

General Membership Meeting, March 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by the chair.

Mark Solomon, City Councilman, spoke and answered questions.

Claudia Balducci, candidate for County Executive spoke.

Ryan Calkins, Port Commissioner & candidate for re-election spoke.

Josh Sanders spoke for Congressman Adam Smith.

The chair introduced the proposal to make early endorsements for 2 candidates who have requested an early endorsement, and explained the process. The procedure is that candidates make a request for early endorsement to the Executive Board and if the Executive Board approves, the matter moves to the next membership meeting for approval of a rules change and possible endorsement.

Alexis Mercedes Rinck and Rory O'Sullivan asked the Executive Board for early endorsement at the February board meeting, and the board voted to submit these requests to the General Membership meeting.

It was moved that we postpone early endorsement until the June meeting. After debate the motion failed: 17 votes to postpone and 40 voted to consider early endorsements: 85 people attending.

It was moved that we suspend the usual rule for candidate statements to allow these candidates to speak for 5 minutes. The motion passed with 43 votes.

It was moved and seconded to endorse Alexis Mercedes Rinck for Seattle City Council. There also motion and second for No Endorsement in this race at this time. Voting will be by ballot using the usual e-mail process.

It was moved and seconded to endorse Rory O'Sullivan for Seattle City Attorney. There also motion and second for No Endorsement in this race at this time. Voting will be by ballot using the usual e-mail process.

It was moved & seconded that we endorse the resolution to reform of the Planning and Delivery of Transportation process. That passed 43 to 1
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ovIA1ObGq4i4m_wtqozjcl3cC76yNbD4a3FRqr1FBW8/edit?tab=t.0

Bob Rosenberger described the structure of the DNC (Democratic National Committee), and the current structure of the state organization. He also spoke briefly about state planning for future elections.

Our KCDCC representatives talked about county activities. There is a fundraiser April 5 to support school board candidates. Also the county is working on the candidate questionnaire and on candidate endorsement planning for the coming election.

The proposed 37th district budget for 2025 was introduced moved, seconded, and approved 37 to 0: 53 people attending. [37dems.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Working-budget-2-20.pdf](https://www.37dems.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Working-budget-2-20.pdf)

Good of the Order:

Erica Evans, candidate for Seattle City Attorney announced her campaign.

Nathan Rouse, candidate for Seattle City Attorney introduced himself & his campaign.

Carrie Barnes announced that she is sponsoring a table at the county school board fundraiser and urged support for good school board candidates to counteract the “Moms for Liberty”. carriebarnes868@gmail.com

Beth Brunton urged us to join the march to the federal building at noon every Friday 9th & 2nd Ave to march to the federal building and protest the gutting of the Federal Government & services.

Adonis Ducksworth, candidate for Seattle City Council introduced himself.

Ruby Holland spoke against early endorsement of candidates.

The meeting adjourned at 9:28.

The Zoom call continued as Aram Falsafi introduced Google Chat for members to use to communicate with each other. e-mail Aram if you want to join the chat, use something about “chat” in the subject line. active@aramfalsafi.com There will be a group for the exec board, one for the PCOs, etc. and threads about certain issues as someone starts one. This is free for up to 500 members.

The Zoom meeting closed at 9:40