

Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee

June 16, 2026

Bob Binney called the meeting to order.

Meeting Minutes Review and Approval

Julia asks to amend the minutes; swap her name for Holly Margulius.

Eva Jones says she is listed as XXX. Sharon Durkan makes a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Rob seconds. The minutes are approved.

Membership Matters

Piper Ward is eligible for election as an associate member. She shares that she lives on Grove St. in Beacon Hill and is excited to meet folks who are a part of the democratic process.

Max moves to elect Piper, Sharon seconds. Piper is elected as an associate member.

Eva Jones is eligible to be nominated for membership. Max moves to nominate Eva, Sharon seconds. Eva is nominated.

Announcements

Bob shares that the Senate candidate forum was successful—more than 160 people were in the audience.

Treasurers Report

Rob Whitney reported the following:

-We have the same amount as last month. The Committee has 29 “active members,” 5 “occasional members,” and 10 “MIAs.” There is \$1,000 that we should have but hasn’t been collected. Rob will begin sending out dunning notices if you have not paid your dues yet.

- Members can pay via links on the website, or by check. Additional donations welcome.

- Can’t pay the full amount? Contact Bob and/or Rob or Hilary.

THE WARD 5 WEBSITE LINK FOR PAYING DUES SECURELY ONLINE:

-Visit the Home Page at <http://bostonward5dems.org>.

- Click on “How to Pay Your Dues if You’re a Member” to connect with ActBlue.

-You’ll see “Donate to Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee.”

General Membership Dues

- \$60 First Year Membership: \$25; Student: \$25.

- Expenses are used for rent for the meeting space, website fees, printing signs and banners, and candidate forums. Dues are generally due in your first full year.

Speaker - Congressman Lynch

- Congressman Lynch spoke about his district, highlighting that climate resiliency is an increasing challenge in his neighborhoods.
- He discussed his role on the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform investigating the Epstein files, Pam Bondi. The Committee intends to subpoena Todd Blanche.
- He also discussed his role on the Financial Services Committee and the 21st Century Housing Bill. Differences in agreement between Senate and House. Discussed why disabled veterans in Boston are particularly challenged to find public housing. The House bill exempts disability benefits from being counted against income to correct for this.
- Preliminary agreement with Iran does not include nuclear weapons, stockpiled uranium, and grants Iran much more than Obama did in the JCPOA without guaranteeing that the Strait of Hormuz will remain open.
- He is spending a lot of time on the Investigation Task Force, a group of Democratic Congresspeople with a legal background who sue the President for overturning legislation that has passed Congress.

Endorsements

Bob clarifies the rules for endorsements and takes a roll call of members eligible to vote. The first order of business: the uncontested primary candidates.

Sharon makes a motion to vote on all constitutional officers by acclamation. Rob seconds. The motion passes. There is a voice vote on all constitutional officers.

All are endorsed:

- Governor Healey and Lieutenant Governor Driscoll
- Secretary of State, William Galvin
- Attorney General of MA, Andrea Campbell
- State Treasurer and Receiver General, Deb Goldberg
- State Auditor, Diane Dizon
- Register of Probate, Stephanie L Everett

Rob motions to vote by acclamation for all statewide uncontested candidates, Sharon seconds. Motion passes. Voice vote is conducted.

All are endorsed:

- U.S. Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, US Congress 7th District (Ward 5 Precincts 1, 2, 2A, and 6 through 10)
- State Senator, Lydia Edwards, Third Suffolk (W5 P3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11)
- Representative Jay Livingstone, 8th Suffolk (W5 P2, 3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11 and 15)
- Representative Aaron Michlewitz, 3rd Suffolk (W5 P1,13,14)
- Representative Dan Ryan, 2nd Suffolk (W5 P10,12)

Sharon moves to nominate Ed Markey, Jay Livingstone seconds. Kate moves to nominate Seth Moulton, Max seconds.

- Sharon Durkan, Rob Whitney, Eva Jones, Diane Barry, Paul, and Jay Livingston share why they will support Ed Markey.
- Max Tamer-Mahoney shares why he will support Seth Moulton.
- Hilary Bacon Gabrieli and Nancy Street share why they are undecided.

Jason motions to move to a vote, Diane seconds. The motion passes. Voting procedure is clarified. A roll call vote is conducted. 20 people are present; 13 for Markey. 14 were needed to endorse. The Ward does not endorse either candidate.

Jay Livingstone nominates Stephen Lynch and Patrick Roath for endorsement, Sharon seconds. The motion passes.

- Jay, Sharon, Max and Paul share why they will support Patrick Roath, candidate for the U.S, Congress, 8th District.

The Committee votes unanimously to endorse Roath. District 8 covers Ward 5 (P3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 11).

Bob motions to table the remaining endorsement votes until next meeting. The motion passes.

Nancy motions to adjourn, Presley seconds.

The meeting is adjourned.

Attendance

Members

Bob Binney
Jay Livingstone
Ben Daly
Kristen Mobilia
Alex Bok
Abigail Gabrieli
Nancy Street
Kate Gallivan
Diane Berry
Sharon Durkan
Sharon Hucul
Piper Ward

Hilary Bacon Gabrieli
Rob Whitney
Liam Morehead
Kenzie Bok
Creelea Pangaro
Ross Krantz
Jason Walker
Maxwell Tamer-Mahoney
Julia Barber
Holly Margulius
Michael Holmes
Paul Demakis

Guests

Congressman Stephan Lynch
John Achatz
Henry Buckley
Seamus Buckley
Sean Ryan

Faaiz Masood
Tom White
Dr Arnab Saha
Eva Jones