

Minutes – July 8, 2009
34th Legislative District Democrats
Endorsement Meeting

7:19 Meeting called to order. Ivan leads salute.

Chair explains the credential rules. The Hospitality volunteers will come out of the kitchen beginning every race and distribute ballots. Chair explains the endorsement rules in detail regarding voting. Chair asks everyone credentialed to raise their credentials until they have received their ballots. Chair explains that while the ballots were printed for each race, there was not time to collate them properly. He asks the membership to ignore the race printed on the ballot. All ballots will follow the race that appears on the projector screen.

Chair entertains a motion to approve an amended agenda to move to the block vote, skipping the first elements. Motion passes.

7:28 Chair entertains a motion for a Block Endorsement of the following candidates:

Port of Seattle Position 3 – Rob Holland

Port of Seattle Position 4 – Max Vekich

Burien City Council Position 7 – Brian Bennett

State Initiative 1033 – NO

So moved and seconded. Member asks for the block vote items put on the board. Voice vote. Block vote passes.

Chair reminds everyone that the Sergeant of arms will move people to the hall if they speak

Nominations for Seattle Position 8 are opened.

Rusty Williams is nominated.

David Miller is nominated

Bobby Forch is nominated

Jordan Royer is nominated and seconded

Mike O'Brien is nominated and seconded.

Robert Rosencrantz is nominated and seconded

7:32 Position closed. Chair explains the rules for speakers.

Rusty Williams

Speaker for Allan Monroe

No speaker against

David Miller

Speaker For Pete Spalding – Spalding speaks and then concedes time to David Miller

No speaker against

Bobby Forch

Speaker for Beth Griser – Griser concedes time to Bobby Forch

No speaker against

Jordan Royer

Speaker for Susan Harman – concedes time to Jordan Royer

No speaker against

Mike O'Brien

Speaker for O'Brien – concedes time to Mike O'Brien

No speaker against

Robert Rosencrantz

Speaker for Walter Sive – concedes time to Robert Rosencrantz

No speaker against

Credential report there are 191 eligible voters.

Seattle Position 8

First Ballot:

Rusty Williams: 7

David Miller: 48

Bobby Forch: 29

Jordan Royer: 31

Mike O'Brien: 29

Robert Rosencrantz: 37

Total Votes: 185

[Results entered as of 8:10pm, no candidate receives endorsement, move to second ballot]

7:53 Burien City Council Position 1

No Endorsement is nominated and seconded

Jack Block Jr. is nominated and seconded

No Endorsement

Speaker for Stephen Lamphear

Speaker against Ivan Weiss

No second speaker for

Jack Block, Jr.

Speaker for Jack Block Sr. – concedes time to Jack Block Jr.

Speaker against Stephen Lamphear

Speaker for Chris Romshear

No second speaker against

Vote:

No Endorsement: 69

Jack Block Jr.: 104

Total ballot: 178

Result: No Position

8:10 Vote totals for Seattle City Council Position 8 are supplied. David Miller and Robert Rosencrantz move on to the second ballot, as no one received 2/3. Chair asks the Hospitality Committee to pass out yellow ballots to all members. Members vote on the yellow ballots for Seattle City Council Position 8.

Seattle Position 8

Second Ballot:

David Miller: 99

Robert Rosencrantz: 72

Total ballots cast: 175

[Ballot totals as of 8:31pm)

8:17 Chair recognizes elected officials in the room.

8:21 Results are in for Burien City Council Position 1. Hospitality is asked to pass out first ballots for Port of Seattle Position 1. Chair opens the floor or nominations.

Port of Seattle Position 1

No endorsement nominated and seconded

John Creighton nominated and seconded

No Endorsement

Speaker for Stephen Lamphear

No speaker against

John Creighton

Speaker for Marcee Stone – concedes rest of her time to John Creighton

Speaker against Chris Porter

Speaker for Chris Romshear

Speaker against Cherisse Luxa

Vote:

No Endorsement: 73

John Creighton: 102

Total ballots voted: 184

Result: No Position

8:35 Results for the second ballot for Seattle Position 8 are in. Members are asked to use their pink ballots for the third vote.

Third Ballot:

Dual endorsement: 129

No endorsement: 41

Total Ballots Voted: 174

Result: Dual Endorsement of Miller and Rosencrantz

8:37 Chair makes an important announcement:

Dow Constantine now has a five-point lead over his challengers. He asks that members get out the vote for Dow. He sends people to a campaign member in the back for volunteer opportunities.

