

## **Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee**

### **February 21, 2023, 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 February meeting to order.

*Notification of Caucus: Saturday, June 17 - 10AM (Likely Old South Church, but TBA)*

### **Update from ACLU legislative briefing**

Kade Crockford

Press Pause on face surveillance

Concerns about using face surveillance:

1. Police have image of someone at a protest or suspected of a crime and can run image against database of licenses.
2. Other way to use- like Russia and China to track people wherever there are surveillance cameras -this use should be banned
  - Have been using since 2006 unregulated
  - Studies show racial and gender biases in algorithms – also elderly and children
  - Have led to wrongful arrests
  - Senator Markey put forth legislation to regulate
3. Goal of ACLU campaign to pass regulative laws and ban use
4. Police reform commission 2020-2021 published recommendations in 2022
  - a. Require a warrant
  - b. Due process of law
  - c. Not probable result for arrest when a match
5. Refiled in Senate: SD750 filed by Cindy Creem to get state-wide
6. Refiled in house HD2304
7. Help Needed: Contact Senator Brownsberger- click to call and script included in slides

Motion to approve the January minutes motioned by Alex Bok. Second by Diane Barry. approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

-\$8365 balance

-Dues: if money comes in 2022, went to 2022 – Can pay dues from website or mail check to Rob  
<https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/boston-ward-5-democratic-committee-1>

-If not able to pay full amount, contact Sharon or Rob

### **Ward 5 Membership**

Hemal Sampat voted to be eligible for associated member, will be voted next meeting.

### **Caucus and Convention**

Will not be a nominating caucus, convention is an ideas convention  
Obligation to hold caucus annually

### **Update from Kenzie Bok**

Budget starts 10 April  
\$1billion extra funds, allocated now getting money out the door  
-Money into housing  
-Council: Rent stabilization proposal by mayor, sessions for comment next week  
-Ceiling of raising 10%  
-Get rid of rules that enable housing rules still on the books at state level- rules on housing rules destabilize neighborhoods  
-Trash pick-up, rodent control focus  
-Mapping where Internet access is not strong, have map report showing where Broadband needs to be extended -hearing in March

### **Guest: City Councilor: Julia Mejia**

Focus

-Working with city BPS work with education engagement- partnered with 4 schools to illustrate joint decision making, getting parents involved and build trust  
-Mental wellness for young people  
-Anti-nepotism- put in new position of chief diversity officer  
-Early childhood for 3<sup>rd</sup> shift workers/odd hour workers  
- Julia.mejia@boston.gov

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Diane Berry, Second by Helen Cox, the meeting adjourned.

### **Attendance**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Guests</b>
Sharon Durkan Bob Binny Rob Whitney Sharon (Shari) Franzetta Kathleen Gallivan Susan Smith Hilary Bacon Gabrieli Hemal Sampat	Hemal Sampat Julia Mejia

Alex Bok Suzanne Comtois Ken Scott Cynthia Korb Armen Youssouflan Sandra Singer Abigail Gabrieli Katherine Judge Patrick McDonough Kristine Mobilia Gretchen Bennett Helen Cox Jon Spillane David Crossman	
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