**DRAFT MINUTES**

32nd LD Democrats Special Endorsement Meeting

May 14, 2025, 6:30 pm

Facebook Live Zoom Video  
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**• 6:30 pm WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER (video at 0:14-9:28)  
Chris Roberts, Chair**: Welcome to our 32nd LD endorsement meeting. I’m excited to see so many candidates, elected officials, PCOs and members. Thank you to Rep. Cindy Ryu and Rep. Lauren Davis who are here this evening. And, thank you for the work you did in the last session. We’ll see what the governor signs over the next few days. I think the work and efforts you have done to improve our state have been excellent!

Elected officials here at our meeting this evening are: Lynnwood City Councilmembers Josh Binda, George Hurst and Nick Coelho; Mountlake Terrace Councilmembers Erin Murray and William Paige; Shoreline Councilmembers Keith Scully, Laura Mork, and Annette Ademasu; Edmonds School Board Members Thom Garrard and Carin Chase; and Judge Karen D. Moore.

**Agenda Introduction**

**1)** **We have a slate that has been proposed by the Executive Committee**. These candidates have been interviewed by the Endorsement Committee. They are the only candidates in the race who have sought our endorsement and they are the only known Democrat in the race:

**Slate:**

- George Hurst, Lynnwood Mayor

- Thomas Garrard, Edmonds School Board, District 4

- Niel Weiss, Edmonds Municipal Court

**2) After considering the slate, we will consider candidates running for the following offices:**

- Seattle City Attorney

- Seattle City Council, Position 8

- Seattle City Council, Position 9

- Seattle Mayor

\* Lynnwood City Council, Position 2

- Lynnwood City Council, Position 5

\* Mountlake Terrace Council, Position 3

- King County Executive

\* Edmonds School Board, District 2

- Endorsement of King County Parks Levy

***\* Added to agenda without objection***  
  
**3) Procedure**

- Candidates recommended by our Endorsement Committee have a motion and a second for nomination

- Candidates can be nominated from the floor

- Nominated candidates will have 2 minutes to speak

- Members will have 3 minutes of questions per nominated candidate

- Up to two Pro/Con statements (30 seconds/2 minutes total)

- 60% vote needed for endorsement

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**AGENDA**

**• SLATE OF CANDIDATES (9:38-10:48)**

- George Hurst, Lynnwood Mayor

- Thomas Garrard, Edmonds School Board, District 4

- Niel Weiss, Edmonds Municipal Court

***Motion to accept this slate by acclamation passes - Endorsed***

**• SEATTLE CITY ATTORNEY (10:48-32:39)**

William Paige, Chair, Endorsement Committee:We recommend Rory O’Sullivan for Seattle City Attorney.

Senator Maralyn Chase:I nominate Nathan Rouse for Seattle City Attorney. Second.  
***Ballot Vote for Rory O’Sullivan = 75.7% “Yes” Vote - Endorsed***  
***Ballot Vote for Nathan Rouse = 63.6% “Yes” Vote - Endorsed***

**Dual Endorsement**

**• THANK YOU FOR YOUR 32ND ENDORSEMENT (32:45-34:50)**

**• CANDIDATE FOR EDMONDS SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 4**Edmonds School Board Member, Thom Garrard

**• SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL, POSITION 8 (35:49-43:41)**

William Paige, Chair, Endorsement Committee:We recommend Alexis Mercedes Rinck for Seattle City Council, Position 8.

***Motion to endorse Alexis Mercedes Rinck by acclamation passes - Endorsed***

**• SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL, POSITION 9 (45:00-52:25)**

William Paige, Chair, Endorsement Committee:We recommend Dionne Foster for Seattle City Council, Position 9.