8:40 Hospitality Committee is asked to handout ballots for future races.

Chair makes additional announcements:

- 34th Summer Picnic, shelter #3, pot luck, Tuesday, July 21, 6pm and setup at 5pm. Bring friends!
- Friday, August 14, Garden Party at the West Seattle Nursery, MC is New York Vinnie.

8:47 Results for Port Commissioner Position 1. No candidates received 2/3. 34th will take no position. Move on to Seattle City Council Position 4.

Seattle Position 4

Dorsol Plants nominated and seconded

Sally Bagshaw nominated and seconded

David Bloom nominated and seconded

Dorsol Plants

Speaker for Ivan Weiss

No speakers against

Sally Bagshaw

Speaker for Christi Stapleton – concedes time to Sally Bagshaw

Speaker against Michael Taylor-Judd

Speaker for Rep. Sharon Nelson

No second speaker against

David Bloom

Speaker for Sharon [??] – concedes time to David Bloom

No speaker against

First Vote:

Dorsol Plants: 65

Sally Bagshaw: 74

David Bloom: 47

Total Ballot Votes: 187

Result: Second Ballot including Dorsol Plants and Sally Bagshaw

9:01 Members vote for Seattle City Council Position 4 on green ballots. Final results are in for Seattle City Council Position 8. The result is that David Miller and Robert Rosencrantz will receive the dual endorsement of the 34th district democrats. Hospitality hands out green ballots for Seattle Position 2.

9:06 Chair opens nomination for Seattle Position 2

David Ginsberg nominated and seconded

Richard Conlin nominated and seconded

David Ginsberg

Speaker for Joe McDermott – David uses the remainder of the time

No speaker against

Richard Conlin

Speaker for Kim Becklund – concedes time to Richard Conlin

No speaker against

First Vote:

David Ginsberg: 122

Richard Conlin: 60

Total ballots voted: 184

Result: Challenged – will move to a second vote via hand count, per motion below.

9:15 Totals received on Seattle Position 4, result is that we move to a second ballot including Dorsol Plants and Sally Bagshaw. Chair asks the membership to vote on a yellow ballot for either Dorsol Plants or Sally Bagshaw. Membership votes.

9:20 Chair asks for a credential report. Chair continues with additional announcements:

- US Congress is considering health care reform and encouraging the two Washington Senators to support the public option. He will send around a petition.
- Please give a donation to the KCDCC. At the beginning of the year the 34th district gave \$2,034.00. They are struggling due to the “Obama hangover”. Please give.

9:24 Credential report, there are 209 credentialed voters.

Chair reminds everyone to give food to the White Center Food Bank. Chair introduces Rick Jump director of the White Center Food Bank. Chair recognized Beth Griser’s efforts with the White

Center Food Bank. Chair points out the President and Secretary of the West Seattle Food bank Board of Directors, Pete Spalding and Shannon [??].

Chair thanks the membership for bringing books and magazines for Tent City. He asks that people donate to tent City.

9:27 Chari Recognizes Marcee Stone representing the Dow Constantine campaign. They are having a HoDown. Sunday, July 26, from 4 -6pm, with a suggested donation of \$50.

9:32 There has been a challenge to the vote count for Seattle Position 2. Nature of the challenge: *What calculation method is used to see that a candidate has received a full 2/3?* Chair explains the method used to get the vote totals. Seattle Position 2 results are that no one received a total of 2/3 or more. Parliamentarian has ruled that this is official per Robert's Rules of Order.

9:35 There is another challenge, but directed at the Parliamentarian. The Parliamentarian has been challenged as to not answering a direct question. The Chair asks the Parliamentarian to read the rules from Robert's Rules of Order explaining the calculation method [Roberts Rules of Order the Parliamentarian read is Ch XII, Sec. 44, Two-Thirds Vote]. Chair recognizes Marcee Stone. Marcee Stone points out that the Parliamentarian has given advice or support to the chair, and points out that the Chair is the final say, and not the Parliamentarian. The Chair ruling is that we follow Robert's Rules of Order. Chair recognizes Lou Frillman. He continues to debate the method of the vote calculation. Chair recognizes Brian Earl. Brian Earl votes to suspend the rules for the Seattle Position 2 vote. Stapleton amends that this should be a hand vote. [Point of information: *Are blank votes abstentions?* Answer no.] Chair reinforces the use of Robert's Rules of Rules. Question is called. We are considering the amendment to use hand votes for the second vote. Votes for 101, vote against 70, amendment passes. Chair is moving to the motion to temporarily suspend the rules to vote Seattle Position 2, with the amendment included, by hand count. [Point of order: *If we are suspending the rules for the rest of the meeting.* Answer, no.] Vote for 99 and against 46, motion passes. The Seattle Position 2 will be reconsidered via a hand count with a 2/3 majority to win.

