

## 37th LD 01/10/2022 Meeting Minutes

1. 7:09 call to order
2. 38 members in attendance.
3. Land acknowledgement by Carrie in Jake Thoennes' absence, written by Jake Thoennes
4. Meeting Minutes adopted
5. Executive Board elections:
  - a. Chair
    - i. Carrie Barnes elected by acclamation
  - b. Second Vice Chair
    - i. Yuan Tao elected by acclamation
  - c. Secretary
    - i. [ ] elected by acclamation
6. Endorsements for Seattle Public School Levies on the Feb 8 ballot
  - a. Discussion
    - i. Joanna says there should be more transparency as to where levy money goes
    - ii. Question as to whether Joanna's comments (this discussion) were in order
    - iii. Lonnie make motion to table both endorsements
      1. Tamika seconds
      2. No debate on motion to table
      3. 13 votes against tabling, 11 votes in favor, motion to table fails
    - iv. Alec Stephens states he has a pet peeve about campaigns not sending representatives when seeking an endorsement
    - v. Brandon Hersey states that the Schools First campaign and the school district are separate from each other. But that school districts are really struggling in being able to provide in-person education and COVID mitigation, and at this particular juncture that this levy is very significant. He plans on bringing feedback to the campaign so that transparency can be brought to this group.
    - vi. Sharon Tomiko Santos states that Alec Stephens made a very good point about making sure the members are informed about votes before voting. However, because the election is so close, she did not vote to table. She states that the 37th LD is taken for granted. She states that the levy is important because the schools do need to be funded especially for COVID policies. However, the 37th LD leadership should know in the future to reach out proactively so that the membership body can be informed.
    - vii. Joanna Cullen commenting that Brandon Hersey is always able to campaign.
    - viii. James Fackler stating that they work in the building industry, and he really enjoyed shop class in school. However, despite there is a lack of

tradesmen in Seattle, there are no shop classes in Seattle. As a result, James Fackler will not vote for the school levy until there are shop classes in Seattle.

- ix. Justin Baird stating that he has volunteered with a large number of campaigns, and campaigns need to recruit and send volunteers to LDs. He does not support voting on this 'resolution' tonight.
  - x. Lyn McKay does not want the procedure to get in the way of supporting this at this point. She urges the board to make clear to anyone who requests an endorsement or passing a resolution that they need to make the effort to educate voters.
  - xi. Matthais Linnenkamp is concerned that the campaign does not make clear what the money is used for.
  - xii. John Cary agrees with Lyn McKay that there are two issues at hand. One is substance, and one is procedure. He states that we should talk about substance, not procedure, and that we need to support the district. He states he will be in favor of the levy.
- b. Question: Endorse Proposition 1
- i. Lyn McKay moves to endorse, Joanna Cullen moves to second
  - ii. Bob Rosenberger moves to oppose, Justin Baird seconds.
  - iii. Lonnie Lusard moves for no endorsement, Alec Stephens seconds
  - iv. Debate:
    - 1. Lyn McKay speaks in favor of endorsement (1 minute)
    - 2. Bob Rosenberger speaks to oppose endorsement (1 minute)
    - 3. Lonnie Lusardo speaks for no endorsement (1 minute)
    - 4. Joanna Cullen speaks in favor of endorsement (30 seconds)
    - 5. Alec Stephens speaks to oppose endorsement (30 seconds)
    - 6. Justin Baird speaks for no endorsement (30 seconds)
    - 7. Ramlah Olt speaks in favor of endorsement (30 seconds)
    - 8. James Fackler speaks to oppose endorsement (30 seconds)
    - 9. Tamika Moss speaks for no endorsement (30 seconds)
    - 10. Andrew Ashiofu speaks in favor of endorsement (30 seconds)
    - 11. No speakers for opposing endorsement
    - 12. No speakers for no endorsement
  - v. Voting:
    - 1. 17 votes in favor, 3 votes against, 11 votes for no endorsement
    - 2. Point of information by Justin Baird: how many votes is needed for a motion to pass
      - a. Gwen clarifies that if none of the motions reach 60%, then the motion with the lowest count is dropped and the vote is redone.
    - 3. The motion against endorsement is dropped.
    - 4. Point of information from Andrew Ashiofu: how are abstentions voted?
      - a. Gwen clarifies that abstentions are not counted in the total.

5. 19 votes in favor, 12 votes for no endorsement
  6. The motion to endorse is passed
- c. Question: Endorse Prop 2
- i. John Cary moves to endorse, Brandon Hersey seconds
  - ii. Joanna Cullen moves to oppose endorsement, Lonnie Lusardo seconds
  - iii. Alec Stephens moves for no endorsement, James Fackler seconds
  - iv. Debate:
    1. John Cary speaks in favor of endorsement (1 minute) - was cut off
    2. Joanna Cullen speaks in opposition of endorsement (1 minute)
    3. Alec Stephens speaks for no endorsement (1 minute)
    4. Brandon Hersey speaks in favor of endorsement (30 seconds)
    5. James Fackler speaks in opposition of endorsement (30 seconds)
    6. Lonnie Lusard speaks for no endorsement (30 seconds)
    7. Point of order by Alec Stephens: there is debate in the chat function that is being abused
    8. Vallerie Fisher speaks in favor of endorsement (30 seconds)
    9. Point of order by Justin Baird: stating that chat was previously restricted in a similar circumstance
    10. Point of order by Jeanne Legault: John Cary had been cut off, is he allowed to continue his speech?
    11. Point of order by Tamika Moss: we need to be respectful of each other
    12. James Fackler speaks for no endorsement (30 seconds)
    13. Ramlah Old speaks in favor of endorsement (30 seconds)
    14. Justin Baird speaks for no endorsement (30 seconds)
    15. No speaker against endorsement
  - v. Voting:
    1. 16 votes in favor, 5 vote against, 11 for no endorsement
    2. The motion against endorsement is dropped
    3. 15 votes in favor, 15 votes for no endorsement
    4. No consensus is achieved on the motion to endorse
7. Good of the Order
- a. Andrew Ashiofu: running for 1st Vice Chair next meeting
  - b. Joanna Cullen: proposes inviting the school board / campaign for next meeting to discuss the money from the levy
  - c. Alma-jean Marion: congratulate Carrie on being chair and that there should be more information given before the meeting
  - d. Alec Stephens: Martin Luther King Jr. Day is this weekend
  - e. Sharon Tomiko Santos: reporting about the legislative session, which started today, and is fully remote, so people can track and follow the work online. Rep. Santos is on the education committee, and there are bills regarding social workers on thursday, and a bill regarding intergenerational trauma, and next week there is a bill regarding [ ]

- f. Arshia Nilchian: Rep. Adam Smith's political director: if there are questions or community projects Rep. Smith should be prioritizing, please contact him
    - i. Arshia Nilchian - Political Director for Rep. Adam Smith. Please reach out any time at arshia@electadamsmith.com or at (206) 308-8986
  - g. [ ]: suggestion that we put votes on the screen
  - h. Mary Williams: campaign for a bill to allow women to exit commercial sexual exploitation
    - i. <https://www.waseforward.org/the-issue/>
8. Motion to adjourn by Lonnie Lusardo, Alec Stephens seconded, and passed by acclamation
9. Meeting adjourned 9:09p