

Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee

June 20, 2022 Meeting

Due to the declared Public 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 June meeting to order

Discussion – The State Democratic Convention

Treasurer's Report

Rob Whitney presented the Treasurer's Report. Membership dues are due! If anyone needs a waiver, please contact Rob or Sharon.

Sharon and Rob reviewed the Ward's policy that fee waivers will be held as confidential. Persons who receive a waiver will just be marked as dues paid. Financial hardship is never a reason to not be involved in the Committee.

The Chair noted the presence of a quorum and asked if anyone wanted to challenge that declaration. Challenges will not be entertained after votes are taken. No one challenged. The Chair continued the meeting.

Endorsement Considerations

State Representative for 8th Suffolk – Jay Livingstone

Rep. Livingstone is running unopposed. Kenzie Bok moved that the Committee endorse Jay Livingstone, which motion was seconded by Diane Barry. Motion passed. Gretchen Bennett moved that the vote be taken by acclamation, which motion was seconded by Pat McDonough. Motion passed. The Chair called a voice vote. The Committee endorses Rep. Livingstone.

State Representative for 3rd Suffolk – Aaron Michlewitz

Rep. Michlewitz is running unopposed. Gretchen Bennett moved that the Committee endorse Aaron Michlewitz, which motion was seconded by Pat McDonough. Motion passed. Diane Barry moved that the vote be taken by acclamation, which motion was seconded by Helen Cox. Motion passed. The Chair called a voice vote. The Committee endorses Rep. Michlewitz.

State Senator for 2nd Suffolk & Middlesex – Will Brownsberger

State Senator Brownsberger is running unopposed. Gretchen Bennett moved that the vote be taken by acclamation, which motion was seconded by Pat McDonough. Motion passed. The Chair the question and took a voice vote. The Committee endorses State Senator Brownsberger.

House of Representatives 7th Congressional District

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley is running unopposed. Sharon Durkan moved that the Committee endorse Congresswoman Pressley, which motion was seconded by Gretchen Bennett. Motion passed. Diane Barry moved that the vote be taken by acclamation, which motion was seconded by Kenzie Bok. Motion passed. The Chair called a voice vote. The Committee endorses Congresswoman Pressley.

Governor of Massachusetts

The Chair moved that we open discussion for endorsement of Governor, which motion was seconded by Jay Livingstone. Motion passed. The Committee discussed the candidates. Gretchen Bennett moved that we close discussion, which motion was seconded by Bob Binney. Motion passed. Rob Whitney nominated Maura Healey for endorsement for Governor, which motion was seconded by Gretchen Bennett. Diane Barry nominated Sonia Chang-Diaz for endorsement for Governor, which motion was seconded by Jay Livingston. The Chair called a roll call vote. The Committee endorses Maura Healey

State Auditor

The Chair moved that we open discussion for endorsement of State Auditor, which motion was seconded by Jay Livingstone. Motion passed. The Committee discussed the candidates. Bob Binney moved that we close discussion, which motion was seconded by Gretchen Bennett. Motion passed. Gretchen Bennett nominated Chris Dempsey for endorsement for State Auditor, which motion was seconded by Helen Cox. Diane Barry nominated Diana DiZoglio for endorsement for State Auditor, which motion was seconded by Pat McDonough. The Chair called a roll call vote. The Committee endorses Chris Dempsey.

Membership Matters

Creelea Pangaro qualifies for nomination to membership. Creelea addressed the Committee. Sharon Durkan nominated Creelea Pangaro for associate membership, which motion was seconded by Helen Cox. Motion passed. Creelea Pangaro will be eligible for a membership vote at the next meeting attended.

Announcements

- Kenzie Bok fundraiser.
- The Committee will host an in-person get together in Bob Binney's yard in August.
- Wards 4 & 5 sponsored Sherriff & D.A. candidates panel next Tuesday.

Motion to Adjourn

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

Attendance

Members	Guests
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Hilary Bacon Gabrieli Diane Barry Gretchen Bennett Bob Binney Kenzie Bcook Suzanne Comtois Helen Cox David Crossman Sharon Durkan Abigail Gabrieli Sharon Hucul Jay Livingstone Julie Livingstone Pat McDonough Kristen Mobilia Susan Smith Jon Spillane Nancy Street Rob Whitney	Sandra Singer Armen Youssoufian Creelea Pangaro Paul Caron Hewal Sampat
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