Seattle City Council Position 2

Second Vote (by hand):

David Ginsberg: 102

Richard Conlin: 56

Total Votes Cast: 158

Results: Neither candidate receives 2/3s. Move to third ballot

9:54 Chair asks the membership to do a third vote for Position 2 on a pink ballot.

9:58 Chair announces results in Seattle Position 4. Goes to third ballot.

Seattle Position 4

Second Ballot:

Dorsol Plants: 91
Sally Bagshaw: 88
Total ballot votes: 181
Result: move to third ballot

10:01 Chair offers to do the third ballot by a hand count, unless there is an objection. There is an objection and it is seconded. Member tries to make a motion for a hand count, but is ruled out of order by the Chair, as the rules state that if there is an objection the membership must move to an endorsement.

10:05 Chair opens the floor for Seattle City attorney.

Seattle City Attorney
Tom Carr nominated and seconded
Pete Holmes nominated and seconded

Tom Carr
Speaker for Tom Rasmussen – concedes time to Tom Carr
No speaker against

Pete Holmes
Speaker for Dorsol Plants – concede time to Pete Holmes
Speaker against Brian Earl
Speaker for Christi Stapleton
Speaker against Ivan Weiss

Chair recognizes member, he moves to suspend the rules requiring use of a paper ballot for the rest of the evening. The motion has been seconded. This motion requires a 2/3. After calling for a hand count, the Chair recognizes that this motion clearly will not pass. Motion fails.

10:16 Chair announces the results for Seattle Position 2 passes with a dual endorsement for David Ginsberg and Richard Conlin. Seattle Position 4 is a dual endorsement for Dorsol Plants and Sally Bagshaw

Seattle Position 2
Third Ballot:
Dual Endorsement: 143
No Endorsement: 24
Total ballots voted: 167
Result: Dual Endorsement

Seattle Position 4
Third Ballot:
Dual Endorsement: 125
No Endorsement: 35

Total ballots voted: 161
Result: Dual endorsement

10:16 Ballots are collected for Seattle City Attorney's race. Chair opens the floor for Seattle City Mayor.

Seattle City Mayor

Greg Nickels nominated and seconded
Jan Drago nominated and seconded
Mike McGinn nominated and seconded
Joe Mallahan nominated and seconded
Norman Sigler nominated and seconded
James Donaldson nominated and seconded

Greg Nickels
Speaker for Joe McDermott
No speaker against

Jan Drago
Speaker for Vladimir [??]
No speaker against

Mike McGinn
Speaker for Christi Stapleton – concedes time to Mike McGinn
No speakers against

Joe Mallahan
Speaker for Beth Grieser – concedes time to Joe Mallahan
No speaker against

Norman Sigler
Speaker for Nathaniel [??]
No speaker against

James Donaldson
No speaker for

10:32 [Point of information: *Do we consider Norman Sigler in this vote, as the person that spoke on his behalf is not a member? Answer Yes.*] [Second Point of information: *Do we consider Norman Sigler since the person that nominated him is not a voting member? Answer: Chair requests the Membership Committee Chair to verify membership of the person that nominated Norman Sigler.*] Chair requests that removal of Norman Sigler from the group of eligible voters. Result, the person that nominated and spoke for Norman Sigler is not a voting member of the 34th district democrats.

10:39 Chair opens the floor for nomination for Seattle Position 6

Seattle Position 6

Nick Licata nominated and seconded

Marty Kaplan nominated and seconded

Jessie Israel nominated and seconded

Nick Licata

Speaker for Jeff Upthegrove – concedes to Nick Licata

No speakers against

Marty Kaplan

Speaker for Shannon Braddock – concedes to Marty Kaplan

No speakers against

Jessie Israel

Speaker for Peggy Abby – concedes to Jessie Israel

No speakers against

Chair asks the hospitality committee to pass out green ballots.

10:48 Chair announces that Tom Carr will receive the 34th district endorsement.

