



Democratic State Committee Meeting

June 12, 2025 | Meeting Minutes

Massachusetts Democratic Party Vice-Chair Debra Kozikowski called the meeting to order.

The Vice-Chair welcomed everyone to the June Democratic State Committee (DSC) meeting. The Chair announced the names of the new DSC members: Representative David Linsky, Representative Joan Meschino, Mark Reilly, and Ann Stockton.

The Vice-Chair asked everyone to observe a moment of silence for Phil Johnston, a former DSC member who recently passed away.

There was a vote to adopt the agenda for the meeting, which passed.

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

The Vice-Chair introduced Paul Coogan. Mayor Coogan thanked the DSC for holding a state committee meeting in Fall River. He mentioned that the party lost Fall River to Trump and that's important to show up in places like Fall River and organize year-round to make sure that we can make up the ground that was lost last election cycle

The Vice-Chair introduced Representative Jake Auchincloss of the fourth MA Congressional district. He began by outlining the recent events in Washington, such as the cutting of Medicaid and the deployment of marines in LA. Representative Auchincloss emphasized the importance of engaging authentically with voters and demonstrating that the Democratic party can resolve voters' issues without using the faith, family and the flag discourses the Republicans are. He concluded by thanking the DSC for having him.

The Vice-Chair then introduced Third Bristol Representative, Lisa Field, who started by thanking the meeting members for their warm welcome. She spoke about her election process and her experience in her district, where the majority of elected officials are MAGA Republicans. Representative Field emphasized that voters are scared of this political shift, and reminded members that the major issues they are concerned about are ones the Democratic party is committed to: employment, food security, housing security, retirement, veteran care. She concluded by thanking politically active Democrats and reminding meeting members that they can overcome the increase in MAGA elected officials by working together.

The Vice-Chair then introduced State Representative Carol Fiola. Representative Fiola echoed that Fall River lost to Trump in many elections. She stated that the Massachusetts Democratic

Party needs the active participation of party members to win. She concluded by thanking Democratic party members for their work and asking them to stay involved.

The Vice-Chair recognized the Chair, Steve Kerrigan, who gave his Chair's report. He underlined the organizing efforts the Massachusetts Democratic party has done since November, and the positive results they have yielded.

The Vice-Chair announced the presentation of the add-on delegate candidates for the 2025 platform convention, who were approved.

The Vice-Chair recognized the Rules subcommittee. The rules subcommittee presented the rules for the adoption of the 2025 convention platform. There was a motion and vote to approve the 2025 convention platform rules, which passed. The rules subcommittee then presented their complaint hearing report recommendation. There was a motion and vote to approve the complaint hearing report recommendation, which passed.

The Vice-Chair recognized the Bylaws subcommittee Chair Brian Corr, who gave the Bylaws subcommittee report. There was a motion and vote to officially include the president of the Young Democrats of Massachusetts in the DSC executive committee, which passed.

The Vice-Chair recognized the Platform Chair, Martina Jackson. Martina Jackson encouraged democrats to testify for the platform hearings, emphasizing that testimony can be given in written or oral format, and in various languages including Spanish, Portuguese, and Mandarin.

The Vice-Chair recognized Charter Amendments subcommittee Co-Chair Chris Matthews. He thanked and announced that the deadline to submit an amendment was July 25th, 2025. The subcommittee will then meet on the 29th and 31st, and present the finalized amendments on the 12th.

The Vice-Chair recognized the Co-Chair of the Labour Outreach subcommittee Jim Pimental. He announced the new Co-Chair, Brian Dunn. Thanks to the shared workload, the committee was able to increase their meeting frequency. He thanked the active Democrats for their participation, and congratulated Lisa Field. He underlined that the messaging of the Massachusetts Democratic party should recenter working class communities.

The Vice-Chair recognized the Co-Chair of the JFK scholarship committee, Charlotte Richie, who announced that the committee successfully recruited interns. She thanked the committee and the Massachusetts Democrats employees they worked with for their work.

The Vice-Chair recognized the LGBTQ Outreach subcommittee Co-Chair, Justin Kiekota, to give their report. They stated that a weekly phone bank is organized by the committee at 4:30PM every Sunday. Half of their volunteers are from outside the state of Massachusetts. He concluded by thanking the national volunteers for their help making calls for Lisa Field.

The Vice-Chair then announced the new business.

Vice-Chair Kozikowski announced new vacancies for the French Speaking Female DSC Add-on Seat and the Portuguese Speaking Male DSC Add-on Seat. Candidacies were accepted until July 31st 2025 at 5:00PM, and would then be placed on the agenda for the Summer 2025 DSC meeting.

The Vice-Chair congratulated Sandi Bagley and Ellen Parker for 20 years of service in the Democratic State Committee.

The Chair then recognized Jack Perenick who gave a notice of a motion: "That the DSC elect five members of the State Judicial Council for each of the vacant seats by floor nomination" at a future meeting.

The Chair noted this motion.

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