

45th District Democrats

Reorganization Meeting, January 15, 2025

6:30–8:30 PM. Meeting opens at 6:00 PM. Voting with practice ballots begins at 6:15 PM. Attend online via Zoom ([registration required](#)). There is no physical location for this meeting.

Opening items

1. Call to order at 6:30 by 45th District Chair Aaron Schrader.
2. Land acknowledgement.
3. Opening remarks from the acting chair.
 - Summary of proposed reorganization process.
4. Quorum report (Christy Ackerman): 12 PCOs confirmed present at 6:30; 23 reported present at 6:41.

Meeting leadership transferred from Aaron to Josh Vaughn, King County 1st vice-chair.

- Thank you to outgoing officers
- Review of the reorganization process.

5. Consent agenda

[Member vote]

- Confirmed that those present received the proposed meeting agenda and rules (link placed in chat). Adopt tonight's agenda.
- **Approved without objection. Rules for the 25th Reorganization Meeting of the 45th District Democrats.**

Business

1. Elect Chair. Nomination: Aaron Schrader. Call for additional nominations. No additional nominations. Nominations closed. Call for objections. No objections. **Elected by the 45th District Democrats PCOs: Aaron Schrader, 45th District Democrats Chair.**

Meeting leadership transferred from Josh Vaughn to Aaron Schrader.

- Aaron spoke to the membership.
2. Elect First Vice Chair. Nomination: Stacey Doerr. Call for additional nominations. No additional nominations. Nominations closed. Stacey addressed the membership. Call for objections. No objections. **Elected by the 45th District Democrats PCOs: Stacey Doerr, 45th District Democrats First Vice Chair.**

3. Elect Second Vice Chair. Nomination: Nicholas Montgomery. Call for additional nominations. No additional nominations. Nominations closed. Nick addressed the membership. Call for objections. No objections. **Elected by the 45th District Democrats PCOs: Nicholas Montgomery, 45th District Democrats Second Vice Chair.**
4. Elect WSDCC Representatives (2). Nomination: Melissa Demyan, Martin Chaney, Andrew Villeneuve. Call for additional nominations. No additional nominations. Nominations closed. Melissa Demyan addressed the body. Martin Chaney addressed the body. Andrew Villeneuve addressed the body. One female and two male identifying candidates. Female identifying candidate call for objections. No objections. **Elected by the 45th District Democrats PCOs: Melissa Demyan as female identifying WSDCC Representative.** Election proceeds to a vote between the male identifying candidates. Candidates leave the room during debate. Ralph Gorin and Karen Howe speak for Andrew Villeneuve. Michael Stoccardo and Becky Chaney speak for Martin Chaney. PCO ballot vote results: Majority of 28 voting. 23 first choice votes for Andrew. **Elected by the 45th District Democrats PCOs: Andrew Villeneuve as male identifying WSDCC Representative.**
5. Elect KCDCC Executive Board Representatives (2). Nominations: Kellen Hoard, Jennifer Curtis. Call for additional nominations. No additional nominations. Kellen and Jennifer address the membership. Call for objections. No objections. **Elected by the 45th District Democrats PCOs: Kellen Hoard as male identifying KCDCC Representative. Elected by the 45th District Democrats PCOs: Jennifer Curtis elected as female identifying KCDCC Executive Board Representative.**
6. Elect KCDCC Executive Board Alternates (2). Nomination: Ken Albinger, Stacey Doerr. Call for additional nominations. No additional nominations. Nominations closed. Ken Albinger and Stacey Doerr address the membership. Call for objections. No objections. **Elected by the 45th District Democrats PCOs: Ken Albinger as KCDCC Executive Board Alternate. Elected by the 45th District Democrats PCOs: Stacey Doerr as KCDCC Executive Board.**
7. Elect King County Young Democrats Representative. Nomination: Nicholas Montgomery, Kamil Zaidi. Call for additional nominations. No additional nominations. Nominations closed. Nick addressed the membership. Kamil withdrew his nomination. Call for objections. No objections. **Elected by the 45th District Democrats PCOs: Nicholas Montgomery as King County Young Democrats Representative.**
8. Elect King County Young Democrats Alternate. Nomination: Louise Pathe nominates Kamil Zaidi for King County Young Democrats Alternate. Call for additional nominations. No additional nominations. Nominations closed. Kamil addressed the body. Call for objections. No objections. **Elected by the 45th District Democrats PCOs: Kamil Zaidi as King County Young Democrats Alternate.**
9. Elect Treasurer. Nomination: Jennifer Davis. Call for additional nominations. No additional nominations. Nominations closed. Jennifer addressed the body. Call for objections. No objections. **Elected by the 45th District Democrats Members: Jennifer Davis, 45th District Democrats Treasurer.**
10. Elect Secretary. Nomination: Becky Chaney. Call for additional nominations. No additional nominations. Nominations closed. Becky addressed the body. Call for objections. No objections.

Elected by the 45th District Democrats Members. Becky Chaney, 45th District Democrats Treasurer.