Seattle City Attorney

First Ballot:

Tom Carr: 112

Pete Holmes: 52

Total Ballots Voted: 164

Result: Tom Carr wins the endorsement

10:50 Chair announces results for Seattle City Mayor.

Seattle City Mayor First Vote:

Greg Nickels: 85

Jan Drago: 16

Mike McGinn: 31

Joe Mallahan: 30

James Donaldson: 1

Total ballots voted: 165

Results: Second Vote only Greg Nickels and Mike McGinn move forward

Chair asks the members vote on a yellow ballot

10:56 Chair makes an announcement about volunteer opportunities. Les Treall is given kudos for all his hard work. Chair asks everyone to help Les get out the vote! West Seattle Street Festival this

weekend, Jubilee Days in White Center, Vashon Strawberry Festival. Contact Les Treall for volunteer opportunities.

10:58 Chair recognizes member. Next Wednesday, July 15, kick off party for YES for Homes, Seattle Housing Levy Prop 1.

10:59 Seattle Position 6 results.

Seattle Position 6

First Ballot:

Nick Licata: 84

Marty Kaplan: 7

Jessie Israel: 60

Total ballots voted: 153

Result: Second ballot, with Nick Licata and Jessie Israel

11:03 Chair recognizes Dow Constantine. Chair moves to consider City of Seattle Referendum 1.

11:06 Chair announces results of the Seattle City Mayor's race.

Seattle City Mayor

Second Ballot:

Greg Nickels: 98

Mike McGinn: 53

Total Ballots Voted: 153

Results: Vote goes to third ballot

11:07 Chair opens the floor for Referendum 1

Yes (supporting the implementation of the \$0.20 fee) nominated and seconded

No nominated and seconded

Yes

Speaker for Ann Martin

Speaker against Peggy Abby

Speaker for Sharon Huling

Speaker against Cherisse Luxa

No

Speaker for Joann

Speaker against Chris Porter

Speaker for Miki Meahan

Speaker against Daniel – conceded time to Heather Smith

11:22 Membership votes on Referendum 1.

11:23 Chair announces that Seattle Position 6, no one got 2/3. It moves to a third ballot.

Seattle Position 6

Second Ballot:

Nick Licata: 71

Jessie Israel: 60

Total ballots voters: 132

Results: Third Ballot

11:25 Chair asks the membership to vote for the third ballot for Seattle City Mayor.

11:32 Chair announces result of Referendum 1. 34th will take no position.

Seattle Referendum 1

Yes: 83

No: 45

Total Ballots Voted: 129

Results: 34th takes no position.

11:34 Chair opens the floor for Burien Proposition 1.

Burien Proposition 1

Support nominated and seconded

Support

Speaker for Dow Constantine

Speaker against Sharon Maeda

Speaker for Stephen Lamphear

No speaker against

11:39 Chair asks that vote be taken by hand count. There is no objection. Motion on the floor is to support Proposition 1, vote for 66, against 4. Support of Proposition 1 passes. [Point of Order: *What is the quorum?* Answer: 20 PCOs.] Chair checks the number of PCOs in the room. There are more than 20 present.

11:43 Chair announces the results for:

Seattle City Mayor

Third Ballot

Dual Endorsement: 90

No Endorsement: 33

Total Ballot Voted: 124

Result: Dual Endorsement

Seattle Position 6

Third Ballot:

Dual endorsement: 91

No endorsement: 20

Total ballot voted: 111

Result: Dual Endorsement

11:44 Moved to endorsement Judge Anne Ellington. Joe McDermott speaks for the motion. No speakers against. Chair asks to go to a hand vote, no objection. Motion passes, by hand vote, 34th will support Judge Anne Ellington.

Chair recognizes Peggy; she nominates to support the Decline to Sign Campaign. There is a second. Chair asks for additional position. Peggy asks Joe McDermott to come forward and speak for the support of the Decline to Sign Referendum 71 campaign. No speaker against. Chair asks for a hand count. Support passes unanimously.

11:48 Chair recognizes Leslie Harris. She moves to support Charlie Moss for Seattle School Board. Betty Patu is nominated and seconded.

Charlie Moss

Speakers for Leslie Harris

No speaker against

Betty Patu

Speaker for Christi Stapleton

No speaker against

Hospitality passes out green ballots.

11:54 No more offices, positions or initiatives offered by the membership. The Seattle School Board race is that last race being considered.

11:57 The race for Seattle School board is ruled out of order, as the position does not cover any area of the 34th District. Chair asks a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourns.