

DRAFT Minutes of the General Meeting of the 46th District Democrats

Held on March 30, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Chair Julie Anne Kempf

Hunter Brown was asked to present the **Land Acknowledgement**:

***way' sl'axt.** On behalf of the 46th Legislative District Democrats, I acknowledge the land on which we stand today as the traditional home of the Coast Salish and Duwamish tribes, and the traditional home of all tribes and bands within the Suquamish, Tulalip, Snoqualmie, and Muckleshoot nations. Since time immemorial, here they have hunted, fished, gathered, and taken care of these lands. We recognize their invaluable contributions to our state history, economy, and culture, we respect their sovereignty, the right to self-determination and honor their sacred spiritual connection with the land and water. We'll strive to be honest about our past mistakes and trespasses, and bring about a future, that includes their people, stories, and voices to form a more just and equitable society.*

7:07pm - Approval of the Agenda - The Chair entertained a motion to adopt the proposed agenda, as it was showing on the home page of the 46th District website. M Julie Conklin/S Kathy Sakahara/P unanimous consent

7:10pm - First Call for Nominations for Officer Vacancies caused by redistricting: The Chair called for nominations for the offices that were open for election, which included: State committee representative who is female or gender non-binary identifying; KCDCC Representative, who is also female or gender non-binary. Both KCDCC alternates, so the candidates may be of any gender category. Two at-large positions, may be of any gender category.

The Chair briefly identified the duties of each office, and identified where to find the description in the Bylaws online, and opened the floor for self-nominations.

- State Committee Member: Tara Gallagher
- KCDCC Representative: Keelcy Perez Woolley
- KCDCC Alternates: Scott Alspach
- At Large: Drew Pollom, Lori Mahieu, Matthew Lang

7:22pm - Judicial Candidates: The membership heard two minutes from Judge Joe Campagna of King County District Court, and Judge Faye Chess of Seattle Municipal Court, who are both running for re-election. The membership also heard from Ms. Karama Hawkins, who is running for Shoreline District Court.

7:28pm - 2022 Legislative Session in Brief: State Representatives. Javier Valdez and Gerry Pollet gave a brief overview of the important points of the immediate past Legislative Session that ended on March 24th.

8: 12pm -Election of Officers:

The Chair called again for nominations for the offices that were open for election. Marc Auerbach added his name to at-large.

- State Committee Member: Tara Gallagher
- KCDCC Representative: Keelcy Perez Woolley
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With no opponents, Tara Gallagher, Keelcy Perez Wooley and Scott Alspach were elected by acclamation.

An electronic ballot was placed in the field for the election for At-Large positions. There are three positions, and four candidates. Lori Mahieu, Matthew Lang, Marc Auerbach were elected (Tally Chair for the meeting, Andrzej Montano, announced the results during discussion of endorsement rules.)

A break was taken from 8:37pm to 8:43pm

8:43pm - Discussion was commenced on the Endorsement Rules for 2022.

Aidan Carroll moved to delete the requirement that candidates be Democrats to seek an endorsement. After discussion and clarification of the national VoteBuilder requirements, the maker withdrew his motion with the consent of the body.

Tara Gallagher and Scott Alspach explained the Approval Voting method proposal. Debby Nissen reviewed the Winnowing Process proposal previously used by the 46th for the conduct of the actual endorsement vote.

Debby Nissen moved to vote between the Approval Proposal and Winnowing Proposal. s/ Approval Proposal won, to be applied to Section 7.

Al Lee moved to add the limitation on endorsements to no more than a dual per race from the 2021 Endorsement Rules. Discussion M/S/failed

Margaret Shield asked if the language in Section 3 was the correct language carried over from 2021. After investigation, it was determined that a scrivener's error existed, and section 3 had the wrong language. The chair entertained a motion to strike and replace the scrivener's error with the language from the adopted 2021 endorsement rules. M/S/ unanimous consent

Debby Nissen moved to adopt the Endorsement Rules as amended. s/passed by unanimous consent.

Adjournment – without objection, the meeting was adjourned by the chair at 10:53pm

*Respectfully Submitted,
Emily Anderson, Secretary*