11. Adopt bylaws. Motion to adopt (Stacy, Ken). Call for debate. No debate. Call for objections. No objections. **Adopted by the PCOs: Bylaws (as amended 2024.12.04).**
12. Adopt the previous meeting's minutes. Motion to adopt (Ken Albinger, Karen Howe). Call for objections. No objections. **Adopted: December 2024 minutes.**
13. Ratify committee chair appointments (Aaron).
 - Communications: Louise Pathe.
 - Endorsements: Mike Bresko.
 - Operations: Stacey Doerr.
 - Organizing: Melissa Demyan.
 - Technology: Martin Chaney.Motion to ratify the appointments. (Nicholas Montgomery, Terry Thorsos). Call for objections. No objections. **Approved: Committee chair appointments.**
14. Adopt a legislative agenda (Ken). Item-by-item review of the legislative agenda (screenshare). Comments Kraig Peck, Becky Chaney, Ron Snell, and Devon Kellogg. Amendments made Call for debate. No debate. **Adopted: 2025 Legislative Priorities.** (See appendix for final version.)
15. Recommend PCO appointments (Aaron). Call for volunteers. Kellen Hoard affirmed he is a Democrat and volunteered for appointment as PCO for KIR 45-1040 precinct. Kellen addressed the body. Call for objections, no objections. **Recommended: Kellen Hoard as PCO of KIR 45-1040.**

Reports

1. Chair:
 - a. The next executive board meeting is scheduled the evening of Jan 27, online only.
 - b. Thank you to everyone volunteering to fill elected and chair positions. Call for additional volunteers.
2. Organizing Committee (Melissa Demyan). "Nothing is never given freely. Fight through organizing. Find a way to participate." Examples of organizing opportunities shared with those present. Comments, Tara Van Niman, Aaron Schrader, Nicholas Montgomery.
 - a. Treasurer's report (Christine Ackerman). Screen share and review of 2024 Finance Schedule, including year end balances.
 - b. (Leaders and membership). Many thanks from 45th District Democrats for Christine's years of good service.
3. Communications Committee: (Louise Pathe). Website update noting a need for a freshening up. Email if you would like to give input on the website. communications@45thDemocrats.org
4. Endorsements Committee: King Conservation District out-of-district election (Aaron). In 2025, the office being elected is not within the 45th boundary.
 - a. Shoutout to Kirsten Haugen for efforts to increase the democracy of the King Conservation District election process.

Announcements

Open call for news and announcements from our members and affinity groups.

1. Devon Kellogg. People for Climate Action house bill 1015 – energy efficiency ratings. HB 1015 Home Energy Score <https://legiscan.com/WA/bill/HB1015/2025>
2. Ron Snell. People for Climate Action house bill 1015. <https://app.leg.wa.gov/csi/House?selectedCommittee=31646&selectedMeeting=32403>
3. Vanessa Kritzer. Redmond will be weighing in on environmental and other bills. Invitation to 1/23 Town Hall, 2nd of quarterly community meeting, 5:30 pm, mingle time and questions.
4. Terry Thorsos. Message in chat about legal services dealing with immigration and domestic issues.
5. Melissa Demyan: MLK Labor Council had a session with King County candidates for executive. <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1N3iK9T7ei/>
6. Aaron Schrader: State reorganization will happen in 1.5 weeks, followed by elections for national Democratic Party chair.

Adjourn. Louise, Melissa second, no objection. Meeting adjourned at 8:34.

Minutes submitted by Becky Chaney, Secretary 45th LD, January 18, 2025; approved by the membership February 5, 2025.

Appendix

Adopted 2025 Legislative Priorities – 45th Democrats

Jan 15, 2025

We have assembled our legislative priorities early this year. Both the House and Senate Rules Committees automatically save bills that got to their final step last year in Rules so that they can pre-file again, so the Bill numbers we are showing are from last year.

Address the State’s Budget Deficit by raising revenue with NO Cuts . And without intended use fo CCA funds.

Add Progressive Taxation – Remove Cap on (Employer) Payroll tax, B&O Surcharge on large corporations, end corporate subsidies, Capital Ownership Tax, Increase Capital Gains Excise Tax.

Fully Fund Public Education in the Operating and Capital Budgets; will include detailed bills as they emerge. OSPI estimates Education is underfunded \$4B. Local School districts underfunded

Allow School Construction Bonds to Pass with Majority Vote. HB 2411 (needs super majority) Or alternative to allow bonding of Levy Passed Funds.

Keep Our Care Act SB 5241 Changes to operations and governance of health care organizations, to **NOT limit** women’s reproductive health care, gender affirming care and end of life care.

Rent Stabilization Act HB 2114 Limit yearly rent increases of occupied units to 7%, increase notifications.

WA Universal Single Payer Healthcare – SB 5204 Creating the Whole WA Health Trust and supporting Health Care for All WA proposals.

Allow Even Year Elections to be chosen by counties and municipalities. HB 1932

Petition Industry Reform of rules that govern petition signature gathering and ballot titles.

Unemployment Insurance for union members who are locked out or on strike longer than 14 days. HB 1813 /1893

Improve the Housing Supply other bills will be added as they emerge.

Include \$500 M in The Housing Trust Fund for low-income housing construction.

Add Investments to the Capital Budget for the nonprofit **Affordable Housing Repair Fund**.

Create meaningful housing solutions for homeless youth.

Sentencing Reform; based on research, implement mid-sentence review for serious crime and reduce incarceration for offenses that pose no harm to others.

Natural Resource Management – preparing for, responding to and recovering from **effects of wildfires** by proper forest management, including building hardening.

SJM 8002 Urge Congress to **level the playing field between Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage Plans**.

Pass the Re-Wrap Act for better and less wasteful packaging of food and products.

Bills we are going to track to monitor content and progress:

Greater Biodiversity Funding for WA Fish and Wildlife Department

Reform WA Fish and Wildlife governing committee for greater democratic transparency, justice and compassion.

This year our committee members so far are:

Ken Albinger

Devon Kellogg

Aaron Shrader

Nick Montgomery

Mike Bresko

Jennifer Curtis

Martin Chaney

Kraig Peck

Becky Chaney

Kellen Hoard

Louise Pathe