

# 45th Legislative District Democrats

## General Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM      May 3, 2023

Zoom Virtual Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZllcO2trz0pGtGkUpkkYef-BKc6XQ11RtkM>

### Decision Summary

- **Adopted the agenda (as updated)**
- **Approved the minutes for last month's meeting**
- **Endorsed: Kelli Curtis, Kirkland City Council Position 2**
- **Endorsed: John Tymczyszyn, Kirkland City Council Position 4**
- **Endorsed: Amy Falcone, Kirkland City Council Position 6**
- **Endorsed: Jessica Falcone, Redmond City Council Position 6**
- **Passed: Resolution – Business Lunch Tax Deduction**
- **Notice: 45th LD Special Meeting to consider Endorsements. May 24, 2023, Zoom, time TBD**

### **Welcome and Call to Order, 7:08 pm – Karen Tennyson, Chair**

- Indigenous Peoples Land Recognition – respectfully acknowledged.
- Opening Comments from the Chair – Thank you for a job well done by Washington's legislators during the 2023 legislative session. Also noted: Together Center of Redmond will likely speak to the members at the June LD meeting.
- Agenda Review and Adoption – Reviewed and adopted.

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

- **Manka Dhingra** – Senator, 45<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, Deputy Majority Leader Washington State Senate; potential candidate Washington Attorney General (2025). Report: Review of the 2023 legislative session achievements. Announcement of expected candidacy for Washington Attorney General. Request for future candidacy support. Questions from the membership.
- **Kim Schrier** – Congresswoman, Washington's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Report: Thank you for election support. Update on national politics and future expectations. Questions from the membership.
- **Amy Falcone** – Councilmember and candidate (2024), City of Kirkland Council Position 6. Contact: [Amy@AmyFalcone.org](mailto:Amy@AmyFalcone.org), [www.AmyFalcone.org](http://www.AmyFalcone.org) (Also see Endorsements section.)
- **Kelli Curtis** – Councilmember and candidate (2024), City of Kirkland Council Position 2. Website: [www.kellicurtisforkirklandcouncil.com](http://www.kellicurtisforkirklandcouncil.com) (Also see Endorsements section.)
- **Siri Bleisner** – Director, Lake Washington School District Board, position 5. Update: Position 5 is open in 2023. Contact Siri (or Mark) for information and discussion about possible candidacy.

- **Karen Howe** – Councilmember, City of Sammamish, position 7. Report: request for candidates to fill opening positions. “I would be delighted to help ANYONE who wants to just explore the idea of running in Sammamish.” Contact: [klhowe@gmail.com](mailto:klhowe@gmail.com)
- **Vanessa Kritzer** – Councilmember and candidate (2024), City of Redmond, position 5. Report: major accomplishments of the last four years. Request for endorsement at an upcoming meeting. “Thanks for the opportunity to speak!” Website/Contact: [www.electvanessakritzer.com](http://www.electvanessakritzer.com), [vanessa@electvanessakritzer.com](mailto:vanessa@electvanessakritzer.com)
- **Jeralee Anderson** – Councilmember, City of Redmond, position 6. Greeting: New member of the 45<sup>th</sup> LD Democrats.
- **Osman Salahuddin** – Candidate, Redmond City Council, position 7. Greeting: Personal background and candidacy announcement. “Thank you all for the opportunity to connect with you all today!” Contact/Website: [osman@electosman.com](mailto:osman@electosman.com), [www.electosman.com](http://www.electosman.com)
- **Lindsey Yocum** – Candidate, Lake Washington School District Board, position 5. Greeting: New member of the 45<sup>th</sup> LD Democrats. Personal background and candidacy update. Website <https://www.lindseyyocum.com/>
- **Janel Schermerhorn** – Candidate, Lake Washington School District Board, position 5. Greeting: Personal background and candidacy announcement.

### **45<sup>th</sup> LD – The Basics**

- **PCO Quorum Report** – Christine Ackerman. Report: 29 members present, more than enough PCOs for quorum, 38 total participating on Zoom.
- **Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes** – Karen Tennyson. Previous minutes passed by acclamation. (Motion: Martin)
- **Treasurer’s Report** – Christine Ackerman. 2023 Financial Schedule shared and reviewed including breakdown of endorsement guide expenses. Questions and comments.

### **Program**

- Together Center, Redmond (delayed until June)
- 45<sup>th</sup> Leadership Retreat Review – Karen Tennyson. Slideshow report. Thank you to Celia Wu for sharing her home. Some discussion.

### **45<sup>th</sup> LD – Business**

- Endorsement Committee Report and Recommendations – Aaron Schrader. Report: The Endorsement Committee has interviewed candidates and has recommendations for four offices. Each recommendation included a call for additional nominations from the floor, the Endorsement Committee report, and candidate remarks (if available). Notice: A special meeting of the 45<sup>th</sup> LD for the purpose of endorsements is scheduled for May 24, 2023.
  - Kelli Curtis – Recommended, Kirkland City Council Position 2. <https://www.kellicurtisforkirklandcouncil.com> Vote: 31 aye, 0 nay.
    - **Endorsed: Kelli Curtis, Kirkland City Council Position 2**

