

Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee

November 21, 2023, Meeting

The Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee was held online via Zoom.

Bob Binney called the meeting to order.

Membership Matters

October meeting minutes.

Edits to spelling of names Joshua and Kelly Zelman

Kenzie Bok motioned to approve as amended; October minutes approved.

Associate Member Nominations

Elected Member status

-(Ward 5 nominated and submitted to SoS)

-Notice: Sharon as Elector Councilor is a Ward 5 EC ex officio

Treasurer's Report

Current Balance as of 11/10/2023 is \$7,494.43

-Members paid in 2023: \$3,040.00 (45 members paid)

Meeting Speakers

Recap of Elections 2023

-City results (handout unofficial)

Sharon Durkan

-Noted Ruthzee has the votes to be council president.

-Negative towards the end of the election, opted to keep a positive campaign instead of hitting back.

-Filing claim to mental healthcare in January as focus.

Kenzie Bok

-City wide view of results. Reviewed results where candidates finished within Ward 5.

Takeaway: how impactful the GOTV is to drive up the city-Wide results.

- Overall progressive movement still strong. Mayor Wu was 4/4 for endorsements winning.
- Noted the importance of poll closers, who gather numbers on election night.

2024 Elections

Noted in January, ward needs to endorse Biden for president.
 All 32 members of the committee were approved for the ballot, Bob did work to everyone's signatures to hand in.

Sub-committees

Speakers

Mark Media stepped up to support speaker sub-committee, Mark and Bob to follow-up.
Suggested topics: Housing bond bill, the MBTA, Mass Parenting law reforms.

Other Items

Christmas parties

- Ward 5:** December 14 (6-10 p.m.) at the Hill Tavern.
 Clarified the party will be in place of the December meeting
- Ward 4:** December 19 (6-8 p.m.) at King's Back Bay. Ward 5 members are invited.

Bob Motioned to adjourn meeting, Kenzie seconded.
The meeting was adjourned.

Attendance

Members	Guests
Bob Binney Kenzie Bok Hilary Bacon Gabrieli Sharon Durkan Hemal Sampat Susan Smith Mark Mantell Sandra Singer Nancy Street Dave Crossman Abigail Gabrili Patrick McDonough Sharon (Shari) Franzetta	 <u>Online</u> Oliver Bok

