

## **Boston Ward 5 Democrats - April 16, 2019**

The regular and duly noticed April meeting of the Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee was called to order by First Vice Chair Sharon Durkan (the Vice Chair).

### **Ward Business**

#### **Minutes**

Helen Cox moved that we accept the March Minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Adrienne Zak 2nd. The motions passed and the minutes were approved as submitted.

#### **Membership**

Gretchen Bennett nominated Landon Lemoine for associate membership in the Ward 5 committee, which was seconded by Kate Gallivan. Landon will be eligible for a membership vote at the next regular monthly meeting he attends.

#### **Election for Chair of the Ward 5 Democratic Committee**

Sharon Durkan turned the running of the election over to Secretary Diane Barry and Treasurer Bob Binney.

Gretchen Bennett moved to open the floor for chair nominations, which motion was seconded by Jay Livingstone. Motion passed.

Jay Livingstone nominated Sharon Durkan for the position of Chair, which motion was seconded by Gretchen Durkan. Motion passed.

Josh Zakim moved to close nominations, which motion was seconded by Adrienne Zak. Motion passed.

Diane Barry moved that we take the vote as a roll call vote, which motion was seconded by Hilary Bacon Gabrieli. Motion passed.

YES votes

Sharon Hucul

Jay Livingstone

Josh Zakim

Bob Binney

Sharon Kurkan

Michael George

Kenzie Bok

Molly Hitt

Kate Gallivan

Diane Barry

Kate Judge

Pat Amend  
Dan Lyon  
Suzanne Comtois  
Hilary Bacon Gabrieli

There were no abstentions or NAY votes.

Sharon Durkan is elected as Chair, and took over the running of the meeting from Diane Barry and Bob Binney.

### **Ward 5 Caucus**

Our Caucus is May 11, and the State Democratic Convention is Sept 11.

We will email the members and friends email list regarding date, time, place, and the proposed Ward 5 slate.

Gretchen Bennett, Molly Hitt, and Bob Binney spoke about their experiences attending convention

#### *Women's Slate*

Molly Hitt  
Gretchen Bennett  
Enid Pope  
Hilary Bacon Gabrieli  
Pat Amend  
Diane Barry  
Olivia Cifrino  
Kate Gallivan

#### *Men's Slate*

Jason Ewas  
Bob Binney  
Dan Smith  
John Steivs  
Greg Maynard

The Chair will send out an email to the friends and members asking if anyone else would like to be on the Ward 5 slate.

### **Report on the upcoming May and June City Council Election events**

Diane Barry and Hilary Bacon-Gabrieli gave an update on the two events Ward 5 is planning with Ward 4. Both of these events have been designated by the Secretary as meeting equivalent events. Attendance at these events will be counted as meeting attendance. There will be no monthly meeting in either May or June, just these events which are each scheduled for a nights when we would ordinarily have been holding the Ward monthly meeting. (Third

Tuesday of the month.)

May 21: A Community Discussion with the Candidates for Boston City Council District 8. Site: Berkeley College of Music. Doors open at 6 pm; event starts at 6:30 pm. Tickets are currently available at Eventbrite. We will post a link on Facebook.

June 18: A Community Discussion with Candidates for Boston City Council Councilor-At-Large. Site: the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology. Doors open at 6 pm; event starts at 6:30 pm. The Eventbrite will be up by the end of the month. We will email the members and friends of Ward 5 email list to let you know when Eventbrite tickets are available.

For both events, the Ward will meet immediately after the public session to take an endorsement vote. There will be no additional discussion after the public session, just a vote. If you have questions for the candidates, please email the ward gmail box and we will provide them to the moderator. There will also be cards to fill out for the moderator on the night of each event.

Diane and Hilary asked for at least three volunteers for each event. Volunteers will need to arrive by 5:45 to help set up for the event. The volunteers are:

Bob Binney  
Jason Ewas  
Pat Amend  
Kate Gallivan  
Gretchen Bennett  
Kathy Judge  
Diane Barry  
Hilary Bacon Gabrieli

We will email with the volunteers to work out who would like to staff which event(s).

### **Treasurer's Report**

Bob Binney presented a report on the Ward's finances, and explained our basic expenses, and the fact that we have a four year cycle for expenditures.

### **Ward 5 Website**

Pat Amend, the ward's web administrator, gave a report on the updates being made to the website.

### **Adjourn**

Gretchen Bennett move to adjourn the April meeting, which motion was seconded by Molly Hitt. Motion passed.

## **Attendance**

### **Members**

Pat Amend  
Diane Barry  
Gretchen Bennett  
Jim Berkman  
Bob Binney  
Kenzie Bok  
Alex Bok  
Olivia Cifrino  
Jeremy Cushman  
Sharon Durkan  
Jason Ewas  
Kate Gallivan  
Mike George  
Sharon Hucul  
Kathy Judge  
Daniel Lyon  
Matt Maddalo  
Kristen Mobilia  
Rajan Nanda  
Enid Pope  
Dan Smith  
Jon Spillane  
Helene Vincent  
Adrienne Zak

### **Guests**

Brady Baca  
Natalie Heer  
Landon Lemoine  
Alice Lin  
Andrew Pullman  
Lucy Rivera  
Min Jean-Sicaro  
Sandra Singer  
John Steies