

45th District Democrats

General Meeting, October 2, 2024

7:00–8:40 PM. Doors open at 6:30 PM.

Attend online via Zoom ([registration required](#)) or physically at Redmond Senior and Community Center room 142.

Decision Summary

- **Approved without objection. Consent Agenda: 9/04/2024 meeting minutes, 10/2/2024 agenda.**
- **Approved without objection: Updated basic budget as recommended by the Eboard.**
- **Elected. Kellen Hoard – KCDCC Executive Board Representative 1.**
- **Elected. Jennifer Curtis – KCDCC Executive Board Representative 2.**
- **Elected. Nick Montgomery – Second Vice Chair.**
- **Endorsed. Denny Heck – Washington Lieutenant Governor.**
- **Endorsed. Pat McCarthy – State Auditor.**

Opening items

1. Call to order at 7:02 by 45th District Democrats Chair Aaron Schrader.
2. Land acknowledgement.
3. Opening remarks from the chair.
 - Yard Sign announcement.
 - Bylaw and Rules updates will be needed. Call for volunteers.
 - Given that the term for PCOs ends November 30, PCO appointments will resume in the new term. Please [apply for appointment](#) of your unrepresented precinct in the 2025-2026 biennium.
4. Remarks from elected officials and endorsed candidates.
 - Nick Montgomery for the Melissa Demyan campaign (endorsed). Update and call for volunteers. Yard signs are available.
 - Mike Nelson on behalf of Dr. Kim Schrier campaign (endorsed). Endorsement thank you. Call for volunteers. Rally 10/19 in Issaquah. Additional opportunities. Yard signs and campaign literature is available. *Chat: <https://www.mobilize.us/suzandelbeneforcongress/>*
 - Nicole Munoz-Casaldue on behalf of Suzan DelBene campaign (endorsed). Call for volunteers. Additional opportunities. Yard signs and campaign literature is available.
 - Melissa Demyan (endorsed). Call for volunteers. Endorsement by Jane Fonda and her Climate Impact Pact. Looking for additional hosts. 10/10. Supporting all Democrats up and down the ballot – please help.
5. Confirmed: Quorum present.

6. Consent agenda

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Presentations

Defend Washington—No on initiatives I-2109, I-2117, and I-2124.

No on I-2066. (Calvin Jones). Initiatives and their background reviewed.

- I-2117 vote no. Impact – ends environmental protections and shifts costs. Questions.
- I-2124 vote no. Impact – bankrupts the long-term care insurance program. Questions.
- I-2109 vote no. Impact – repeals Washington’s capital gains excise tax on the ultra-wealthy. Questions.
- I-2066 vote no. Impact (Mark Vossler, WA Physicians for Social Responsibility) – disallows state and local governments from helping people to electrify their homes. Questions. Call for donations and volunteers (Andrew Villeneuve).

Business

1. Budget amendment for endorsement guide increase.
 - a. Background (Aaron). Summary of proposed changes recommended by the Executive Board. (Christy). **Approved without objection: Updated basic budget as recommended by the Eboard.**
2. Special election of officers. Term lasts until next reorganization meeting (Dec/Jan). Nominations.
 - a. KCDCC Executive Board Representative 1. Nominations: Nick Montgomery; Kellen Hoard. Nominees spoke, then left the room. Debate – none. PCO vote: 9 votes for Nick Montgomery, 11 votes for Kellen Hoard. **Elected. Kellen Hoard – KCDCC Executive Board Representative 1.**
 - b. KCDCC Executive Board Representative 2: Nominations: Jennifer Curtis; no additional nominations. Nominee spoke, then left the room. Debate – none. PCO vote: 18 votes for Jennifer Curtis. **Elected. Jennifer Curtis – KCDCC Executive Board Representative 2.**
 - c. KCDCC Executive Board Alternate 2: Nominations: no nominations.
 - d. Second Vice Chair: Nominations. Nick Montgomery (Melissa Demyan). No additional nominations. Nominee spoke. Debate – none. PCO vote: 20 votes for Nick Montgomery. **Elected. Nick Montgomery – Second Vice Chair.**
3. Endorsements. No recommendations from the committee.
 - a. Motion from the floor: Andrew Villeneuve moved that the 45th consider making an endorsement for Endorsement Lieutenant Governor in the upcoming November election. Nominations: Denny Heck (Andrew). No additional nominations. Nominee spoke to the membership and left the room. Debate. Speaking in favor: Andrew Villeneuve and Vanessa Kritzer. Vote: 28 for, 0 opposed (passes 2/3 threshold). **Endorsed. Denny Heck – Washington Lieutenant Governor.**
 - b. Motion from the floor: Andrew Villeneuve moved that the 45th consider making an endorsement for State Auditor in the upcoming November election. Nominations: Pat

McCarthy (Andrew). No additional nominations. Nominee not present. Speaking in favor: Andrew Villeneuve. Vote: 26 for, 0 opposed. **Endorsed. Pat McCarthy – State Auditor.**

Reports

1. Chair: Notification of October 28 executive board meeting at 7pm; [link](#). State Committee meeting report. (Aaron Schrader)
2. Treasurer: Budget and balances. Nothing additional to add. (Christy Ackerman)
3. Communications: Our beautiful endorsement guide. Thank you to Kathleen Reynolds and Melissa for designing the Endorsement Guide. (Aaron Schrader)
4. Fundraising & Membership: Please give! (Stacy Doerr) Call for donations.
5. PCO Support: Plan through the election. (Kamil Zaidi)
6. Volunteer: Website updates for organization positions. (Jennifer Curtis)
7. State Committee Meeting. Report. (Andrew Villeneuve, Melissa Demyan)

Announcements

News and announcements from our members and affinity groups.

1. Vanessa Kritzer – coordinated canvas for the Democrats this Sunday, meet 10:00 AM Anderson Park.
2. Becky Chaney – Washington Noxious Weed Board public hearing on holly listing, for info contact becky@chaney.org.

Adjourn 8:50

Minutes submitted by Becky Chaney, Secretary 45th LD, October 3, 2024; approved by the membership XXXX, 2024.