

Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee

May 21, 2024, Meeting

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

Rob Whitney called the meeting to order.

Membership Matters

April Meeting Minutes

Identified a few spelling corrections in April meeting minutes.
Correction to who nominated Anna to be voted an associate member.

Diane Barry motioned to approve April minutes with name spelling corrections; Kenzie Bok seconded the motion.

-April minutes approved (with corrections).

Associate Member Nominations

Elected Member Status

Associate member

Sheila Murray was nominated in April to be an associate member.
Kathy Judge nominated Sheila; Jay Livingstone seconded.
Approved. Sheila is now an associate member.

Treasurer's Report

Current Balance as of 5/21/2024 is **\$8,064.11** *The goal is **\$10,000** by the election.
Member 2024 dues were due in March; 16 members have paid so far for 2024.

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->

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

Guest Speakers

Jay Livingstone

State Rep 8th Suffolk, running for re-election.

Focus on: SNAP access- introduced legislation to improve the application for food and health programs.

Environmental justice—sponsored/cosponsored legislation improving clean water access.

Daniel Ryan

State Rep 2nd Suffolk.

Represents Fenway area.

Worked on chairing election laws: Permanent mail-in voting, access to voting.

SNAP benefits access.

Protect reproductive rights.

Question about same-day voter registration: Does not see it coming up for a vote soon.

Opposition: some people do not feel it is needed because voting is accessible. Fear activism to the poll might not represent the district (students). Measures are in place—can always ask for a ballot—would be put aside and counted if needed

Lisa Jeanne Graf

Candidate for 8th Suffolk.

Supports rent control, accessible transportation, public ride, supports Sunshine Act.

Supports education as a human right, as well access to employment, health care, housing.

Future Scheduled Speakers

June 18 meeting: **Senator Will Brownsberger** will provide an update on proposed new Gun Laws.

Reminder: Contact Mark Mantell with any ideas about guest speakers.

Endorsement Vote Motions

Endorsement vote

Senator Elizabeth Warren

-Endorsed by acclamation.

Daniel Ryan, State Rep 2nd Suffolk.

-Endorsed by acclamation.

Jay Livingstone State Rep 8th Suffolk.

-Unanimous vote to endorse.

Other Items/Events

2024 Get Involved!

Volunteer opportunities: See handout with ways to get involved. Also kept up to date on the website

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

MassDems Convention.

June 1 in Worcester

-Rides to share or need ride, reach out to Bob via email.

Handout with events

-Ward 4&5 (+other wards) organizing a Forum for the D3/D4 Governor's Council and Suffolk Superior Court Clerk candidates, June 4.

-Possible canvassing in NH.

-Letter writing.

-PRIDE parade is 8 June

Motion to adjourn meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Attendance

Members	Guests
<u>In Person</u> Rob Whitney Bob Binney Mark Mantell Jay Livingstone Shiela Murray Katherine Judge Kenzie Bok	
<u>Online</u> Helen Cox Hilary Bacon Gabrieli Kathleen Gallivan Creelea Pangaro Patrick McDonough Diane Barry Dave Crossman Jon Spillane Julie Livingstone Kelly Zeilman Josh Calianos Sharon (Shari) Franzetta Kristen Mobilia	<u>In Person</u> Mary Garippo Dan Ryan <u>Online</u> Sandra Singer

Abigail Gabrieli Sharon Durkan Kristen M, Abaga	
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