



Monthly General Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2025, 7 PM – 8:30 PM

[Online via Zoom](#)

Meeting Announcement for Next Month: All General Meetings Are the Second Monday of Each Month at 7PM

WHAT TO EXPECT

Stay united, supportive, and kind.

If you see Democrats dividing against one another, ask them to unite against MAGA.

Stay on topic.

Be respectful of others' time and others' chance to talk.

If meeting by Zoom, all participants will be muted and raise hand to be recognized.

Members intending to offer action items are kindly asked to let the Chair know 48 hours in advance.

Efficient business meeting in first 60 minutes. Creative Chairs' Round Table in last 30 minutes.

Enjoy the meeting and help us ***get more people to vote for Democrats!***

AGENDA

66 Present: Tim Probst, Donna Sinclair, Matt Dittrich, Patricia O'Bannon, Heidi Steigmann, Leah Perkel, Hector Hinojosa, Bob Carroll, Emma Montague, Mike Pond, Steve Perkel, Terri Niles, LaDonna Kirkpatrick, Thea Zahn, Jess Durfee, Patrick Adigweme, Adrienne Mason, Benjamin Christly, Randy Knott, Henry Marion, Janet Landesberg, Eric LaBrant, Amber Kent, Donald Auguston, Jessica Smith, Bill Whipple, Julie Koepp, Richard Kolber, Susan Lee Schwartz, Carla Von Huben, Pete Aller, Don Steinke, Amanda, Catherine Black, John Latta, Judy Weber, Marsha Manning, Cathy Bender, Betty Sue Morris, Douglas Symes, Rich Rogers, Michele Wollert, Brent Hennrich, Sarazan & Annie, Jay & Mary Renaud, Ted Alby, Tricia Williamson, Bob Battey, Marge Davis, Amy Richards, Emily Borden, Richard Vollmer, Carol Hostetler, Mindy Haverland, Tom Donovan, Holly Hill, Mark Blessley, Lori Benton, Sara De La Fuentes, Barbara Pinkston, Laura Dubois, Ken Brown, Julie Goldbeck, Donna Hoff, Isaiah, Owen Thornhill

BUSINESS MEETING: Expect an efficient meeting to cover many updates and decisions quickly.

1. Call to order (Tim)
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance (Tim)
 - b. Land acknowledgment; review expectations (Patricia)
2. Approve this meeting's agenda and prior meetings' minutes (Donna)
 - Today's agenda with two additions from Tim.
 - Move Donna Sinclair 2nd Patricia O'Bannon Passed by unanimous voice vote
 - Prior meeting minutes
 - Moved Donna Sinclair 2nd LaDonna Kirkpatrick Passed by unanimous voice vote

3. Recognize elected officials and new guests (Matt)
 - a. New guests, please enter your name and email in the chat and we'll stay connected!
Charter Review Candidates:
 Patrick Adigweme District 1 Position 1 patrick@patrickforcharter.com
 Adrienne Mason District 1 Position 2 info@votemason.org
 Benjamin Christly District 3 Position 1
 Randy Knott District 5 Position 3
 Henry Marion District 3 Position 3
 Janet Landesberg District 3 Position 2
 Leah Perkel District 1 Position 3 leahperkel@leahperkel.com
 Eric LaBrant District 1 Position 3 labrantforcharter@gmail.com
 Amber Kent District 4 Position 1
4. Approve PCO Appointments (LaDonna)
 - a. Legislative District Chairs, please make sure all potential nominees have read our [Voter Contact Expectations Policy](#), which states:
"To help us all work toward victory as an organized team, every new PCO recruited will be invited to participate when seeking confirmation at the Clark County Democrats General Meetings. This helps to ensure we are all working together as a team toward the same goals."
New PCOs coming from 17th and 20th soon. Thanks to Indivisible for having district reps at your last meeting in order to recruit.
5. Update: Glen Yung and Matt Little joining with Michelle Belkott in disappointing county vote (Donna)

-3-2 vote for agricultural land review. Matt Little is currently committing to only the study, not to the de-designation of ag land.

- Note that the two sites that cities are asking for de-designation or conversion are a total of 535 acres of 35,000 acres total.

