

Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee

March 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 March meeting to order.

Dates

Reminder of Caucus: Saturday, June 17 - 10AM (Old South Church)

Monthly meetings starting for April meeting at Community Church of Boston

Mass Convention at Saugus Center: Saturday 23 September

Walk for Hunger 7 May

Update from Jay Livingstone

Named children and family committee chair.

-February minutes: Did not review February minutes

Treasurer's Report

No Treasurer report-no significant changes this month

-Reminder dues

General Membership: \$60

First Year Members: \$25

Student Membership: \$25

-Dues payment

<https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/boston-ward-5-democratic-committee-1>

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

Walk for Hunger

7 May -- 3 miles around the Common – Patricia Amend will be walking, invited anyone to join Register or donate, to donate put in Patricia Amend.

http://support.projectbread.org/site/TR/Walk/WalkforHunger?px=2240536&pg=personal&fr_id=1490

Update from Ed Flynn

-Preparing for budget- Mayor to submit in early April

Focus:

-Decisions to be made on school and city budget among considerations

-Reduce speed limits

- Hate crimes
- Asked about a gun buyback program-committed to bring up to police department
- filed to have police provide report on guns in the city, how they got here and keep ammunition out of hands of everyone

Update from Julia Mejia

At Large City council

- Serves on 3 committees
 - Education- focus stakeholder engagement identified 4 schools to work with on what stakeholder engagement looks like, develop blueprint to
 - Chair Workforce, economic, labor empowerment- develop career opportunities for young people, workforce development, Madison Park
 - Government transparency, accountability, and accessibility
 - Asked about addressing situations where illegal immigrants do not feel or know they have rights -Educate public efforts in the works
 - Upcoming Town hall: uptick of overdoses and edibles in schools
 - Hearing on overdoses
 - April 13, 5-8PM at Bruce Bolling Building - Budget for Civic Leaders
 - Question: BPS is collecting data on LGB youth but not publishing data on trans data and cross analysis monitoring- asked if this will happen
 - Statewide data collection, BPS opted in
 - Will bring this to Committee Looking at data and to see trends and transparency
- Julia.mejia@boston.gov @juliaforboston

Ward 5 Membership

Hemal Sampat voted to be eligible for associated member.

Shared in chat

City's firearm recovery dashboard -overall small increase over past 3 years - incomplete for 2023
https://dashboard.boston.gov/t/Guest_Access_Enabled/views/BPDFirearmsRecoveryDashboard/FirearmsRecovery?%3Adisplay_count=n&%3Aembed=y&%3AisGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y&%3Aorigin=viz_share_link&%3AshowAppBanner=false&%3AshowVizHome=n

Motion to Adjourn

Sharon Durkan adjourned the meeting.

Attendance

Members	Guests
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Sharon Durkan Bob Binny Sharon (Shari) Franzetta Sharon Hucil Katherine Judge Patricia Amend Sandra Singer Kristien Mobilia Hemal Sampat Helen Cox Abigail Gabrieli Jon Spillane Jay Livingston Julie Livingston Kathleen Gallivan Lucy River Hilary Bacon Gabrieli Alex Bok Armen Youssouflan Susan Smith Sandra Singer Suzanne Comtois Patrick McDonough Kenzie Bok	Julia Mejia Ed Flynn
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