

Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee August 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Due to the declared State of Emergency, and upon the advice of the State Democratic Party, this monthly meeting of the Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee was held online via Zoom.

Sharon Durkan (The Chair) called the August meeting to order.

Approval of July Minutes

Alex Bok moved that we accept the July minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Molly Hitt. Motion passed and the minutes are now final.

Bob Binney – Treasurer’s Report

Bob Binney reported that there are no real changes since our last meeting. We have a balance of approximately \$3905, and he has e-filed the required Ward 5 Report with the Office of Campaign and Political Finance.

Governor’s Council District 6 – Endorsement Consideration

Current member of the council Terrence Kennedy addressed the Committee. He discussed what the Governor’s Council does and how it functions to approve the appointment of judges and other officials. The Governor’s Council also approves commutations and pardons. Ward 5 has endorsed Mr. Kennedy each time he’s run, and he thanked the Committee for our support in the past. He discussed the differences in his own qualifications and those of his opponent, and asked for our endorsement.

Diane Barry moved that we open the floor for discussion of endorsement for the Governor’s Council District 6, which motion was seconded by Jay Livingstone. Discussion followed.

Alex Bok moved that we close discussion, which motion was seconded by Molly Hitt. Motion passed.

Diane Barry moved we open the floor for nominations, which motion was seconded by Natalie Heer. Motion passed.

Jay Livingstone nominated Terry Kennedy for endorsement, which nomination was seconded by Kathy Judge. Helene Vincent nominated Helena Fontes, which nomination was seconded by Diane Barry.

Kathy Judge moved that we close nominations which motion was seconded by Jay Livingstone. The Chair called the question, and polled the members present. The vote was sufficient for endorsement.

Terence Kennedy is endorsed by the Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee.

Suffolk County Register of Probate

Felix Arroyo is running for re-election as Suffolk County Register of Probate. Mr. Arroyo explained his work and successes in diversification of the staff at the County Register's Office. He's asking for our support and endorsement. Mr. Arroyo took questions from the Committee.

Candidate Kerby Robertson addressed the Committee next, and discussed the changes he would like to make in the Office of the County Register by increasing diversity in ways not currently being addressed, and expanding the free services offered by the office and remedy some of the administrative criticisms that have been leveled at the office. Mr. Robertson took questions from the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion.

Jeremy Cushman moved that we vote by acclamation not to endorse a candidate in this race, which motion was seconded by Natalie Heer. The Chair called the question. The motion not to endorse passed by acclamation vote. The Committee will not endorse in this primary race.

Campaign Activities Discussion

The Chair discussed the phone banks we've been running for Robbie Goldstein and Ed Markey. Please sign up! If members would like to do in person things, the Ward would support those activities with materials – contact the Chair. If anyone would like to do poll dressing, the Ward will drop off materials – contact the Chair.

Announcements

The Chair spoke about the need to steady ourselves during the pandemic, and find ways to support Democrats and Democratic issues,

such as supporting ways for everyone to vote in the November election. The Chair challenged us to find ways to do those things from where we are right now. The Chair let us know that Ward 5 will be sharing opportunities through our email list, to amplify what others are doing. The Chair suggested that we consider ways to dedicate ourselves to anti-racism, and suggested the book *So You Want To Talk About Race*.

Motion to Adjourn

Diane Barry moved that we adjourn the meeting, a motion that was seconded by Bob Binney. Motion passed.

<u>Members</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Pat Amend	
Hillary Bacon-Gabrieli	
Diane Barry	
Bob Binney	
Alex Bok	
Lauren Brody	
David Crossman	Sandra Singer
Jeremy Cushman	Ed White
Sharon Durkan	Jim Berkman
Kate Gallivan	Terence Kennedy
Natalie Heer	Ledmun Ordee
Molly Hitt	Kervy Robertson
Sharon Hucul	Suzanne
Kathy Judge	Christina Pierce
Cindy Korb	Dr. Peggy Mentor
Landon Lemoine	Gabrielle Bercy
Jay Livingstone	H.M. Owens
Julie Livingstone	
Kristen Mobilia	
Lucy Rivera	
Susan Smith	
Helene Vincent	
David Xiao	
Adrienne Zak	