

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Joint Meeting with San Juan County Council, Skagit County Board of Commissioners, and Whatcom County Council

SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 5, 2019

Skagit County Commissioners' Hearing Room, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA

02:31 PM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Skagit County Chair Janicki called the meeting to order at 2:31 PM. Present: Council Members Jamie Stephens, Rick Hughes and Bill Watson; County Manager Mike Thomas, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel; Skagit County Board of Commissioners Lisa Janicki, Ron Wesen and Kenneth Dahlstedt; Whatcom County Council Members Rud Browne, Barbara Brenner (telephonically), Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd (telephonically), Todd Donovan, Carol Frazey. Satpal Sidhu and interested members of the public.

Purpose: The purpose of the joint special meeting was to appoint a replacement to fill the 40th Legislative District State Senate position. The position was vacant due to the recent resignation of Senator Keven Ranker.

02:35 AM SELECTION OF CHAIR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Buchanan to nominate Ms. Janicki to Chair the joint meeting. VOTE: 13:0:0; MOTION CARRIED.

02:40 PM REVIEW PROCESS INCLUDING TABULATION

Chair Janicki provided background information regarding the purpose of the joint meeting and voting protocol. The three legislative bodies met in order to appoint one out of the three candidates nominated by the Washington State Democratic Central Committee. The Committee nominated Kris Lytton, Liz Lovelett, and Trevor Smith.

02:45 PM INTERVIEW OF NOMINEES

The nominees stated their qualifications for office, outlined their legislative priorities and answered a number of questions from Council Members/Commissioners.

03:25 PM DELIBERATION & ACTION

After deliberation, the Council Members/Commissioners took the following action:

MOVED by Mr. Dahlstedt, seconded by Mr. Wesen to appoint Liz Lovelett to the position of State Senator for the 40th Legislative District in the Washington State Senate and to approve the Joint Resolution. VOTE: 5.6:3.4:0 (Janicki, Buchanan, Donovan, Frazey, and Sidhu opposed; Brown and Brenner abstained); MOTION CARRIED.

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Presiding Judge Brian Stiles gave Ms. Lovelett the Oath of Office.

03:47 PM ADJOURN

San Juan Council Chair Stephens, Whatcom County Council Chair Browne, and Skagit County Chair Janicki adjourned the joint proceedings.

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These Minutes were approved and signed on February 12, 2019. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, Council Clerk.