

## **Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee**

### **January 18, 2022 Meeting**

*Due to the declared Health 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 November meeting to order and noted the presence of a quorum.

*The Chair announced our Caucus date: February 12, 2022. Please contact the Chair if you'd like to be a delegate; please plan to attend the caucus to support our slate.*

#### **Membership Matters**

Motion by the Chair to nominate Veronica Martinez as an associate member, which motion was seconded by Jay Livingston. Shari addressed the Committee.

Nancy Street – next meeting will be meeting #3. She'll qualify for nomination to membership at the next meeting she attends.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Bob Binney filed our year-end financial report. We have a bank balance of \$6,458.28 after accounting for the holiday party. This is the highest balance we've ever had. This is Bob's last Treasurer's Report as he moves on to his new role as First Vice Chair.

#### **Candidate for Lt Governor – Senator Eric Lessor**

The Chair introduced Senator Lessor. Senator Lessor addressed the Committee to explain why he is running for Lt. Governor; how he views the role of Lt. Governor, and what his priorities would be. Senator Lessor then addressed questions from the Committee.

#### **Candidate for Governor – Danielle Allen**

The Chair introduced Ms. Allen. Ms. Allen addressed the Committee to explain why she gave up her job as a Harvard Professor to run for Governor, her vision for how she will lead from the Governor's office. Ms. Allen then addressed questions from the Committee

#### **Candidate for Attorney General – Quentin Palfrey**

The Chair introduced Quentin Palfrey. Mr. Palfrey intends to run for AG if Maura Healey decides to run for Governor. Quentin addressed the Committee to explain why he wants to run for Attorney General. He then addressed questions from the Committee.

#### **Approval of the Minutes**

Helen Cox moved that we accept the November minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Pat McDonough. Motion passed; the Minutes are approved

## **Ward 5 Democratic Committee Officer Elections**

### **Election for Treasurer**

Rob Whitney moved that we open nomination for the position of Treasurer, which motion was seconded by Diane Barry. Motion passed.

Hilary Bacon Gabrieli moved that we open nominations, which motion was seconded by Diane Barry. Motion passed.

Hilary Bacon Gabrieli nominated Rob Whitney for the position of Treasurer, which motion was seconded by Helen Cox.

Kenzie Bok moved to close nominations, which motion was seconded by Pat Amend.

Kenzie Bok moved to vote by acclamation, which motion was seconded by Helen Cox. Motion passed.

The Chair took an acclamation vote. Rob Whitney was unanimously elected as Treasurer by acclamation vote.

### **Election for Executive Committee**

Diane Barry moved that we open nominations for the open Executive Committee position, which motion was seconded by Helen Cox. Motion passed. The Chair nominated Susan Smith, which nomination was seconded by Pat Amend. Diane Barry moved to table nominations while we take up a membership matter, which motion was seconded by Helen Cox. Motion passed.

Bob Binney moved that we make Susan Smith an elected member of the Committee, which motion was seconded by Rob Whitney. Motion passed. Susan Smith is now an elected member of the Committee.

Susan addressed the Committee.

Kenzie Bok moved that we take up Susan Smith's nomination from the table, which motion was seconded by Jay Livingstone. Motion passed.

Rob Whitney moved to close nominations, which motion was seconded by Pat Amend. Motion passed.

Diane Barry moved that we vote by acclamation, which motion was seconded by Helen Cox. Motion passed. The Chair took a vote and Susan Smith was elected by acclamation.

## **Candidate for Office of the State Auditor – Chris Dempsey**

The Chair introduced Chris Dempsey. Mr. Dempsey addressed the Committee to explain why he is running for the office of State Auditor and his vision for the office. Mr. Dempsey then addressed questions from the Committee

## **Endorsement Consideration – Fair Share Amendment**

Diane Barry moved that we consider the Fair Share Amendment for endorsement by the Committee, which motion was seconded by Pat Amend. Motion passed. The floor opened for discussion by the Committee and discussion ensued. Diane Barry moved that we take a voice vote to see if the Committee would like to take an endorsement vote tonight, which motion was seconded by Alex Bok. The Chair took a voice vote, which passed. Diane Barry moved that the Committee vote to endorse the Fair Share Amendment, which motion was seconded by Alex Bok. Motion passed. The Chair then took a roll call vote on endorsement. The vote was

unanimous in favor of endorsement. The Fair Share Amendment is endorsed by the Ward 5 Democratic Committee.

### **Upcoming Ward 5 Caucus**

We will be having our Zoom caucus on February 12, 2022. The Chair discussed how the caucus works, and how many delegate positions we must fill. The Convention is June 3 and June 4. To be a delegate you must commit to being available for both days. The Chair took the names of volunteers who would like to stand for election as delegates at the caucus.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Diane Barry moved to adjourn, which motion was seconded by Pat Amend. Motion passed and meeting adjourned. Motion passed; meeting is adjourned.

#### Attendance

<b>Members</b>	<b>Guests</b>
Pat Amend Hilary Bacon Gabrieli Diane Barry Gretchen Bennett Bob Binney Alex Bok Kenzie Bok Suzanne Comtois Helen Cox David Crossman Sharon Durkan Shari Franzetta Abigail Gabrieli Kathleen Gallivan Molly Hitt Cynthia Korb Jay Livingstone Julie Livingstone Pat McDonough Kristen Mobilia Susan Smith Rob Whitney	Anthony Baez (guest) Ian H Michael Baick Veronica Martinez Nancy Street Chris Westfall (guest) Sandra Singer Mark Mantell Cassidy Trablicity (guest)