

Timeline of Events

- **Prior to November 2016:** Various 37th LD residents apply to become PCOs and are appointed as such; many of these people are apparently under the mistaken impression that they will be guaranteed a vote in the event of a vacancy in the 37th LD Senate seat.
- **November 2016:** Out of respect for the upcoming reorganization (and the possibility that King County leadership might turn over), King County chooses to hold the 37th LD Senate appointment meeting *after* the King County Democrats reorganization, scheduling it for Monday, December 5th.
- **December 1, 2016:** All PCO terms end – at this point, the only PCOs in the 37th LD are the PCOs elected in August 2016; the candidate most affected by this was Jesse Wineberry, who had been recruiting PCOs but had not organized them to file for office.
- **December 4, 2016:** The King County Democrats hold their reorganization meeting; Bailey Stober is elected Chair, defeating incumbent Chair Rich Erwin; Bailey Stober decides to hold the 37th LD appointment meeting on the timeline chosen by Chair Erwin.
- **December 5, 2016:** Appointment meeting is held; Jesse Wineberry instructs his supporters not to vote for him as a protest over the scheduling dispute, and receives one vote; the elected PCOs choose 1) Rory O'Sullivan 2) Rebecca Saldana 3) Shasti Conrad (the King County Council will ultimately choose Rebecca Saldana as Senator)
- **December 2016:** Various lawsuits are filed by people associated with Jesse Wineberry, including one over the lack of a 37th LD membership meeting in December; none of these lawsuits end in a judgement.
- **January 9, 2017:** The 37th LD holds its reorganization meeting; Akilah Stewart is elected Chair; Jeanne Legault is reelected as 3rd Vice Chair and given responsibility over PCO recruitment; PCO appointments had been listed on the agenda, but new Chair Akilah Stewart adjourns the meeting before that item due to the lateness of the hour.
- **January to February 2017:** Jeanne Legault begins recruiting PCO applicants; a group lead by supporters of Jesse Wineberry organizes their own set of PCO applicants without coordinating with Jeanne Legault – there is no clear agreement on exactly when these PCO applications were submitted to Jeanne.
- **February 13, 2017:** The 37th LD holds its first regular membership meeting of the new biennium; Jeanne Legault presents her list of PCO applicants for consideration, and many are approved; PCO applications submitted by Jesse Wineberry's supporters are not voted upon; supporters of the delayed PCOs disrupt the meeting, forcing it to be adjourned with business pending.
- **February 16, 2017:** An article about the 2/13 meeting (including video) is published in the South Seattle Emerald; in the article, Jeanne Legault is quoted as explaining that she had not been given time to review the applications from the Wineberry supporters.

- **Late February 2017:** PCO applications approved at the 2/13 meeting are presented to King County Chair Bailey Stober for his acceptance; in response to the confusion, Bailey Stober chooses to not appoint those PCOs recommended by the 37th LD and instead calls on the 37th LD to reconsider all PCO applications; it is unclear how much of Bailey Stober's decision and actions were communicated to the Executive Board or membership of the 37th LD.
- **March 13, 2017:** The 37th LD holds its March meeting; Bailey Stober is invited to serve as chair of the meeting, and presides over consider of PCO applications; all present PCO applicants are invited to nominate themselves, and, in contested precincts, elections are held – this results in some people who were “elected” in February losing their seats to different PCOs; Bailey Stober appoints all PCOs approved by the 37th LD membership.

Analysis

1. The 37th LD vacancy appointment was held properly under state law and State Party rules.
2. Bailey Stober's decision to not appoint the PCOs recommended at the February meeting was a valid use of his appointment power as County Chair.
3. Bailey Stober's decision and the plans made by Bailey Stober and Akilah Stewart to hold a revote should have been better communicated to the Executive Board and membership of the 37th LD.
4. Any appointment of an ineligible PCO (due to voter registration status or registered address) is invalid.