

37<sup>th</sup> LD Democrats 2023 Membership Meeting  
Monday, November 13, 2023  
7:00pm, on Zoom

7:00 pm  
Call to Order  
Land Acknowledgement

Adopted October 2023 Meeting Minutes

7:05 pm  
**Nick Brown for Attorney General**  
<https://nickbrownforag.com/>

- Shared about his history as an attorney, was a prosecutor and appointed general counsel by Governor Jay Inslee.
- Endorsed by Jay Inslee, Bruce Harrell, and several other government officials and organizations.

7:15 pm  
**Brandon Hersey**  
Seattle School Board President & District 7 Director  
School board update

- Seattle public schools are experiencing a structural deficit.
  - Receive funding based on number of students, which has decreased.
    - Birth rate is declining and to a lesser degree have lost students to private schools.
  - Made \$30 million in cuts, spent down general fund by \$30 million.
  - Will be making more cuts from central office before making cuts at schools.
  - Will be presenting a plan on how to stabilize '24-'25 budget 11/14
    - Brandon Hersey offered to return to talk about what that plan will look like.

7:40pm Chirag Vedullapalli  
Representative Adam Smith updates

- This Friday, 11/17, is deadline to keep government open.
- Talks of aid to Israel are stalled because focus of Speaker Johnson is keeping government open.
  - Can find most up to date information from Representative Adam Smith at <https://adamsmith.house.gov/updates-on-israel-and-gaza>.
  - Representative Adam Smith has been meeting with groups on both sides of ceasefire talks, has not made a statement on it yet. If you have comments you would like passed on to Rep. Smith, email Chirag Vedullapalli at [chirag@electadamsmith.com](mailto:chirag@electadamsmith.com).
- Sound Transit got funding to repurpose buildings for transit-oriented development. Happening in Angle Lake Park.

7:45 pm  
PCO appointment: Tanya Woo  
Acting PCO, 37-1647

- Nominated by Meredith Means
- Elected by acclamation

7:50 pm

Post-election discussion featuring Rep. Chipalo Street and Rep. Sharon Tomiko Santos

- Chipalo Street:
  - There were many close elections this November.
  - Theme of the election and legislative session was housing, safety, and individuals who use drugs.
  - Hope to see follow-through from elected officials on their campaign promises.
- Sharon Tomiko Santos
  - Our district had the lowest turnout, did not break 40%. Youth, including those in their 30s and 40s, especially did not vote.
  - We can do a better job if the 37th can recruit an adequate number of PCOs to cover the district.
  - Going to be interesting and challenging legislative year because primary happens in the middle of the session and Moms for Liberty are lobbying in Olympia.

8:25 pm

Hybrid meeting update & discussion

- Trial e-board hybrid meeting has been held.
- Suggestion to survey members about whether or not people want hybrid.
- Would need to ensure that people online are fully integrated into hybrid meetings.

8:45 pm

2023 Holiday Party: Annual membership development event

- 21 members voted in favor of approving \$5000 to finance the holiday party.

8:50 pm

Good of the Order

- Co-Exist Lake Washington held a meeting today. Group's purpose is to **stop** City of Seattle Parks and Transportation from closing Lake Washington Boulevard to cars.

8:45 pm

Adjourn