

Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee

April 9, 2024, Meeting

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

Bob Binney called the meeting to order.

Membership Matters

Reorganization; Election of Officers

As of April 4th, we are without officers.

Diane Barry motioned that Gretchen Bennett temporarily run the meeting to elect a new chair; Katherine Judge seconded the motion.

-Motion approved.

-Roll call taken to identify those eligible to vote (included in attendees).

Chair

Diane Barry nominated Bob Binney to be committee chair, Katherine Judge seconded

-Bob voted as the chair.

Officers of the Executive Committee

Katherine Judge motioned to nominate board members and vote by acclamation, Shari seconded.

Board nominations:

Vice Chair: Hillary Bacon Gabrieli

Second Vice Chair: Patricia Amend

Treasurer: Rob Whitney

Secretary: Shari Franzetta

-Rob motioned to close nominations.

-Diane motioned to vote by acclamation, vote approved.

-Katherine Judge motioned to vote, board nominees approved.

Executive Committee

Opened floor for 6 seats + chair.

Diane Barry nominated: Bob Binney, Jay Livingstone, Sharon Durkan, Susan Smith, Katherine Judge, Gretchen Bennett.

Kenzie Bok seconded Bob and rest of the nominees.

Bob Binney seconded Kenzie Bok.

Meeting Minutes Approval

March meeting minutes.

Gretchen motioned to approve; Diane Barry seconded to approve.

March minutes approved.

Associate Member Nominations Elected Member Status

Associate member

Anna Wilinsky eligible to be voted in as associate member.

Kenzie Bok Nominated Anna to be eligible to be associate member; nomination seconded.
Approved to make Anna associate member.

Sheila Murray eligible to be nominated for associate member.

Gretchen Bennett nominated Sheila; Katherine Judge seconded.

-Approved. At May meeting, we will vote to make Sheila an associate member.

Pat McDonough announced he is moving out of Ward 5 and will not attend the convention.

Treasurer's Report

Current Balance as of 3/19/2024 is **\$8,184.11**. ***Goal is \$10,000 by the election.**

Member 2024 dues were due in March; 13 members have paid so far for 2024.

Considering holding fundraisers.

Ward 5 website has a link to pay for membership (ActBlue).

If not able to pay full amount, contact Bob and/or Rob or Hilary.

TO PAY YOUR 2024 BOSTON WARD 5 DUES ONLINE, GO TO:

<https://bostonward5dems.org/membershipmeetings/>

and click on "ActBlue Contribute" tab; or

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

General Membership Dues: \$60. First Year Membership: \$25; Student: \$25.

Future Scheduled Speakers

June meeting, **Senator Will Brownsberger** will provide an update on proposed new Gun Laws.

Other Items/Events

Guest Speakers

Contact Mark Mantell with any ideas about guest speakers

2024 Get Involved!

Volunteer opportunities: Pat posted to the front page of our website the links to various opportunities (letter writing, postcards, grassroots organizations ...)

Social Media support

Joshua Calianos and Kelly Zeilman are leading the subcommittee, contact them with any ideas and send them any photos from events.

Upcoming Events

Reminder that Pat does a great job keeping all of the upcoming events details updated on the website

-13 April Ward 4 & 5 Organizational meeting.

- Governor's council: https://ballotpedia.org/Massachusetts_Governor%27s_Council_election,_2022.
- Scranton, PA to provide support- aiming for a trip on a Monday-Tuesday to help canvassing, stand-outs.
- 27 April: DNC caucuses to elect DNC delegates.
- Hillfest September 22.
- Biden standout upcoming. Rob is working on putting it together.
- Walk for Hunger Sunday, May 5. Contact Pat to contribute.

Discussion about future events options

- Farmers markets standouts/register to vote.
- PRIDE – noted if the ward committee is planning to do anything, need to register now.
- Young voters focus group.
- Voter registration.
- Card writing sessions.

Motion to adjourn meeting.
 Motion to adjourn meeting carried.
 Meeting adjourned.

Attendance

Members	Guests
<p><u>Online</u> Hilary Bacon Gabrieli Bob Binney Patricia Amend Sharon Hucul Katherine Judge Helen Cox Katherine Gallivan Dianne Barry Mark Mantell Abigail Gabrieli Kenzie Bok Nancy Street Creelea Pangaro Kelly Zeilman Josh Calianos Patrick McDonough Anna Wilinsky Hemel Sampat Lucy Rivera Rob Whitney Gretchen Bennett Suzzanne Comtois *on phone Sharon (Shari) Franzetta</p>	<p><u>Online</u> Sheila Murray Sandra Singer Mary Garippo</p>