**MINUTES**

**32nd Legislative District Membership Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 3, 2021, 6:30pm**

Via Zoom & Call-in

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~ Muchas Gracias Rosamaria Graziani ~

For the amazing live English-Spanish translation during this meeting!

**6:00 PM Sign In**

**6:30 PM Meeting Called to Order by Chair, Chris Roberts**

**1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - Meghan Jernigan**, Enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and President, Shoreline School Board

**2. MINUTES APPROVED**

32nd LD General Meeting [**Minutes, Wed, Jan. 13, 2021**](https://32democrats.org/meeting-minutes/)

**3. CHAIR REPORT** - **Chris Roberts**, chair@32democrats.org

We hope everyone likes the new meeting date, the 1st Wed. of the month. The Executive Board is now meeting on the 3rd Wednesdays. The Endorsement Committee will conduct interviews on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. If you would like to serve as a member of the endorsement committee, please fill out this [**survey**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScdMQmnOIy9mOPCu8zzl_XQvEuX2lus49wI2JtYAzVpFgza4g/viewform)**.**

Both the Executive Board and Endorsement Committee meetings are open to 32nd members.

Some of the issues the 32nd will focus on this year are diversity and inclusion. We have some great co-chairs for the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Last month we appointed Winona Hague as one co-chair and tonight I'm asking you to ratify Alicia Crank as the other co-chair.

**4. RECOGNITION OF ELECTED OFFICIAL AND CANDIDATES**

**•** [**Meghan Jernigan**](https://www.shorelineschools.org/schoolboard), **President, Shoreline School Board**

(Chris Roberts: We want to thank Meghan for the land acknowledgement she gave tonight.)

• [**Susan Chang**](https://www.shorelinewa.gov/government/elected-and-appointed-officials/shoreline-city-council/chang#:~:text=Susan%20Chang%20was%20elected%20to,term%20expires%20December%2031%2C%202021.), **Shoreline City Council Member, Position 5**: I will not be running for re-election and I want you to know that it has been an honor to represent you.

• [**Luke Distelhorst**](https://www.facebook.com/LukeforEdmonds/), **Edmonds City Council Member, Candidate for Position 2**: I was appointed to this position in Jan. 2020 and am up for election in 2021. I have been working to help the most vulnerable in our community: eviction moratorium, getting funds to those most affected by the pandemic, and the issue of driver license suspensions.

• [**Adrienne Fraley-Monillas**](https://adriennemonillas.com/), **Vice-Chair, Edmonds City Council, Candidate for Position 3**: As Vice-Chair, I am pleased to be working with the health district during this pandemic. I will continue to fight for Black Lives Matter issues even though I've received threats for doing so. I'm also continuing to work on homeless issues.

• [**Andrea Robertson**](https://www.judgeandrearobertson.com/), **Candidate for** **Judge, King County Superior Court, Position 47**: I was appointed by Gov. Inslee in Dec. 2020 and will be running in 2021. I served as a criminal defense attorney, first as a public defender, and then in private practice. I've taught trial advocacy at the UW School of Law and try to help people navigate the justice system.

**•** [**Whitney Rivera**](https://www.edmondsbeacon.com/story/2020/12/03/news/whitney-rivera-is-edmonds-new-municipal-court-judge/24124.html), **Candidate for** **Judge, Edmonds Municipal Court**: I was appointed by Edmonds Mayor Mike Nelson in Nov. 2020 and will be running in 2021. I have served as a public defender for 14 years, working on issues of poverty, mental illness, and substance abuse that underlie so many misdemeanor cases. I’ve trained under other attorneys and have trained and supervised trial attorneys.

• [**Susan Paine**](http://www.edmondswa.gov/city-council/edmonds-city-council-position-6.html), **President, Edmonds City Council**: I'm so pleased about how well the council is working together and to see other members, Adrienne and Luke, here tonight. It is also good to hear from other city council members in the 32nd.

• [**Deborah Kilgore**](https://www.edmonds.wednet.edu/about_us/school_board/members), **President, Edmonds School Board**: We are working hard to bring all children back into the classrooms safely, knowing that there are so many different lived experiences. We are working on an affordable housing project with land the district will be able to lease. We want to be able to serve our school district families first with this housing.

