

Rules for 25th LD Democrats July 5th, 2021 Endorsement Meeting and Votes

1. Endorsement Questionnaire Viewing: Endorsement questionnaires will be posted to a private page on WA25Dems.org. General Members and PCOs will be given the address to this private page prior to the endorsement meeting. Recipients of this private page link will be asked not to share the link.
2. Access to the Endorsement Meeting: The link to access the online endorsement meeting (the Zoom meeting link) will be shared with General Members, PCOs, Candidates who are requesting endorsement and will be speaking at the meeting, and our list of local non-member Democrats.
3. Candidate Statement and Question Period: Candidates will make a statement no longer than 2 minutes and then take up to 3 questions from meeting attendees, with General Members and PCOs having preference for asking questions. Questions to be no longer than 15 seconds. Answers to be no longer than 1 minute. Total time per candidate to be 5 minutes.
4. Dismissal of Candidates and Campaign Teams from the Meeting: After all candidates have spoken the candidates will leave the meeting. Members of the candidates' campaign teams will also leave the meeting unless those team members are 25th LDD General Members or PCOs. There is no need for the candidates to return to the meeting as we have done with in person endorsement meetings when we tabulated the results of the endorsement votes during the meeting.
5. Discussion of Candidates Requesting Endorsement: The Elections Committee will lead discussions on each of the offices for which candidates are requesting endorsement after the candidates and non-member or PCO campaign team members leave the meeting. For each office to receive endorsement consideration the Election Committee's recommendation will be read to the meeting attendees and a short discussion will follow. General Members and PCOs can make statements no longer than 30 seconds each. Discussions on any one endorsement should not total more than 5 minutes. General Members and PCOs have preference during the comment periods. Campaign team members who have remained in the meeting because they are a 25th LDD General Member or PCO may not comment during the discussion for the endorsement for the office their candidate is seeking.
6. Voting Instructions: Instructions will be given for voting. The ranked choice voting ballot will be explained. The deadline to return voted ballots is midnight the night of Wednesday 7/7/21. Ballots will be emailed to General Members and PCOs after the close of the endorsement meeting.
7. Sharing of Elections Committee Written Endorsement Recommendations: The Elections Committee endorsement recommendations will be added to the private endorsement questionnaire page of WA25Dems.org after the endorsement meeting. The endorsement questionnaires and the committee's recommendations will be available on the private page of WA25Dems.org through the voting period that ends midnight the night of Wednesday July 7th, 2021.
8. Announcement of Endorsed Candidates: Announcement of 25th LDD endorsed candidates will be made within 3 days of the voting deadline.

25th LDD Bylaws regarding General Members and voting eligibility:

Section IV.B. Any person registered to vote within the 25th Legislative District of Washington may become a general member of the 25th LDD upon paying dues.

Section V.B. General members shall be eligible to vote thirty days after (a) joining the 25th LDD and (b) paying their dues and shall remain eligible to vote so long as they remain current in paying their dues.