

Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee

July 21, 2026

Bob Binney called the meeting to order.

Meeting Minutes Review and Approval

Diane motions to accept last meeting's minutes, the motion passes. The June 16th minutes are approved.

Treasurer's Report

Current total is \$4,7517.52 due to additional members paying dues. Rob is compiling a master list to send to those who haven't yet paid. Bob mentioned that he would like to invest in a camera setup to improve zoom quality as he feels it is important that members can join meetings virtually.

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.

Pat asked Rob how we're doing financially. He said that depends on what we want to do this fall. Rob suggested that he and Pat work on a mini fundraiser this fall. More on this later.

Membership Matters

Eva Jones is eligible for election as an associate member. She shares that she is passionate about green space and bike lanes and lives here with her husband and cat. Diane motions to elect Eva, Julia seconds. Eva is elected as an associate member.

Skyler Nash is eligible to be nominated for membership. Skyler shares that he lives in Beacon Hill and works on democratic campaigns across the state. Kenzie motions to nominate Skyler, Noah seconds. Skyler is nominated.

Open Discussion Items

Helping Holly with social media support, and MBTA meeting discussion to follow later in the summer

Guest Speakers

Representative Tram Nguyen

- Rep. Nguyen is running for the 6th Congressional District.
- Excited to have the opportunity to run at the federal level.
- Has been a state rep for the last 8 years, beating a MAGA Republican in 2018.
- The only candidate in this race who has that experience.
- Wants to help serve everyday people and that is exactly why she is running right now.
- When our federal government is failing, we need electeds who understand how issues affect people
- She immigrated to the U.S when she at age 5.
- Grew up in public housing with parents who had working-class jobs.
- We cannot continue to elect millionaires. We need new leadership.
- She's running as a progressive and has a strong slate of endorsements. Issues: affordable healthcare, childcare, and housing, infrastructure, and climate change. Visit her page at tramforcongress.com.

Former Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins

- Shared that in 2018 she became the first woman to be the District Attorney for Suffolk County.
- Nominated by President Biden to be the U.S. District Attorney for the State.
- Has since worked at Roxbury College and the Suffolk County House of Correction.
- Is now giving back to the people who are prosecuted by the offices she used to lead.
- Is running again to restore the office that she once had: Recent BPD data show shootings are up 15% and Kidnapping and other trafficking rates are starting to creep up.
- Current leadership is reactive. The DA is the chief law enforcement officer and needs to be proactive.
- We need someone who is leading by looking at the data.
- We also need an autonomous DA, someone who will stand up to the current leadership.
- Is running because she believes we can't have mayoral control in the DA's office.

Diann Baylis, candidate for Governor's Council

- Works for a nonprofit and works with unaccompanied children.
- Cares a lot about probate court because right now; has to take a lot of unaccompanied children, immigrant kids, to probate court because of special visas.
- Wants to vet new judges to educate them about the special juvenile immigrant visa and the unique circumstances of these children to avoid putting them through more trauma.
- Her website is votefordiann.com.

Endorsements

Bob clarifies the rules for endorsements and takes a roll call of members eligible to vote.

Motion to reconsider the vote on the U.S. Senate endorsement, it passes. Rep. Livingstone motions to nominate Ed Markey and Seth Moulton, Kenzie seconds. There is discussion.

A roll call vote is conducted: Markey 18, Moulton 4, 2 present and 2 silent.

Ed Markey is endorsed by the Committee.

Kenzie motions to open the floor for nominations for First Suffolk State Senate, the motion is seconded. State Senator Nick Collins, Latoya Gayle, and Juwan Skeens are all nominated. There is discussion. A roll call vote is conducted: Collins 4, Gayle 15, Skeens 0, 2 silent, 3 present. Latoya Gayle is endorsed by the Committee.

Kenzie motions to open the floor for nominations for Suffolk and Middlesex the State Senate seat the motion is seconded. Rep. Livingstone nominates Will Brownsberger and Daniel Lander. There is discussion. A roll call vote is conducted: 17 Brownsberger, 4 Lander, 0 silent, 2 present. Will Brownsberger is endorsed by the Committee.

Kenzie motions to open the floor for nominations for Suffolk District Attorney. ***Daniel Conley is not a candidate and not on the ballot; was incorrectly put there. Rep. Livingstone nominates Kevin Hayden, Rachael Rollins, and Linda Champion. There is discussion. A roll call vote is conducted: 19 Hayden, 1 Rollins, 2 present. Kevin Hayden is endorsed by the Committee.

Kenzie motions to open the floor for nominations for Governor's Council District 3. Mara Dolan and Margie Palladino are nominated. Brief discussion. Kenzie motions for the committee to endorse Mara Dolan by acclamation, Mark seconds. Mara Dolan is endorsed by the Committee.

Kenzie motions to open the floor for nominations for Governor's Council District 6. Diann Baylis and Terrence Kennedy are nominated. There is discussion. Roll call vote is conducted: 16 Kennedy, 1 Bayliss, 2 present, 2 silent. Terrence Kennedy is endorsed by the Committee.

Closing Matters

Bob states we will not do the ballot questions tonight. These won't be voted on until November. Typically, these conversations happen in September, with the endorsement vote taking place in October.

The meeting is adjourned.

Attendance

Members

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

Hilary Bacon Gabrieli
Rob Whitney
Noah Walsh
Kenzie Bok
Abigail Gabrieli
Jason Walker
Maxwell Tamer-Mahoney
Julia Barber
Holly Margulius
Michael Holmes
Shyam Gopaladesikan

Eva Jones
Jon Spillane
Mark Mantell

Guests

Skyler Nash
Sean Ryan
Mary Garippo
Rachael Rollins
Diann Baylis
John Smith

Pat Amend
Kathy Judge
Piper Ward

Sarah Sharpe
Lisa McGonagle
Faaiz Masood
Rep Tram Nguyen
Angus McGuilken