**•** [**Carin Chase**](https://www.edmonds.wednet.edu/about_us/school_board/members), **School Board Member, Edmonds School Board**: I agree with Deborah that it is very exciting to be working with HopeLink on the issue of education justice and housing for Edmond's students. Also, we are creating hubs for students who do not have Internet access in their homes. We have a [**Capital Levy (construction) vote**](https://www.edmonds.wednet.edu/community/2021_capital_levy) **coming up on April 27th**, which is integral to the welfare and health of all of our students.

• [**Kali Clark**](https://www.facebook.com/ElectKaliClark)**,** **Candidate for** **King County Conservation District Supervisor, Position 2**: This position opened up and I feel I have the background as my career has been in public service, in both conservation and natural resources stewardship with an emphasis in equity, diversity, and inclusion. At the Department of Natural Resources, I worked with landowners, municipalities, tribes, agencies and communities. Ballots will be available starting at 8:00am on March 1, 2021 and will be due by 5:00pm on March 23, 2021. Visit [**kingcd.org/elections**](http://kingcd.org/elections) for more information.

• [**Alicia Crank**](https://www.facebook.com/alicia4edmonds/)**,** **Candidate for Edmonds City Council, Position 1**: I work as a fundraiser for a statewide non-profit. I share my social media expertise with young people and Black Lives Matter to help keep communication going. This will be my 5th year on the Edmonds Planning Commission. I'm a 32nd LD PCO and if ratified tonight, will be co-chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

• [**Will Chen**](https://www.friendsofwill.org/), **Candidate for Edmonds City Council:** I'm a 4th generation American and have a CPA accounting office. Given the inequities we have seen from COVID I am working hard to make sure small businesses along Highway 99 stay afloat. I'm on the Edmonds Housing Commission and a proud member of the Chamber of Commerce.

• [**Betsy Robertson**](https://www.shorelinewa.gov/government/elected-and-appointed-officials/shoreline-city-council/robertson)**,** **Shoreline City Council Member**: I'm here to talk about [**YES for Prop 1**](https://www.shorelinewa.gov/home/showpublisheddocument?id=50730) on the April 27th ballot which authorizes the City to make improvements to eight parks, including playgrounds, a fully accessible play area, splash-pads, multi-sports courts, walking and sensory trails, picnic shelters, off-leash dog areas, and sports fields; purchase and install new public art throughout the city; acquire and improve new park land; issue up to $38,500,000 of general obligation bonds; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay such bonds.

**•** [**Eben Pobee**](https://www.linkedin.com/public-profile/in/ebenpobee?challengeId=AQGt7dSbIprq-AAAAXdvtqbQhJxUO4lUIxLM2QBHUwi05HHKa5B59H665gfBLMQ8JzMY3B8nmrCHrTDjNN7Fqx5u02Mf7DmOdQ&submissionId=a0cabdb8-5cb4-6016-504e-022f2ea1b65d), **Candidate for Shoreline City Council, Position 5:** I am a Shoreline resident and I cannot emphasize enough how much I appreciate the Shoreline community I live in, and volunteer in, to make sure that we have a safe place, and a fun place. As a father of 3 I'm always working to create a better environment for my kids to be better children. I am glad to announce this evening that I am running for Position 5 and I look forward to continuing the good work that Susan Chang has done. I hope the 32nd will support me.

**5. RATIFICATION OF ENDORSEMENT RULES** https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Wz4ndVlda-kMNlfpcXmyLE8dph9c-51v/edit

**Endorsement Committee - Stephanie Harris:** We clarified parts of our Standing Rules and I would like to: **1)** **Make a** **motion to accept rules as amended, Seconded**.

**2) Liz Brown: Motion to Amend, Seconded:** Sec. 4 needs to be changed to conform to the changes made in Sec. 2A. **No objection, amendment adopted**.

**3) Amy Freedheim: Motion to Amend, Seconded:** Sec. 6 wording needs clarification: the body shall be informed of all candidates running for the position prior to an endorsement vote. Reword: *the body shall be informed of all candidates who have filed for that position at the time of the endorsement vote.*

**No objection, amendment adopted**

**Endorsement Rules as amended, adopted unanimously.**

**6. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

• Endorsement – **Stephanie Harris**

• Diversity and Inclusion – **Alicia Crank (Co-chair)**  
• Sergeant-at-Arms – **Kyle Burleigh**

**Motion to ratify all 3, Seconded. Ratified unanimously.**

**7. RATIFICATION OF ACTING PCO APPOINTMENT**

Annette Ademasu, application for an Acting PCO appointment for SHL-32-0735

**Motion to ratify, Second. Ratified unanimously.**

**8. TREASURER'S REPORT - Eric Valpey,** eric.valpey@32democrats.org

Our current expenses are limited to our Zoom account and the contribution, approved by the body at the last meeting, to the Committee to Recall Sheriff Fortney. Please send individual contributions directly to the Recall campaign: https://recallfortney.nationbuilder.com/donate

I'll be putting together a 2021 budget for the next E-board meeting. If you anticipate any expenses, please let me know.

