

45th Legislative District Democrats

General Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM April 5, 2023

Zoom Virtual Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMsf-Crrj8vGtzLTbFimFnfk9zDYF1zW0oR>

Decision Summary

- **Adopted the agenda (as updated)**
- **Approved the minutes for last month's meeting**

Welcome and Call to Order – Karen Tennyson, Chair – Andrew V.

Meeting called to order by Andrew Villeneuve at 7:11; Karen Tennyson presiding at 7:16.

- Indigenous Peoples Land Recognition – Andrew acknowledged and thanked our local tribes for their presence and long stewardship of 45th Legislative District lands.
- Opening Comments from the Chair – deferred
- Agenda Review and Adoption – Agenda adopted without objection

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

- Melissa Plummer, speaking for Suzan Delbene – 1st Congressional District: Update. Noted that Congress is not meeting this week. Announced the Democracy Summer Fellowship for HS and College students - application deadline is 4/14. Questions taken. Democracy Summer Fellowship: <https://democracysummer.typeform.com/DS2023>; Mel Plummer - mel@delbeneforcongress.com
- Judge Coreen Wilson – King County Superior Court, candidate 2023, Inslee appointee 2022. Introduction with background. Questions taken. judgecoreenwilson@gmail.com
- Judge Joe Campagna – King County Superior Court, candidate 2023, Inslee appointee 2022. Introduction with background. Questions taken. judgecampagna@gmail.com
- Sam Cho – 45th LD PCO, Port Commissioner. Hello. Attending as PCO, will be back later in the cycle as a candidate.
- Lizzie Boyle, speaking for Kim Schrier – 8th Congressional District: Introduction as new political director. Huge thank you from Kim for all the support on 2022 races. support; newly appointed 2nd Vice Chair of Energy and Commerce committee; Chair of farm bill task force. Questions taken. Lizzie@drkimschrier.com Cell: (650) 576-1148

45th LD – The Basics

- **PCO Quorum Report – Christine Ackerman.** Present: 20 elected PCOs, 11 members, and 3 guests. Quorum achieved.
- **Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes.** March minutes passed by acclamation.
- **Treasurer's Report – Christine Ackerman:** – Bank balance reported. Noted – approximately 43 renewing members since email ask sent.

Program

- **Environmental Speaker:** Not available.
- **Parliamentary Procedure – Ralph Gorin:** No program this evening.

45th LD – Business

- **Membership Dues Renewal Update – Christine Ackerman.** No additional update.
- **PCO Appointments and Captains – Karen Tennyson.** Announced she has a volunteer willing to help with PCOs. Request for election of new PCOs. No candidates came forward.
- **Call for Volunteers – Karen Tennyson**
 - **Invitation to volunteer** for Open Positions: Volunteer Chair, Fundraising & Membership Chair, Outreach & Recruitment Chair, Events & Hospitality Chair; Future ask – volunteers to promote affordable housing.

Officer and Standing Committee Chairs Reports

- **1st Vice-Chair (Kamil Zaidi):** not present
- **2nd Vice-Chair (Sanaz Saadat)** not present
- **Secretary (Becky Chaney):** nothing to report
- **State Committee Members (Melissa Demyan, Andrew Villeneuve):** Andrew announced the WSDCC Spring meeting will be in May. Primary business: delegate selection for the affirmative action plan. (Martin has agreed to Proxy for Andrew who will be out of the country.) The primary will remain as the delegation allocation mechanism. Caucus events, 2024: 1) LD caucuses (possibly remoted) 2) Congressional District Caucuses, 3) State Convention 4) National Convention – dates will be sent out. Rules Committee (Melissa) currently accepting public comment for the rules which will be reviewed before the May WSDCC meeting. Additional news.
- **King County Executive Board Delegates (Celia Wu, Vishal Misri); Alternates (Tara Van Niman, Ken Abinger):** Ken reported the main business was reviewing and approving the 2023 endorsement questionnaire. The questionnaire was completed.
- **King County Young Democrat (Kamil Zaidi):** The March membership meeting was a “smashing success”. Bob Ferguson and Hilarie Franz spoke.
- **Treasurer/Finance Chair (Christy Ackerman):** 2023 Financial Schedules reviewed using screen share. Welcome to new and renewing members. Thank you to Christine, John, and Melissa for the renewal email. Call: Volunteers needed for follow-up calls to the renewal emails.
- **Administration and Rules (Keith Krumm):** Pending activities in the by-laws and rules committee include two resolutions under consideration and ensuring there are guidelines available for use in preparing resolutions (including timeline). Invitation for the membership to bring resolutions forward to the committee. Questions taken. Carl requests timely consideration of his resolution.
- **Communications (Melissa Waldie):** excused
- **Data Management (Bryan Sullivan):** Preparing a plan for this year regarding committee data needs, appropriate training, and timeframe.

- **Endorsement** (Aaron Schrader): Wrapping up the preparation phase and transitioning to active phase in 1.5 weeks. Contributed to the KC questionnaire; developing interview questions and expects to start scheduling interviews. For extra information or joining the Endorsements Committee: aaronsch@hotmail.com
- **Legislative Action Chair** (Ken Albinger): Reviewed the legislative session calendar. Reviewed the Legislative Action Committee summary priority areas (screenshare). Questions taken.
- **Parliamentarian** (Ralph Gorin): Meeting is proceeding “just fine”
- **PCO Support** (Karen Tennyson): Working with the county. PCOs should receive a plan soon.
- **Technology Chair** (Martin Chaney): Continuing to ID 45th LD technology assets including dozens of past discussion lists. Will check in with Committee Chairs to see whether the available assets are useful for them. Working with John Glover on Mailchimp (soon to be discontinued) account – archiving the unsubscribed list which needs to be ported over to the new service.
- **Flip the 12th Chair** (Martin Chaney): Have had contact with the 12th and they are pleased with the provided help: website and email communications are priority items. Need to check in on what’s coming up with their schedule.

Good of the Order

- Martin noted that Aaron has been a regular contributor to the KC Endorsement Committee.
- Karen – suggests a small break in the middle of the meeting.
- Andrew – season of renewal – Northwest Progressive Institute 20th anniversary fundraising gala. Join us for NPI's 2023 spring fundraising gala on Saturday, April 29th: <https://npi.li/gala/>
- Bryan Sullivan – open chair positions for committees – we need to work on outreach and member development.
- Jeanne Large – noting Washington’s most regressive tax structure. Hoping our party will stand up to amend and repair our tax structure. Called for volunteers to take action on this issue.
- Ken Albinger – noted Washington Excess Wealth Tax – above \$250 million \$\$\$s with a 1% tax – still alive to end of session. Will be included in this week’s email.

Adjourn

Karen adjourned the meeting at 8:33 pm.

Minutes submitted by Becky Chaney, Secretary 45th LD, April 6, 2023; approved May 3, 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)