Protection on Election Day in Prince William County—individuals do not need to live in Prince William only need to be a state resident. Also training would be provided

10. Other

The Chairman reported that Rebecca Borton has resigned from the 11th District Committee due to work obligations. There was a discussion about how to proceed with filling the vacancy. The vacancy is for a female from Fairfax County. Fairfax County Members will proceed with developing a plan for making

recommendations on how to fill the vacancy and a potential nominee for the vacancy. The vacancy will also be advertised on the 11th District Committee website.

- Lainie offered a motion to donate \$500 to Dr. Latif who is running in the Special Election for School Board chair in Prince William County—Lola seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

11. Announcements.

Tomorrow October 16th Gerry Connolly will attend a meeting of the Reston Indivisible organization Paul Davis reported there will be a YD fund raiser at the High Side Brewery

12. Next Meeting: November 19, 2018 8pm FCDC HQ

13. The meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm

ATTACHMENT EMAIL STATEMENT BY MR. HALPERIN

Mr. Haley,

Thank you for your response. I have no intention of attending a meeting where the result seems to be a foregone conclusion. You may read the following into the minutes of the meeting. In my nearly 30 years as FCDC member, former Steering Committee member, and multiple FCDC awards winner, I have never seen FCDC members or elected officials treated with such disrespect. I also have never witnessed intentional violation of Committee bylaws. The Committee did not permit any discussion or rebuttal of the motion on the floor which may have changed the outcome, we'll never know. To call this appeal "weak" or "frivolous" and failing to take it seriously is a sad commentary on the state of our leadership. While the appellants did not expect the remedy to be approved, they at least hoped that there would be accountability on the part of the Democratic Party. Sadly, there seems to be no such thing, your vote to dismiss will set a precedent for chilling dissenting opinions within the Party.

Les Halpern