***Motion to endorse Dionne Foster by acclamation passes - Endorsed***

**• SEATTLE MAYOR (52:28-1:08:56)**

William Paige, Chair, Endorsement Committee**:** We have a dual recommendation for Seattle Mayor: Katie Wilson and Bruce Harrell.  
***Ballot Vote for Katie Wilson = 86.5% “Yes” Vote - Endorsed***  
***Ballot Vote for Bruce Harrell = 40.5% “Yes” Vote - Not Endorsed***

**• INTRODUCTION (1:08:57-1:11:50)**  
**CANDIDATE FOR DIV. 1, COURT OF APPEALS**   
Judge Karen D. Moore, Snohomish County Superior Court

**• KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE (1:13:57-1:28:06)**

William Paige, Chair, Endorsement Committee:We have a dual recommendation for King County Executive: Girmay ZahilayandClaudia Balducci. (Both are represented here this evening by surrogates.)   
***Ballot Vote for Girmay Zahilay = 77.1% “Yes” Vote - Endorsed***  
***Ballot Vote for Claudia Balducci = 69.4% “Yes” Vote - Endorsed***

**Dual Endorsement**

**• REPORT ON THE PORT OF SEATTLE (1:29:00-1:34:12)**

Port Commissioner, Toshiko Grace Hasegawa

**• BREAK (1:35:05-1:40:05)**

**• INTRODUCTION (1:39:38-1:42:06)**

**CANDIDATE FOR LYNNWOOD CITY COUNCIL, POSITION 3**

City Council Member, Josh Binda

**• LYNNWOOD CITY COUNCIL, POSITION 2 (1:42:06-1:50:14)**

No recommendation from the endorsement committee.

Gray Petersen, 32nd Labor Liaison: I nominate Isabel Mata for Lynnwood City Council, Position 2. Second.  
***Ballot Vote for Isabel Mata = 94.6% “Yes” Vote - Endorsed***

**• LYNNWOOD CITY COUNCIL, POSITION 5 (1:50:25-2:08:36)**

William Paige, Chair, Endorsement Committee: We recommend Robert Leutwyler for Lynnwood City Council, Position 5.

Keith Scully, Shoreline City Council Member: I nominate Mpiima Mugabe for Lynnwood City Council, Position 5.

***Ballot Vote for Robert Leutwyler = 86.2% “Yes” Vote - Endorsed***  
***Ballot Vote for Mpiima Mugabe = 78.8% “Yes” Vote - Endorsed***

**Dual Endorsement**

**• INTRODUCTION (2:08:52-2:10:46)**

**CANDIDATE FOR EDMONDS CITY COUNCIL, POSITION 3**

Alex Newman

**• MOUNTLAKE TERRACE CITY COUNCIL, POSITION 3 (2:11:50-2:21:12)**

Stephanie Harris, Former Chair, Endorsement Committee:I nominate our new Endorsement Committee Chair, William Paige, for MLT City Council, Position 3. Second.  
***Motion to endorse William Paige by acclamation passes – Endorsed*  
• EDMONDS SCHOOL BOARD, POSITION 2 (2:21:40-2:30:45)**

Carin Chase, Edmonds School Board Member:I nominate my seatmate and incumbent, Keith Smith. Second.  
***Ballot Vote for Keith Smith = 96.2% “Yes” Vote - Endorsed***

**• REPORT FROM THE LYNNWOOD CITY COUNCIL (2:31:17-2:40:38)**

City Council President, Nick Coelho

**• INTRODUCTION (2:32:48-2:35:00)**

**CANDIDATE FOR CHARTER COMMISSION, DISTRICT 3**

Carol McMahon

**• REPORT FROM THE SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL (2:35:00-2:36:27)**

City Council Member, Annette Ademasu

**• GOOD OF THE ORDER (2:36:27-2:39:47)**

**• 8:51 PM ADJOURNED**

**Next Monthly Meeting**

**June 4, 6:30 pm on Zoom**

**Join us at a 32nd LD Dems Meet-up—**

**Thursday, May 22**

Monthly Snohomish County meet-up: Third Thursday of each month, at [**Diamond Knot Brewpub**](https://diamondknot.com/brewbrewpubmlt)**@MLT**, 6:30pm (5602 232nd St SW)

**Thursday, June 5**  
Monthly King County meet-up: First Thursday of each month at [**Jerseys**](https://jerseysgreatfoodandspirits.com/)**,** Shoreline, 6:30pm (1125 N 152nd St off Aurora)

Respectfully submitted,

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