

45th Legislative District Democrats

General Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM March 1, 2023

Zoom Virtual Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/join?pwd=ZkZtcOqtrT8jHNX7u0kSSoxWqMaU9vxxgElpT>

Decision Summary

- **Adopted the agenda (as updated)**
- **Approved the minutes for last month's meeting**
- **Approved Budget Worksheet 2023**
- **Endorsed 2023 King County Proposition 1**
- **Announced 45th LD Endorsement Meeting on May 24**
- **Approved designation of the 12th LD as a 45th LD sister district**

Welcome and Call to Order – Karen Tennyson, Chair

Meeting called to order by Karen Tennyson at 7:04.

- Indigenous Peoples Land Recognition – Karen would appreciate assistance on an appropriate land recognition statement.
- Opening Comments
- Agenda Review and Adoption – Approved with addition to Endorsement Report.
 - Addition: Consideration of endorsement: King County Proposition 1, on the April special election ballot.

Visiting Elected Officials, Candidates, and Campaign Representatives (2 minutes each)

- **Kristina Beverlin** – Deputy Assistant to the Chair/Chair, Candidate Recruitment & Support Committee. Announcement: KC Dems is forming a Candidate Recruitment and Support Committee. Looking for committee members from the 45th to join. Contact: kristinabeverlin@me.com; 206-679-0151
- **Angela Birney** – Mayor, City of Redmond. City update. Volunteer opportunities: Library Board of Trustees and the Community Equity Advisory Team. Open to those living or working in Redmond. Public Comment: Redmond Transportation Master Plan. Open to anyone that lives in or travels through Redmond. <https://www.letsconnectredmond.com/tmp>; <https://www.redmond.gov/>
- **Vanessa Kritzer** – President of the City Council, Redmond. City update. Rezoning Redmond Town Center: goal to include more transit-oriented development and affordable housing. Thank you to those joining the Salary Commission.

45th LD – The Basics

- **PCO Quorum Report** – Christine Ackerman. Present: 21 elected PCOs, 7 members, 3 guests. Quorum achieved.
- **Secretary, Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes, Calendar Review:** Previous minutes passed by acclamation.

- **Treasurer's Report – Christine Ackerman:** Budget spreadsheet screen shared and reviewed. Bank balance noted. The PO Box number is being corrected. Questions and comments.

Program

- **Decriminalizing Drug Possession – Liezi Rebugio, Field Director, ACLU Washington:** Background and legislative update. Asserts that SB 5536 (sponsor Sen. Manke Dhingra) is in conflict with 45th LD posted platform. Requests support for SURSAC* Resolution to decriminalize drug possession. Questions were taken to clarify bill numbers. Contacts: Liezi Rebugio lrebugio@aclu-wa.org and Allison Halcomb aholcomb@aclu-wa.org
*Substance Use Recovery Services Advisory Committee
- **Supporting a Tax on Extreme Wealth – Karen Tennyson:** Update, report that the bill did not pass out of the house of origin.
- **Parliamentary Procedure – Ralph Gorin:** Introduced by Karen Tennyson. Ralph expressed pleasure at serving as parliamentarian. He will keep his Roberts Rules nearby and will be on call when needed. **Wisdom of the day – The fundamental purpose of parliamentary procedure is to ensure that everyone who has something to say has the opportunity to say it.**