**9. CONTACT LEGISLATURE REGARDING DUWAMISH TRIBE EDUCATION - SB 5161**

**• Edie Loyer Nelson**, **Duwamish Tribal Elder**: Our tribe has been struggling for years for federal recognition. There is now a bill, SB 5161, in the WA State Senate Rules Committee, ordering schools to start teaching the history of a local, federally recognized tribe. Our history will be left out in the Seattle area schools where the Duwamish were the first people. Please help us by contacting the Senate Rules Committee and ask them to remove the phrase "federally recognized" from the bill: https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=5161&Year=2021&Initiative=false

**10. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**• Winona Hollins Hague**, **Co-chair Diversity and Inclusion Committee**: It is Black History Month, and I'm pleased that the Black Caucus is growing in the State Legislature. There's an excellent YouTube I recommend, on the history of the naming 'Martin Luther King, Jr. Way', in Seattle: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2U-1ObjpH6Y. Also, checkout this book Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent by Isabel Wilkerson. Reading it would be a good way to spend Black History Month as you'll get an understanding of how all of humanity can come together. Here's Wilkerson's interview with Don Lemon: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lHBjx1gwt38

**• Alicia Crank**, **Co-chair Diversity and Inclusion Committee**: I founded Edmonds International Women's Day in 2019. This year, we'll celebrate over two days with various speakers, Sunday March 7th and Monday March 8th. Our theme is 'Choose to Challenge' and our keynote speaker will be Sue Bird! https://www.facebook.com/IWDEdmonds/

**• Janet Way**, **Landmark Status for the Chapel at Fircrest**: The King County Landmarks Commission has granted the Naval Hospital Chapel at Fircrest and 2.7 acres of forest surrounding it, to have landmark preservation status. Thanks to the 32nd LD for their support.

**• Cathy Baylor**, [**Recall Fortney Campaign**](https://www.recallfortney.com/?gclid=CjwKCAiA9vOABhBfEiwATCi7GClKRKmK71BBtP24CEVLkN0ZEZzdJM7R3vMbBGQkC3TiDkdqpW15wBoCpmEQAvD_BwE): If you have time, please volunteer to drop lit in the 32nd LD. We have 5 weeks left, and the campaign is well coordinated, which makes volunteering easy. Contact: cathybaylor8@gmail.com

**• Carol McMahon, Redistricting Activity**: The League of Women Voters is hosting a Redistricting 101: https://lwvsnoho.org  - Thurs, Feb 18, 10am or 6:30pm. In March, there will be speak-up schools (including one for Spanish speakers) on testifying and exploring district maps. There's a film, *Slay the Dragon*, about gerrymandering and redistricting in 2012: https://www.slaythedragonfilm.com/

**• Lael White,** [**Fund and Prioritize Amtrack Cascades Longterm Plan**](https://32democrats.org/download/resolution-fund-and-prioritize-amtrak-cascades-long-range-plan/) I wanted to thank the 32nd for passing the Amtrack resolution at our last meeting. It went on to pass at the State Environmental Climate Caucus and also at the State Democratic Party Central Committee. Trains are one of the best solutions we have for lowering climate emissions and for serving diverse communities. We are meeting with Senator Cantwell, tomorrow, to ask for federal funding. If you have time, please call Gov. Inslee, to let him know you would like Amtrack improved and expanded: https://www.governor.wa.gov/contact/contact/contacting-governors-office

**11. FROM THE CHAT**

From Eric Scheir to All panelists and attendees: (8:32 PM)

 Thank you everyone. Thank you for having sign language interpreting for tonight’s meeting… stay safe, stay healthy and stay crazy. Till next 32nd meeting!

**12. 8:35 PM ADJOURNED**

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Soriano, 32nd LD Secretary

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