



Democratic State Committee Meeting

August 3, 2024 | Meeting Minutes

Massachusetts Democratic Party Chair Steve Kerrigan called the meeting to order.

There was a motion and vote to approve the minutes from the May and July meeting, which passed.

The Chair then introduced Congressman Jim McGovern who pre-recorded a video welcoming everyone to Leominster. Congressman McGovern thanked everyone for the opportunity to speak virtually and thanked the Chair for organizing the meeting in Leominster, as well as for organizing a canvass after the meeting. Congressman McGovern also thanked everyone who had already signed up for the canvass for Senator John Cronin and Representative Natalie Higgins and encouraged everyone who hadn't signed up to canvass yet to please do so. The Congressman then emphasized the importance of voting and getting involved in the upcoming presidential election. Finally, the Congressman thanked Massachusetts Democrats for their work and said he was proud to stand with and be a Massachusetts Democrat.

The Chair then gave his Chair's report, as well as the Treasurer's report. There was a motion and vote to approve the Treasurer's report, which passed.

The Chair recognized Secretary Joe Kaplan, who gave the Secretary's report. There was a motion and vote to approve the Secretary's report, which passed.

The Chair recognized Vice Chairs Deb Kozikowski and Leon Brathwaite, who gave Officer's reports.

The Chair then announced that the Committee would move into the Election of Massachusetts Democratic Electors for the 2024 Electoral College. The Chair clarified that eleven individuals and two alternate electors would be elected to represent Massachusetts in the Electoral College.

The Chair then reiterated the following information regarding the election: the election would be on a single ballot and would be by plurality, only DSC members present at the meeting would be allowed to vote, there were forty nine candidates and DSC members could vote for as many as thirteen, the electors and alternate electors would be gender balanced (within one) with the case of a non-binary elector not counting towards either gender, the highest vote getter would be selected as the at-large elector and the remaining candidate's vote totals would be ranked and gender balanced (within one) with the case of a non-binary elector not counting towards either gender to determine the highest vote getters, all candidates will be allowed half of a minute (30 seconds) to address the committee members prior to the start of voting, the order for candidate speeches will be alphabetical (A - Z) by surname, those present can speak - those not present

may assign a proxy to speak on their behalf, the alternate electors vote total will determine their rank to replace a vacancy (if gender balance within one is not an issue) and if there is a tie, the rank of alternates will be determined by a flip of a coin.

The Chair then began recognizing candidates or their proxies for their speeches. After speeches concluded, ballots were passed around to all DSC members so they could tally their votes. After a brief recess to allow for time to vote, ballots from DSC members were collected and taken to a separate room for counting.

The Chair recognized the Coordinated Campaign Director, Jack Arnheiter, who gave a Coordinated Campaign report. Jack said that, after a recent weekend of action, the Coordinated Campaign knocked on almost three thousand doors, completed over one hundred and twenty-five shifts, and over twenty canvass launches within Massachusetts alone. Outside of Massachusetts, the campaign knocked over two thousand doors and completed over eighty shifts. Jack also emphasized the importance of getting involved in the weekly Canvassing and Phonebanks both In-State and Out-of-State and announced that Field Offices would be opening across MA soon.

The Chair recognized State Senator John Cronin and State Representative Natalie Higgins to each briefly speak on the importance of their campaigns.

The Chair recognized the Co-Chairs from the Youth Outreach Subcommittee, Mark Lannigan and Leslie Templeton, to give their subcommittee report.

The Chair recognized the Co-Chairs from the LGBTQ+ Outreach Subcommittee, Justin Klekota, and Dallas Ducar, to give their subcommittee report.

The Chair recognized the Co-Chair from the Communications Subcommittee, Amy Kullar, to give her subcommittee report.

The Chair recognized the Co-Chairs from the Field Services Subcommittee, Karen Payne and Parwez Wahid, to give their subcommittee report.

The Chair recognized the Co-Chair from the Labor Outreach Subcommittee, Jim Pimental, to give his subcommittee report.

After this, the Chair announced that the ballot counting had been completed and the vote totals were ready to be announced. It was announced that Sharon Stout, Eileen Duff, Jeremy Comeau, Brian Corr, Marsha Finkelstein, Kaveesh Pathak, Lida Harkins, Martin F Kane III, Tom Holloway, Tanya Neslusan, and Marilyn Flowers Marion had all been elected as Electors and Jackie Curtis and Lezlie Braxton Campbell were elected as Alternate Electors.

The Chair then opened the floor to new business.

The Chair recognized Jack Perenick.

Mr. Perenick moved for an amendment to the Democratic State Committee Bylaws providing for the inclusion of the YDMA President on the DSC Executive Committee.

The Chair entertained a motion to refer the new business by Mr. Perenick to the bylaws subcommittee for consideration.

The motion was first by Mr. Perenick, seconded and was so moved to the bylaws subcommittee by a voice vote.

There was a motion and a vote to adjourn. The vote passed and the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee meeting was adjourned.