

Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee January 19, 2021 Meeting

Due to the declared State of Emergency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 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 meeting to order.

The Chair addressed the gathered committee members and friends regarding the fine work done by groups across the nation, including Ward 5 Democrats, to turn Georgia blue and elect two Democratic Senators from that state. Sharon will send out links to attend the online inauguration events tomorrow. We also need to recommit ourselves to this work for the next 4 years. There is a lot of work to be done to remediate the damage done over the last 4 years. The Biden administration will need state and local partners. We also have upcoming mayoral and Boston City Council elections coming up. There's much work to do.

Jay Livingstone – State House Report

Jay spoke to the Committee about bills passed, and other work by our state legislators during the recent legislative session that closed out at the end of the year, including the Roe Act. He then took questions from the Committee members and friends.

John Gabrieli – Every Voice Coalition

John spoke about the Campus Sexual Violence Act that passed in the recent legislative session, to prevent sexual violence on college campuses and support survivors. For him, this represents the successful conclusion of a 6-year journey. Despite two failures to secure passage in earlier legislative sessions, the bill finally made it through, and was a stronger bill than they had first planned. John found the process to be an empowering experience. The MA Coalition is now working with other campuses and groups in other states. If anyone is interested in helping with this work, get in touch with John or the Chair.

Kenzie Bok – Municipal Matters

Kenzie spoke to the Committee members and friends regarding matters coming up for the Boston City Council. The State passed Boston's bill on home rule! These will affect the upcoming Special Election for Mayor of the City of Boston, as Mayor Walsh will be leaving to become the U.S. Secretary of Labor. City Council President Kim Janey will become Mayor—the first woman to be mayor of Boston, as well as the first African American. There are practical matters, expense reasons, and issues associated with the pandemic, for doing away with the Special Election this year. AND, the City needs a budget; AND the City needs to do planning around exiting the pandemic. There's a discussion about changing the way that the city does snow removal.

Approval of Minutes

Coleman Lynds moved to approve the November minutes as presented, a motion seconded by Pat Amend. Motion passed. Minutes are approved.

Treasurer’s Report

Bob Binney gave his report as Treasurer. Ward 5 Democrats filed our OCPF report just before the election. We have just over \$4,700 on hand going in to the new election season. The holiday party was a great success, with over 40 attendees and we raised over \$800. Reminder: the By-Laws say that dues must be paid by the third meeting of the year in March.

Diane Barry moved that we adjourn the meeting, a motion seconded by Helen Cox. Motion passed. Meeting is adjourned.

<u>Members</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Pat Amend	
Hillary Bacon-Gabrieli	
Diane Barry	
Bob Binney	
Alex Bok	
Kenzie Bok	
Olivia Cifrino	
Suzanne Comtois	
Helen Cox	
Dave Crossman	
Jeremy Cushman	
Sharon Durkan	
Jason Ewas	Sandra Singer
Kate Gallivan	John Gabrieli
Natalie Heer	Abigail Gabrieli
Molly Hitt	Shari Franzetta
Sharon Hucul	Councilor Anissa Esaibi-George
Kathy Judge	Vincent
Cindy Korb	
Landon Lemoine	
Jay Livingstone	
Julie Livingstone	
Coleman Lynds	
Dan Lyon Patrick McDonough	
Kristen Mobilia	
Michael Pizziferri	
Dan Smith	
Sue Smith	
Adrienne Zak	
David Xiao	

