

Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee
Regular Meeting - July 16, 2019

The regular and duly noticed July meeting of the Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee was called to order by the Chair Sharon Durkan (the Chair). The Chair noted the presence of a quorum sufficient for all purposes - 19 voting members present.

Ward Business

By-Laws Committee

The Chair tasked the By-Laws Committee with looking at the quorum provisions in the By-Laws and reporting back regarding any proposed changes or clarifications. The Chair appointed Diane to the By-Laws Committee.

Approval of Minutes

Rob Whitney moved that we approve the February meeting minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Rajan Nanda. Motion passed.

Molly Hitt noted that she had attended the April regular meeting, but was not listed as having attended in the April meeting minutes, and moved that she be added to the list of members attending, which motion was seconded by Alex Bok. Motion passed. Rob Whitney moved that we approve the April meeting minutes as amended, which motion was seconded by Kathy Judge. Motion passed.

Membership

Alex Bok moved that Greg Maynard be nominated for membership, which motion was seconded by Jon Spillane. Motion passed.

Diane Barry moved that Kerry Richards be nominated for membership, which motion was seconded by Gretchen Bennett. Motion passed.

Election of First Vice Chair

Michael Pizziferri moved that we nominated Coleman Lynds for the position of First Vice Chair, which nomination was seconded by Kathy Judge.

Rob Whitney moved that we table nominations for First Vice Chair, which motion was seconded by Gretchen Bennett. Motion passed.

Gretchen Bennett moved that we elect Coleman Lynds to the status of an Elected Member from his current status of Associate Member, which motion was seconded by Molly Hitt. Motion passed.

Diane Barry moved that we take up from the table nominations for First Vice Chair, which motion was seconded by Natalie Heer.

Diane Barry moved that we close nominations for First Vice Chair, which motion was seconded by Kate Gallivan. Motion passed.

Jay Livingston moved that we conduct the vote for First Vice Chair Motion by acclamation, which motion was seconded by Natalie Heer. Motion passed.

Coleman Lynds was elected to the position of First Vice Chair by acclamation vote.

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Election of 2nd Vice Chair

Rpb Whitney moved that we table the election for 2nd Vice Chair, and conduct it later in the meeting, which motion was seconded by Kate Gallivan. Motion passed.

Executive Committee Position

Rob Whitney moved that we open nominations for the Executive Committee position, which motion was seconded by Michael Pizziferri. Motion passed.

Kathy Judge nominate Gretchen Bennett for the open position on the Executive Committee, which motion was seconded by Diane Barry. Motion passed.

Rob Whitney moved that we close nominations for the open position on the Executive Committee, which motion was seconded by Adrienne Zak. Motion passed.

Diane Barry moved that we conduct this vote by acclamation, which motion was seconded by Rob Whitney. Motion passed.

Gretchen Bennett was elected to the Executive Committee by acclamation vote.

Election of 2nd Vice Chair

Gretchen Bennett moved that we take up the election for the position of 2nd Vice Chair from the table, which motion was seconded by Diane Barry. Motion passed.

Kate Gallivan nominated Pat Amend for the position of 2nd Vice Chair, which motion was seconded by Helen Cox.

Rob Whitney moved that we close nominations, which motion was seconded by Kathy Judge. Motion passed.

Rajan Nanda moved that we vote by acclamation, which motion was seconded by Kate Gallivan. Motion passed.

Announcements

The MA State Democratic Convention is on Saturday, September 14. Delegates have until August 9 to pay our fees. The Chair will send an email to the delegates with the link to pay online.

Aug 9 is the next Executive Committee meeting, 6-7 pm at Hilary Bacon Gabrieli's home. Executive Committee meetings are open to all members, but only Executive Committee members can vote on EC business.

There will be no regular meeting in August. Our next regular meeting will be on September 17, which is one week before the preliminary election!

Rob Whitney noted that the Beacon Hill Civic Association will be holding a forum on Sept 4 at Suffolk Law School for the candidates for Boston City Councilor for District 8.

Bob Blinney: Treasurer's report in your packet

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Notice to the Committee: There will be an election for an additional open position on the Executive Council Notice at the September meeting.

Committee Support for Ayanna Pressley

Alex Bok moved that we discuss what the Ward Committee could do to support Ayanna Pressley, which motion was seconded by Gretchen Bennett. Motion passed.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Chair, with support from the Executive Committee and Ward Officers would draft a letter of support from the Ward, and post it to the Ward website, and make a broad release of the letter.

Rajan Nanda moved that the Chair and Executive Committee draft a letter of Support of Rep. Pressley and disseminate it broadly, which motion was seconded by Diane Barry. Motion passed.

Rob Whitney moved that we end this discussion, which motion was passed by Kate Gallivan. Motion passed.

Endorsement of Candidates for City Councilors-at-Large

The Chair noted the presence of 27 members: a quorum is present.

Calculation of voting requirements

An endorsement vote requires a vote of 2/3 of members present and voting.

Enid Pope left the meeting during discussions and prior to voting - 26 members present.

One member announced that they would be "silent" in the voting.

Number of members present and voting: 25.

$$2/3 \times 25 = 16.6666666$$

A candidate must receive at least 17 votes in order to achieve endorsement.

The Chair will tally and announced election results.

Michael Pizziferri moved to open nominations, which motion was seconded by Helen Cox. Motion passed.

Coleman Lynds moved that we nominate the list of candidates, which motion was seconded by Rob Whitney. Motion passed.

Discussion of candidates by members.

Jon Spillane moved that we close nominations, which motion was seconded by Coleman Lynds. Motion passed.

Diane Barry moved to call for the question, which motion was seconded by Rob Whitney. Motion passed.

A vote was conducted by roll call of members present, and the chair calculated the votes and results.

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Results: the following candidates are endorsed by the Ward 5 Democratic Committee: Anissa Essaibi-George, Michelle Wu, Michael Flaherty, and Alejandra St. Guillen.

Adjournment

Gretchen Bennett moved that we close the meeting, which motion was seconded by Kathy Judge. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Attendance

Members

Pat Amend
Diane Barry
Hilary Bacon Gabrieli
Gretchen Bennett
Robert Binney
Alex Bok
Olivia Cifrino
Suzanne Comtois
Helen Cox
Jeremy Cushman
Sharon Durkan
Kate Gallivan
Mike George
Natalie Heer
Molly Hitt
Sharon Hucul
Katherine Judge
Landon Lemoine
Jay Livingstone
Coleman Lynds
Kristen Mobilia
Rajan Nanda
Michael Pizziferri
Jon Spillane
John Steies
Rob Whitney
Adrienne Zak

Guests

Mia Jean-Sicarro
Gregory Maynard
Kerry Richards
Sandra Singer