-Tomorrow: vote on mining overlay.
6. Review draft plan, press release, and letter: (Tim)
 - a. 60% plan
 - add bridge and rural broadband, simplify messaging around Medicare
 - Rural broadband funding: <https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/funding-programs/broadband-equity-access-and-deployment-bead-program> and <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/state-broadband-office-opens-application-for-1-2-billion-in-federal-funding/>
 - Please volunteer if you are willing to do the research to put together a leaflet or similar about the misinformation around the bridge dealings; go to "Interstate Bridge Replacement Program" on Facebook or "A Bridge to the Future Factsheet - July 2024"
 - county environmental review report from Don Steinke
 - finding common ground between rural/urban
 - b. Draft press release
 - c. Draft letter on economy and campaign finance
Send further thoughts to Tim: chair@clarkcountydems.com
7. Updates:
 - a. Ogden Dinner (LaDonna)

- Maria Cantwell has joined as a speaker, along with Ferguson, Pellicciotti, local electeds
 - b. Office (Donald)
 - Office temporarily closed due to neighboring building fire and subsequent power cut
 - 2,500 calls; made updates to 47% of those calls
 - If you would like to volunteer at our office, please email Donald Auguston
Donald.Auguston@outlook.com.
 - c. Candidate Recruitment (Marsha) clarkvotes.com
 - Recommendations do not come with money
 - 79 positions; 102 candidates in the general election; only 23 are competitive
 - 15 positions; 36 candidates in the charter review race—we need to win at least 10 out of 15 position
 - If you need help getting started, you may reach out to Marsha
 - Ferguson event on Monday, June 2, 5:15 Steinke's home (*complete information at the bottom of these minutes)
 - d. Forward Friday (Hector)
 - i. Monthly rotation order is 18th LD, 20th LD, 17th LD, 49th LD, then repeat
 - This month in the 49th; Jess Durfee is looking for the location
 - ii. DISCUSSION: Should we pause after May?
 - keep holding through the summer, no fundraisers, intended to be for members and newcomers, LD leaders introduce themselves, candidates encouraged to walk around and meet people, closer person with what's going on in the upcoming month
 - iii. Should we go to the same place each time?
 - Leave it up to the LD leader
 - e. General meeting on June 9 at 7pm will be in person! (Donna)
 - Unitarian Universalist Church, 4505 E 18th St Vancouver, WA 98661
 - East side parking for people who can easily walk; west side for people with walkers, wheelchairs, etc.
 - f. Treasurer (Patricia)
 - Candy Bonneville is training to take over.
 - g. State Committeepersons (Leah and Hector)
 - Hector-mostly not controversial; Zoom meeting option voted down; how to select how to select state delegates—specifically the wording around meeting Affirmative Action goals
 - Leah-approved a budget, delegate selection in 2026
 - Can we perhaps come up with some funding for the student delegates? Donate hotel points to delegates?
 - h. Community Liaisons (Deferred)
 - i. Election Observers Committee Chair (Vacant—need a volunteer)
 - Election Observer Training, <https://clark.wa.gov/elections/election-observer-training-september-16-2025>; Cathie Garber?
 - j. Volunteer and PCO Coordinator (Vacant—need a volunteer)
8. Announcements and good of the order
- Charter Review Candidates, I look forward to talking to all of you. nilesrnp@gmail.com (Terri Niles)

- Charter Review Candidates, you can contact me also, as another past Charter Review Commissioner. John Latta, jlatta@gmail.com .
- 18th LD general meeting is May 21 at 7pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church with Wil Fuentes <https://www.18thdems.org/calendar>
- Olympia Democratic Caucus is working on the Enhanced ID dilemma (Brent Hennrich)
- Mindy Haverland is interested in volunteering
- The Enhanced ID vs. the Real ID; WA Enhanced Driver's License counts as REAL ID, according to REAL ID | Washington State Department of Licensing
- This Saturday is the largest parade in SW WA, Hazel Dell Parade of Bands—come march with Mayor Anne!
- Sunday was supposed to be Sandra Zavala-Ortega kick-off for re-election for school board, but no challenger, so watch this space
- Holly Williams will be hosting a fundraiser for Patrick Adigweme, cohosted by Mike Pond
- Recognize the Indivisible protesters, KOIN 6 news covering today's protest (Ladonna Kirkpatrick)
- People eligible to vote at our general meetings based on PCO or membership status: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12cWbj6eSytwCVrEjCe9eivMeFVFQL4gY4wVBODa1PI4/edit?usp=sharing>. Please send me a private message at admin@clarkcountydems.com if I have left off a name. (Heidi Steigmann)

9. **8:00 CHAIRS' ROUNDTABLE:** Reports from the Legislative District Chairs and brainstorming with the members (Deferred)

10. Adjourned at 9:05

* From Don and Alona Steinke

To friends in Southwest Washington

Hello Everyone,

We're excited to invite you to a fundraiser to support Governor Bob Ferguson.

Mark your calendar for Monday, June 2, 2025 at 5:15pm at our home.

Join us to see Governor Ferguson, hear about his first legislative session, and have the opportunity to ask a question.

Event to Support Bob Ferguson

Monday, June 2nd

5:15 - 6:15pm

Address provided at least 48 hours before event

We support Bob Ferguson because he has a long record of working to protect the environment and democratic values.

If you are unable to attend, please consider a gift to Bob's campaign. Bob does not accept donations from large corporations or corporate PACs. He relies on us. You can click here to donate under 'Can't Attend'!

Link to RSVP or Donate: https://secure.actblue.com/donate/25ferguson6_2