



Democratic State Committee Meeting

November 17, 2022 | Meeting Minutes

Massachusetts Democratic Party Chair Gus Bickford called the meeting to order.

The Chair presented the Treasurer's report, including the Party budget and 2022 Convention expenses through 10/31/2022. Cash on hand as of 10/31/2022 was \$872,452. The proposed budget reflects anticipated cash on hand at the start of the fiscal year of \$80,000.

The Chair introduced and recognized Sheriffs-elect Donna Buckley and Paul Heroux. Buckley discussed why she ran for office, and the progression of her campaign. Heroux discussed the values of Bristol County, the progression of his campaign, and his goals for his district. Buckley and Heroux both thanked the leadership of the party and those present.

The Chair discussed the Subcommittee reports in order: Resolutions Subcommittee Report, Campaign Services Subcommittee Report, JFK Subcommittee Report, Site Selection Report, and the Communications Subcommittee Report.

Marianne Rutter, from the Resolutions Subcommittee, delivered a resolution in support of healthcare providers, life-saving medicine, and patients suffering from addiction. Rutter explained that these resolutions call for the drafting of legislation to decriminalize life-saving intervention by medical providers, and call for the passage of legislation already in process that will allow cities and towns increased access to treatment to help prevent overdose deaths. The Resolutions Subcommittee report was accepted.

Lauren Mattison, from the Campaign Services Subcommittee, detailed what they completed during this election season. Amanda Smith, from the Campaign Services Subcommittee, detailed goals and events for the upcoming weeks concerning how to help with the Georgia run-off election.

Max German, from the JFK Subcommittee, provided an overview of this season's internship experiences. Chairs of the Subcommittee thanked the leadership of the party and those present.

Michael Lanava, from the Site Selection Committee, provided a brief overview of the upcoming Convention in September 2023 and their upcoming meetings.

Amy Kular, from the Communications Subcommittee, provided an invitation to the upcoming Communications Subcommittee meeting in November.



The Chair introduced and recognized three newly elected representatives Kate Donaghue, Rita Mendes, and Chris Worrell. Chris Worrell, was introduced by the Chair and called to the floor. Worrell discussed his family background, the progression of his campaign, and his campaign values. Mendes introduced herself and explained her values. Donaghue discussed her reasons for running and the progression of her campaign. Worrell, Mendes, and Donaghue all thanked the leadership of the party and those present.

The LGBTQ+ Outreach Subcommittee provided additional subcommittee reports concerning their winning races.

The Chair recognized Democratic National Committee members to report on the DNC meeting. Brenda Brathwaite provided details from the Summer DNC meeting in Maryland. Mel Poindexter provided details from the DNC Black Caucus Special Leadership Summit in Philadelphia. Jim Roosevelt provided a brief overview of the upcoming DNC Rules & Bylaws meeting scheduled for the first three days of December to pick the early states for 2024.

The Chair moved on to new business. The Chair announced that Cheryl Cumings and Maria Robinson have resigned. The Chair announced that these seats are at-large seats that will be filled at the next DSC meeting.

The Chair recognized the new and current members of the Mass Dems staff.

The Democratic State Committee meeting was adjourned.