45th LD – Business

- **Membership Campaign Kickoff – Christine Ackerman:** Report. Current objective: reconnecting with lapsed members, both recent and longer term.
- **Budget Review and Adoption – Christine Ackerman, John Glover:** Report. Rising costs are increasing 45th LD operational needs. MailChimp fees may rise significantly, although alternatives are being explored. Screenshare of budget worksheet with Revenue, Expenditure, and Level 1-3 review. Current dues \$25 or \$15 seniors or student. Questions and discussion.
 - Motion from the Executive Board: Recommendation that the membership approve the Budget Worksheet 2023, understanding that the expenses will increase dependent on funds raised and at the discretion of the Eboard.
 - **Motion:** Approve Budget Worksheet 2023, understanding that the expenses will increase dependent on funds raised and at the discretion of the Eboard. Ralph Gorin, Second Carl. Discussion occurred. **Vote: 25+ favor, 0 opposed. Motion passes.**
- **PCO Appointments and Captains – Karen Tennyson:** Invitation for additional PCOs.
- **Call for Volunteers – Karen Tennyson:** Reviewed open Positions. Volunteer Chair, Fundraising & Membership Chair, Outreach & Recruitment Chair, Events & Hospitality Chair. Request. Additional information on position responsibilities.

Officer and Standing Committee Chairs Reports

- **Endorsements** – Aaron Schrader Calling for additional Endorsement Committee volunteers, Outlined the work and timeline of the committee. Contact Aaron: aaronsch@hotmail.com, home phone 425.869.2857
 - **Endorsement of KC Prop 1, 2023.** No position from the Endorsement Committee. At Karen’s request, Ralph noted that his reading of rules indicate a motion to support the endorsement would be in order. Karen agreed to proceed.
 - **Motion:** The 45th LD endorses 2023 King County Proposition 1. Andrew Villeneuve, Second Aaron Schrader. Andrew spoke for the measure. Karen, as a point of personal privilege, also spoke to for the measure. Ken provided additional background information. **Vote: 28 favor, 0 opposed. Motion Passes.**
 - **May Endorsement Meeting.** Discussion followed.
 - **Action:** Karen announced a special meeting on May 24 for the general membership to consider endorsements.
- **Finance Chair** – Christine Ackerman: Report. Prefers to postpone changing levels of membership on Act Blue for now. New Committee: LPO Endorsement Guide/Slate Card Legal Compliance Committee led by Anne Udaloy. Aaron Schrader, Karen Tennyson, Christie Ackerman are participating, Melissa Waldie is welcome to join. Exploring questions about what is and is not allowed in Local Party Organization (LPO) Endorsement guides to ensure compliance with PDC requirements, with the intention of completing a report for use by LPOs.
- **Legislative Action Chair** – Bryan Sullivan. Report (Screen Share) Legislative Action Committee webpage: Status of legislative priorities in the current session. Reviewed tracking status of 45th LD LAC priority bills. Noted: Importance of membership input to our elected officials is critical at this stage. <https://bkaj.net/WA45/2023-2024/>
- **King County Young Democrats Rep** – Kamil Zaidi Report: Special Election was held and Maliq Phakdymanivong is the new chair. The first meeting of the full board will be 3/9. Also noted: the 43rd Chair is asking for support on a resolution in favor of a wealth tax (though the understanding is that the supported bill is dead this session). Contact: kamilxaydee@gmail.com; 425-979-9183
- **Technology Chair** – Martin Chaney. Report: Gains made in control of the assorted 45th LD technology assets. Good control of the dozens of discussion lists – contact Martin is you use these lists. With Christie’s help additional technology assets have been identified. A shared Google drive is up for positing appropriate items. Work on permissions has begun.

