

Boston Ward 5 Democrats
Meeting Date: October 17th, 2017
MINUTES

The regular and duly noticed October 17th meeting of the Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee was called to order at 7:07 by Chair Chris Donnelly (the "Chair").

Ross Levanto made a motion to approve the September 2017 minutes; seconded by Molly Hitt and approved unanimously.

The Chair gave a membership report. No one in attendance was eligible for associate membership or nomination.

The Chair recognized Katie Ford, who ran for Register of Deeds and won all precincts in Ward 5. She announced that she is running again in the next Register of Deeds race.

The Chair welcomed State Representative Jay Livingstone to the floor to give a legislative update. He spoke about the work he has been doing to protect the health care system in Massachusetts and not take health care away from the poorest residents in the state. He spoke about criminal justice reform and what the state is doing to address racial disparities. He also spoke about how municipalities in Boston are making efforts to regulate Air BNB. Finally, he answered a few questions from the Committee.

The Chair reviewed the voting process for the endorsement vote of a candidate for City Councilor.

The Chair welcomed candidate Kristen Mobilia to the floor. She spoke about her connection to the city and her work in the community with her neighbors. She spoke about her background in Human Resources and Finance. She spoke about her goals for Boston, including building affordable housing, creating accessibility in Boston, and bolstering public education. Finally, Kristen took questions from the Committee.

The Chair welcomed City Councilor Josh Zakim to the floor. He spoke about his Civil Rights committee. He spoke about legislation he is filing for more voter access at public places, such as libraries and public schools. He spoke about his work as Chair of the Housing Committee and his work to fund more affordable housing. Finally, Josh answered questions from the Committee about issues such as climate change and community engagement.

The Chair opened the floor to nominations for City Councilor.

Kate Gallivan nominated Josh Zakim; seconded by Jay Livingstone.

Jess Sullivan nominated Kristen Mobilia; seconded by Ross Levanto.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion among members.

Ross Levanto moved to close the discussion; seconded by Pat McDonough and approved unanimously.

The Secretary conducted the endorsement vote.

22 votes were cast; the Ward 5 Committee endorsed Josh Zakim for City Councilor with 21 votes.

The Chair opened the floor to announcements from Committee members.

Ross Levanto made a motion to adjourn the October 17th meeting of the Boston Ward 5 Democrats. The motion was seconded by Molly Hitt and passed unanimously.