Proposed Rules for the 46th District Democrats 2025 Reorganization Meeting

Section 1. Meeting Rules

The 46th District Democrats' Rules for Debate, Section 2 of the Standing Rules, shall be in effect for the reorganization meeting. However, if there is any conflict between these rules and the Standing Rules, then these rules take precedence.

Section 2. Nominations and Speeches

Section 2.1. Nominations Before Start of Meeting.

In accordance with the Standing Rules section 12, and as notified in emails sent to the members, candidates for elected officer positions must self-nominate by 11:59 pm on January 15th.

Section 2.2. Nominations Determine Ballot and Speech Order

Candidates shall appear on the ballot in the order they were nominated; and candidates may speak in the order that they were nominated.

Section 2.3. Same Candidate Nominated for Multiple Positions.

A candidate may self-nominate for more than one office, but may be elected to only one office. Any ballots cast for a candidate who has already won an election shall be treated as spoiled.

Section 2.4. Candidate Speeches.

Each candidate may address the meeting for up to two minutes to campaign for the position being sought. Candidates may yield all or part of their time to other speakers, including guests. If candidates plan to yield to other speakers, they should let meeting management know in advance who those speakers will be, so that the speakers can be unmuted and spotlighted before the timer starts.

The Chair may recognize a candidate for up to an additional 30 seconds to rebut a specific negative statement or ad hominem attack directed against that candidate.

Section 3. Elections

Section 3.1. Eligible Voters.

In accord with state law, Democratic Precinct Committee Officers ("PCOs") of the 46th legislative district who were elected in August 2024, including those elected by virtue of being

the only candidate to file in their precinct, and who still reside in that precinct, are eligible to vote for the following positions:

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- State Committee members (2)
- King County Democrats representatives (2)
  King County Democrats alternate representatives (2)

PCOs and paid members who still reside in the 46th legislative district are eligible to vote for all other officer positions:

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- District Executive Board Members-at-Large (9)

Section 3.2. Signed Ballots in Contested Races.

Each eligible voter shall receive by email at least 24 hours before the meeting a unique identification code. Voting in contested races shall be by electronic ballot, which shall be "signed" using that identification code.
Voting in uncontested races or on questions other than elections (e.g. voting to approve the agenda) may use participation icons or other non-balloted methods of voting.

Section 3.3. Simple Majority Required.

A candidate must receive a simple majority to win an election. If no candidate receives a simple majority and no candidate voluntarily withdraws, then a subsequent round of voting shall be held and each candidate who received less than 15% shall be dropped. If no candidates are eliminated by the above rule, then the candidate(s) receiving the fewest votes shall be dropped, unless doing so would lead to a round of voting with fewer than two candidates. If a final round of voting with two candidates ends in a tie, the tie shall be broken by coin toss or other random method.

Section 3.4. Gender Rules.

The election for both State Committee Members shall be conducted simultaneously, and the election for both King County Democrats (KCD) Representatives shall be conducted simultaneously.

In each of those elections, voters may vote for any two candidates having different gender self-identification. Ballots with votes for two candidates having the same gender self-identification shall be treated as spoiled.

If one State Committee Member or one KCD representative receives a majority on the first ballot, then the subsequent ballot(s) shall include only those candidates having a different gender self-identification than the elected candidate.

The elections for King County Democrats Alternates will also be conducted simultaneously, with voters voting for any two, regardless of gender.

Section 3.5. At-Large positions.

For the at-large positions, one ballot shall list all candidates; members may vote for up to nine. All candidates who achieve 50% + 1 votes on the first ballot are elected, the lowest vote getter will be dropped, and second ballot will be prepared with the remaining candidates who have not withdrawn. Members will then vote for a number of candidates equal to the remaining seats; this process will continue until the nine positions are filled.

In the event that there are only nine or fewer candidates, a motion is in order to separate one or more candidates for individual votes.