

Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee

November 16, 2021 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 thanked all the Ward members who worked on the election, and for our endorsed candidates!

Membership Matters

The Committee discussed the possibility of having an in-person meeting in January, and the possibility of having our Holiday Party in person. The Holiday Party will be on December 21.

Ward Committee Officer Elections

The Chair announced that we will need to hold an election for Treasurer and reviewed the qualifications for the position from the By-Laws. Bob Binney described the duties from his personal experience in the position. Gretchen Bennett is willing to serve if no other members are interested. Diane Barry moved that we put this election off until the Ward 5 meeting on January 18, 2022, which motion was seconded by Gretchen Bennett. Motion passed.

Landon Lemoine is moving outside of Ward 5 so we will need to hold an election for his spot on the Executive Committee. This election will also be held at the Ward 5 meeting on January 18.

Special Senate Race – Endorsement Consideration

Senator Joe Boncore's district is being redrawn, and even more of it will be in Ward 5. There will be a primary, and then a special election in January. We heard from the two candidates last time: Anthony Ambrosio, and Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards. The Committee discussed the candidates and their qualifications.

Alex Bok moved to close the discussion, which motion was seconded by Gretchen Bennett. Motion passed.

Sharon Hucul moved that we open nominations, which motion was seconded by Helen Cox. Motion passed.

City Councilor Kenzie Bok nominated Lydia Edwards for endorsement by the Committee, which nomination was seconded by Diane Barry.

The Chair nominated Anthony Ambrosio, which nomination was seconded by Alex Bok.

State Representative Jay Livingstone moved that we close nominations, which motion was seconded by Sharon Hucul. Motion passed.

The Chair conducted a Roll Call Vote. Lydia Edwards won the vote and is the endorsed candidate of the Ward 5 Democratic Committee.

Dr. Tami Gouveia – Candidate for Lt. Governor

Dr. Gouveia addressed the Committee regarding her candidacy and then took questions from the Committee.

Jonathan Cohn – The Fair Share Amendment

Jonathan Cohn addressed the Committee regarding the Fair Share Amendment, and then took questions.

Motion to Adjourn

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

Attendance

Members	Guests
Pat Amend Hilary Bacon Gabrieli Diane Barry Gretchen Bennett Bob Binney Alex Bok Kenzie Bok Helen Cox David Crossman Sharon Durkan Shari Franzetta Abigail Gabrieli Kathleen Gallivan Molly Hitt Sharon Hucul Jay Livingstone Julie Livingstone Pat McDonough Kristen Mobilia Susan Smith Jon Spillane Rob Whitney	Justin Palermo Nancy Street Richard Freeland Sandra Singer Daniela Michanie Ian Hatch Keeping Grandoit Kimberly Connors Kristen Elechko