- John Tymczyszyn – Recommended, Kirkland City Council Position 4.  
<https://johnt.com> (website not up yet as of 5/4) Vote: 30 aye, 0 nay.
  - **Endorsed: John Tymczyszyn, Kirkland City Council Position 4**
- Amy Falcone – Recommended, Kirkland City Council Position 6.  
<https://www.amyfalcone.org/> Vote 28 aye, 0 nay.
  - **Endorsed: Amy Falcone, Kirkland City Council Position 6**
- Jessica Forsythe – Recommended, Redmond City Council Position 3.  
<https://www.votehorsythe.com/> Vote: 28 aye, 0 nay, 1 abstention.
  - **Endorsed: Jessica Falcone, Redmond City Council Position 6**
- **Resolution: Business Lunch Tax Deduction** - Keith Krumm. Report. Resolution submitted by Carl Schwartz. Revised resolution approved by the Eboard for consideration by the 45<sup>th</sup> LD membership. Resolution read and screen shared. Discussion – none. Vote: 21 aye, 2 nay.
  - **Resolution: Business Lunch Tax Deduction, passed.** (text of resolution included below)
- **Call for Volunteers** – Karen Tennyson. Review of open positions and invitation to participate. Call for new PCOs.
  - Open Positions: Volunteer Chair, Fundraising & Membership Chair, Outreach & Recruitment Chair, Events & Hospitality Chair

### **Officer and Standing Committee Chairs Reports**

- **1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair (Kamil Zaidi):** working with the chair to schedule an all hands PCO meeting
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair, Sanaz Saadat:** not present
- **Secretary (Becky Chaney):** nothing to add
- **State Committee Members, Melissa Demyan, Andrew Villeneuve:** Report. Expected actions at the upcoming (5/13) WSDCC meeting. Martin has agreed to proxy. *“There is a reception the day before which I believe is open to all Democrats in good standing, let me know if you wish to go.”* Melissa not present.
- **King County Executive Board Delegates (Celia Wu, Vishal Misri); Alternates (Tara Van Niman, Ken Albinger):** Celia read report prepared by Ken Albinger. Ken not present.
- **King County Young Democrat (Kamil Zaidi):** Report. Endorsement questionnaire on the website and open for comments eligible Democrats. Young Democrats invited to attend convention in Spokane. <https://kcyd.org/>
- **Treasurer/Finance Chair (Christy Ackerman):** Nothing to add
- **Administration and Rules (Keith Krumm):** Call – future resolutions are encouraged and should be submitted to the Administration and Rules Committee.
- **Communications (Melissa Waldie):** Report. Working with Kamil on developing a social media presence. Call to “like” 45<sup>th</sup> LD sites to promote activity. Reported on

endorsement guide distribution needs. Request for volunteer to fill Volunteer Chair, Fundraising & Membership Chair positions.

- Data Management (Bryan Sullivan) Update: suggests setting up special session to discuss 45<sup>th</sup> data needs.
- Endorsement (Aaron Schrader) Update: Committee actively working on Endorsements. Requesting discussion on need to provide both primary and general endorsement guides.
- Legislative Action Chair (Ken Albinger): Not present. Individual interest reports on specific areas: Karen Tennyson, housing; Kathleen Reynolds, gun safety, Bryan Sullivan climate and behavioral health. Noted: Dhingra and Springer sponsored automatic weapons safety bill.
- Parliamentarian (Ralph Gorin):
- PCO Support (Karen Tennyson): Report. Looking for PCOs and are preparing a PCO meeting.
- Technology Chair (Martin Chaney): Report. ID of technology assets ongoing – but coming to a close. When creating accounts in further of 45<sup>th</sup> LD endeavors, the 45<sup>th</sup> needs to know your account info. Member access areas are still in process. Look out for notification of member-only google drive options about setting up access.
- Flip the 12<sup>th</sup> Chair (Martin Chaney): Moving forward with a web-site for the 12<sup>th</sup>. Consider sharing additional volunteer time in the 12<sup>th</sup> if you have time beyond 45<sup>th</sup> needs.

### **Good of the Order**

Call – none. Fist bump of the order provided by Kamil.

### **Adjourn 9:32**

Minutes submitted by Becky Chaney, Secretary 45<sup>th</sup> LD, May 5, 2023

## **Business Lunch Tax Deduction**

**WHEREAS** many members of Congress have stated that the amount of \$600.00 per month is an acceptable maximum for Americans needing assistance.

**WHEREAS** businesspeople, including the wealthiest men and women in the history of the human race, are currently permitted to deduct half the costs of their business lunches from their taxes.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 45<sup>th</sup> District Democrats urge our elected government officials to support action to limit the tax deduction amount of such lunch costs to a maximum of \$600 per month.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the chair of the 45<sup>th</sup> District Democrats shall convey a copy of this resolution to Senator Maria Cantwell, Senator Patty Murray, Representative Suzan DelBene, Representative Kim Schrier.

Signed by: Karen Tennyson, Chair 45<sup>th</sup> LD Democrats

---

## 45th Legislative District Democrats Annual Calendar: 2023

DRAFT 2/21/2023

<b>03.01.2023</b>	<b>March General Meeting</b>
03.27.2023	Eboard Meeting (preparation for April meeting)
03.28.2023	KCDCC Executive Board Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm
04.05.2023	<b>April General Meeting</b> ; 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
<b>05.03.2023</b>	<b>May General Meeting</b>
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
<b>06.07.2023</b>	<b>June General Meeting</b>
06.26.2023	Eboard Meeting (preparation for July meeting)
06.27.2023	KCDCC Executive Board Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm
<b>07.05.2023</b>	<b>July General Meeting</b>
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
<b>08.02.2023</b>	<b>August General Meeting</b>
08.22.2023	KCDCC Executive Board Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm
08.28.2023	Eboard Meeting (preparation for September meeting)
<b>09.06.2023</b>	<b>September General Meeting</b>
09.25.2023	Eboard Meeting (preparation for October meeting) note: Yom Kippur
09.26.2023	KCDCC Executive Board Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm
<b>10.04.2023</b>	<b>October General Meeting</b>
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
<b>11.01.2023</b>	<b>November General Meeting</b>
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)