

Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee

September 19, 2023, Meeting

The Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee was held both in person and audio online via Zoom.

Bob Binney called the meeting to order.

Membership

Eligible for associate membership: Anthony Baez.

Nancy nominated Anthony for associate member.

Nancy seconded nomination.

Vote: Approved. Vote for associate membership in October.

1st Vice Chair Vote

Motion to open the floor for nomination.

Patricia nominated Hillary Bacon Gabrieli.

Sharon seconded nomination.

Vote for Hillary as the 1st Vice Chair.

*Now an opening for an executive chair

Treasurer's Report

-- Current Balance: \$7613.24 as of 9/19/2023.

Members paid in 2023: 33 (>\$3000 in dues).

*Need to do fundraising to build up funds ahead of presidential election year.

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

Guest Speakers

Sharon Durkan, City Councilor District 8

-- Shared experience being a new City Councilor.

-- Focus on mental health issues.

Jay Livingstone, State Representative, 8th District

-- Steer away from fossil fuels with contracts- figuring out how to manage, how best to address.

-- Touched on mass transit trains, what was not being addressed previously with proper

oversight.

-- Not aware of active bills addressing AI -around standards (response to a question).

Will Brownsberger, State Senator representing Second Suffolk and Middlesex District

-- Budget: phone calls for prisoners included, in the fall a supplemental budget, another energy bill, another bill on people being trafficked, early education.

--Continue working on criminal justice – more transparency, alternative to 911, climate - transition

—focus on buildings.

**emails with ongoing work to decarbonize, what it will take

-- Charlesgate project: Open up Muddy River to join Charles—will open up greenspace 5-10 years out, once it starts.

Question on insurance impact from climate change.

-- Waterfront communities at risk.

-- Charles River dam protects Boston area; some low points need to be raised.

*Nancy noted Health Equity bill 1250 hearing Wednesday 9/20.

Other Items/ Events

-- Saturday 9/23: Table Charles Street/Beacon Hill area. Information table for voter registration and joining Ward 5.

-- Contact Pat or Hillary if interested in being part of the logo change committee.

-- Ward 5 Instagram account: Need someone who could maintain.

-- Convention 9/23: Bob coordinating.

-- Ward 5 Instagram management.

-- Convention September 23 in Lowell.

-- Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune gathering September 27th—on boathouse at 5:00 p.m. and 9/27 at Bob’s at 5:30 get to know Ruthzee.

Meeting adjourned.

Attendance

Members	Guests
<u>In Person</u> Bob Binney Patricia Amend Armen Youssoufian Anthony Baez David Crossman Kenzie Bok Lucy Rivera Jay Livingstone Sharon Durkan	<u>In Person</u> Barkey Tawate Will Brownsberger Susan Berlls
<u>Online</u>	<u>Online</u> None

Sharon (Shari) Franzetta Patrick McDonough Nancy Street Hemal Sampat Rob Whitney Gretchen Bennett Diane Barry Kristen Mobilia	
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