

Boston Ward 5 Democrats
Meeting Date: March 20, 2018
MINUTES

The regular and duly noticed March meeting of the Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee was called to order by Chair Kenzie Bok (the “Chair”).

The Chair recognized Quentin Palfrey, candidate for Lieutenant Governor. Quentin spoke about his fight against poverty as a driving factor for his campaign, as well as his time at the Attorney General’s office and work with President Obama. He spoke about his desire to raise the minimum wage, tackle the opioid epidemic and climate change, among other things. He clarified the role of Lieutenant Governor and the office’s ability to address criminal justice reform. Quentin answered questions from the Committee Members.

The Chair recognized Rachel Rollins, candidate for Suffolk County District Attorney. Rachel introduced herself, explained the role of the DA, and the relationship between the DA’s office and the Boston Police Department.

Sharon Durkan moved to approve the minutes as amended, Diane Barry seconded. Approved unanimously.

Membership Matters. Coleman Lynds was eligible for nomination to become an Associate Member. Molly Hitt moved to nominate Coleman, which Kathy Judge seconded. Approved unanimously. The Chair noted that there are 31 current Elected Members.

In order to hold elections for Committee Officers, the Chair noted the need to elevate Diane Barry and Bob Binney, both candidates for officer positions, to Elected Member status. Liam Holland moved to elevate Bob Binney, which Sharon Durkan seconded. Bob Binney was elevated to Elected Member status by unanimous approval. Gretchen Bennett moved to elevate Diane Barry, which Molly Hitt seconded. Diane Barry was elevated to Elected Member status by unanimous approval.

The Chair recognized Sharon Durkan, First Vice Chair, for the election of the Chair. Diane Barry nominated Kenzie Bok, which Kathy Judge seconded. Rob Whitney moved to close nominations, which Molly Hitt seconded, and the committee approved unanimously. Kate Gallivan moved to elect Kenzie Bok Chair, which Gretchen Bennett seconded. Kenzie Bok was elected Chair by unanimous approval..

Andrea Burns moved to open nominations for First Vice Chair, which Diane Barry seconded. Andrea Burns nominated Sharon Durkan, which Kathy Judge seconded. Diane Barry moved to close nominations, which Kate Gallivan seconded. Rob Whitney made a motion to elect Sharon Durkan by acclamation, which was seconded by Molly Hitt. Sharon Durkan was elected First Vice Chair.

Gretchen Bennett moved to open nominations for Secretary, which Dan Lyons seconded. Kathy Judged nominated Anthony Lombardi, which was seconded by Andrea Burns. Diane Barry nominated herself, which Sharon Durkan seconded. Kate Gallivan moved to close nominations, which Gretchen Bennett seconded. The Chair invited both candidates to speak briefly to introduce themselves. Rob Whitney moved to table discussion of the Secretary election for the election of Second Vice Chair, which Molly Hitt seconded, and the committee approved unanimously.

Liam Holland moved to open the nominations for Second Vice Chair, which Molly Hitt seconded. Diane Barry nominated Anthony Lombardi, which Sharon Durkan seconded. Diane Barry moved to close nominations, which Rob Whitney seconded. Rob Whitney moved to elect Anthony Lombardi by acclamation, which Gretchen Bennett seconded and the committee approved unanimously. Anthony Lombardi was elected Second Vice Chair.

Rob Whitney moved to open the Secretary election, which Kate Gallivan seconded. Molly Hitt moved to elect Diane Barry by acclamation, which Rob Whitney seconded. Diane Barry was elected Secretary by acclamation.

Rob Whitney moved to open the nominations for Treasurer, which Diane Barry seconded. Diane Barry moved to nominate Bob Binney, which Kathy Judge seconded. Diane Barry moved to close the nominations which Andrea Burns seconded. The chair invited Bob Binney to speak briefly and introduce himself. Diane Barry moved to elect Bob Binney by acclamation, which Molly Hitt seconded. Bob Binney was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Rob Whitney moved to open nominations for the Executive Committee Members, which Sharon Hocu¹ seconded. Jay Livingstone nominated Kathy Judge, Ross Levanto, Pat Amend, and Andrea Burns, which Rob Whitney seconded. Diane Barry moved to close nominations, seconded by Gretchen Bennet. Molly Hitt moved to elect the Executive Committee by acclamation, which was seconded by Kate Gallivan. Kathy Judge, Ross Levanto, Pat Amend, and Andrea Burns were elected by acclamation.

The Chair then spoke briefly about the Ward Committee's agenda for 2018, and about the need for volunteers to spearhead a new Campaign Committee initiative.

The Chair recognized John Gabrieli to discuss the House Sexual Assault bill. John spoke of the push for Massachusetts to codify federal guidelines set in place in 2014, and to create a campus sexual assault climate survey. John spoke about a rally that would be held in April at the statehouse.

Sharon Hocu moved to close the meeting, which Diane Barry seconded, and the Committee approved unanimously.

¹ Kenzie – my notes have “SH” as the seconder, but I don't see Sharon on the sign in sheet. Do you remember whether she was in attendance?

Attendance:²

Members	Guests
Kenzie Bok	Aaron Dy
Anthony Lombardi	Amaury Dujardin
Molly Hitt	Coleman Lynds
Diane Barry	Tim Havel
Hilary Bacon Gabrieli	John Gabrieli
Kathy Judge	Lucy Rivera
Bob Binney	Rachel Rollins
Sharon Durkan	Dan Smith
Andrea Burns	Olivia Cifrino
Dan Lyons	Sandra Singer
Rajan Nanda	Danny Clanton
Liam Holland	Robson D. Biang [sic]
Rob Whitney	
Gretchen Bennett	
Michael George	
Pat Amend	
Jim Berkman	
Kristen Mobilia	
Kate Gallivan	
Grace Zakim	
Gretchen Bennett	
David Xiao	
Matt Maddalo	
Sharon Hocol	
Jay Livingstone	

² Kenzie – I pulled in everyone that signed in, but I feel like this list is underinclusive. Do you remember anyone that may have been left out? Perhaps we should try to put a better system for signing in in place: this month had a lot of guests that didn't sign in legibly or in the correct spots, and I have a feeling that a lot of Members are ignoring our requests for signing in.