- **Turn the 12th Blue** – Martin Chaney. Report: King County Chair Carrie Barnes has appointed Martin as the King County Representative to the 12th LD Executive Advisory Board. First meeting was 2/28, next meeting is 3/21. The 12 LD Democrats have accepted offer of help from the 45th, specifically help building a website, and have passed a motion designating the 45th as a sister district. Anne Udaloy is encouraging 45th LD to help with recruitment of members.
 - **Motion:** The 45th LD designates the 12th LD as a 45th LD sister district. Martin; second many. VOTE: 26 for, 0 opposed. **Motion passes.**
- **WSDCC, Executive Committee Report** – Melissa Demyan (written): Chair Shasti Conrad’s appointments to the Eboard were approved and include Alma Chacono (Chair of the 12th LD and in the 8th CD). **The next WSDCC meeting will be held in Seattle on May 6, at the Aerospace Machinists Local 751 Hall in South Seattle.** All democrats are welcome to come and attend the various caucus meetings. The Eboard approved raising the Chair’s salary to adjust for inflation and ensure a living wage.
 - Correction of the meeting date typo to May 6 (Andrew Villeneuve).
- **Communications** – Melissa Waldie: Report. Updating 45th LD logo maps. Mail Chimp alternatives. Endorsement Guide distribution – considering hand distribution option. Updating the LAC pages. Appreciates the shared Google Drive for 45th LD resources. New Members Only tab for the website for meeting minutes. Discussion.
- **King County Dems Meeting** – Ken Albinger, Martin Chaney. Report. Good meeting run by Chair Carrie Barnes. Endorsement discussion led by Martin Chaney. Draft King County questionnaires are out to the members for review. Looking for candidates “Every race in every place”. LD Chairs are meeting and receiving training. “King County Democrats are organized and active!”

Good of the Order

- **Jeanne Large** – favors hand-delivering endorsement guides. Prefers her donations go to printing and delivery, not mailing.
- **Inge Theisen** – took Melissa W on her first doorbelling walk.
- **Bryan Sullivan** – regarding posting minutes. Shared password fine for now but should have individual access set up when possible.
- **Andrew Villeneuve** – NPI turning 25, fundraising date 4/29, tickets will be on sale soon.

Adjourn 8: 56 motion and second

Minutes submitted by Becky Chaney, Secretary 45th LD, March 3, 2023, approved April 5, 2023

(calendar below)

45th Legislative District Democrats Annual Calendar: 2023

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03.01.2023	March General Meeting
03.27.2023	Eboard Meeting (preparation for April meeting)
03.28.2023	KCDCC Executive Board Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm
04.05.2023	April General Meeting ; Note: Passover Eve
04.06.2023	Special Election (2), Drop-boxes open
04.24.2023	Eboard Meeting (preparation for May meeting)
04.25.2023	Special Election (2), King County, Voting Deadline
04.25.2023	KCDCC Executive Board Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm
05.03.2023	May General Meeting
05.06.2023	Washington State Democratic Central Committee Meeting - Seattle
05.23.2023	KCDCC Executive Board Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm
05.24.2023	(tentative) Special Membership Meeting, Endorsements
05.29.2023	Eboard Meeting (preparation for June meeting); note – Memorial Day
06.07.2023	June General Meeting
06.26.2023	Eboard Meeting (preparation for July meeting)
06.27.2023	KCDCC Executive Board Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm
07.05.2023	July General Meeting
07.13.2023	Primary Election, Drop-boxes open
07.24.2023	Eboard Meeting (preparation for August meeting)
07.25.2023	KCDCC Executive Board Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm
08.01.2023	Primary Election, Voting Deadline
08.02.2023	August General Meeting
08.22.2023	KCDCC Executive Board Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm
08.28.2023	Eboard Meeting (preparation for September meeting)
09.06.2023	September General Meeting
09.25.2023	Eboard Meeting (preparation for October meeting) note: Yom Kippur
09.26.2023	KCDCC Executive Board Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm
10.04.2023	October General Meeting
10.19.2023	General Election, Drop-boxes open
10.23.2023	Eboard Meeting (preparation for November meeting)
10.24.2023	KCDCC Executive Board Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm
11.01.2023	November General Meeting

11.07.2023 General Election, Voting Deadline
11.27.2023 Eboard Meeting (preparation for December and January meetings)
11.28.2023 KCDCC Executive Board Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm
12.06.2023 December General Meeting

12.???.2023 Holiday Party
~~12.25.2023 Eboard Meeting; Christmas Day~~
12.26.2023 KCDCC Executive Board Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm

01.03.2024 January General Meeting

Start over and do it again!

To be determined:

Additional State Party Meeting dates (not yet available)

Election celebrations? 07.TBD.2023

Summer Gathering/possible fund-raiser(s)