



SOMERVILLE DEMOCRATS

City Executive Committee Meeting April 14, 2025

Call to Order

A standing meeting of the City Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Jack Perenick at 7:00 pm, Katie Wallace served as Secretary. This meeting was held via remote participation.

Roll Call

Chair Jack Perenick	1st Vice Chair Maggie Joseph	2nd Vice Chair Aaron Soroa
Secretary Katie Wallace	Treasurer Lois Russell	Diversity Officer Joe Lynch
Ward 1 Martin Polignone	Ward 2 Marian Berkowitz	Ward 3 Michael Grunko
Ward 4 Holly Simione	Ward 5 (Pro Tem) Adria Colletti	Ward 6 Noah Coolidge
Ward 7 Justin Klekota	11 of 13 members present	<i><u>A quorum is present.</u></i>

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the [March](#) meeting were not reviewed and will be presented for adoption at our next Executive Committee meeting.

Reports

Chair's Report

1st Vice Chair's Report

2nd Vice Chair's Report

Secretary's Report



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Treasurer's Report

Diversity Officer's Report

Ward 1 Chair's Report

Ward 2 Chair's Report

Ward 3 Chair's Report

Ward 4 Chair's Report

Ward 5 Chair's Report

Ward 6 Chair's Report

Ward 7 Chair's Report: Justin Klekota, Ward 7 Chair and State Committeeman is hosting special election phone banks this year which will resume in May. He had over 1,000 individuals participating in the last several months. Please encourage your ward members to Sign up to phone bank from home for as many Sundays & Tuesdays as they are available.

Old Business

See follow ups to old business in the Discussion Notes section.

New Business

Motion #1 (Perenick): .That the SDCC approve a campaign authorization to allow for phone banking and/or canvassing on behalf of Lisa Field to be State Representative for the 3rd Bristol District in MA (Presumptive Dem nominee) in the upcoming Special Election.

Motion agreed to by voice vote.



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Motion #2 (Perenick): That the SDCC hold a local platform committee hearing as authorized by the Mass Dems Charter in advance of the Charter convention.

Motion Fails with by electronic roll call: 4 Ayes and 6 Nos, 1 member present.

Chair Jack Perenick AYE	1st Vice Chair Maggie Joseph AYE	2nd Vice Chair Aaron Soroa _____
Secretary Katie Wallace AYE	Treasurer Lois Russell NO	Diversity Officer Joe Lynch NO
Ward 1 Martin Polignone _____	Ward 2 Marian Berkowitz PRESENT	Ward 3 Michael Grunko NO
Ward 4 Holly Simone NO	Ward 5 (Pro Tem) Adria Collett NO	Ward 6 Noah Coolidge NO
Ward 7 Justin Klekota AYE	The ayes are 4, the nos are 6, and 1 member is present.	<u>The motion is not agreed to.</u>

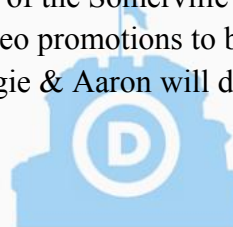
Motion #3 (Perenick): That the SDCC shall appropriate funding from the general fund for the promotion of the caucus in the amount of up to \$100.

Motion agreed to by voice vote.

Discussion Notes:

Old Business follow up from March Meeting

- Jack Perenick has confirmed with the high school the arrangements for the Caucus Date (Note: Completed)
- We will promote all of our upcoming events in emails, diverse newspapers, blogs, & groups as well as any other media as appropriate. We are seeking to attract new people with political interests.
- As we are now an organizational member of the Somerville Media Center, we can use their studios and resources to produce video promotions to be distributed online and where appropriate. Holly & Jack & Maggie & Aaron will do a PSA. Joe will produce.



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- D. Potential coffee hour/workshop locations were suggested included various churches, library branches, SomerNova and other meeting areas. Jack Perenick will investigate appropriate venues and engage a space. We have \$150 for venue, food, & drink approved in March. One to be held in the East and one to be held in the West, with one being held on a weekday evening and one being held on a weekend daytime.
- E. Ward Chairs should read and familiarize themselves with the 2025 Method of Selecting Delegates located online here:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1L02g7mjf1FmOIkiJpJGLCt3UTMjpEFoj/edit?tab=t.0> If you require assistance or have questions, there will be training sessions made available to you, but please read prior to any training.
- F. Delegate Allocations are as follows:

Town/Ward	Delegates	Alternates
Somerville 01	7	4
Somerville 02	9	4
Somerville 03	10	4
Somerville 04	8	4
Somerville 05	10	4
Somerville 06	9	4
Somerville 07	9	4

Adjournment

At 8:03 pm, the Chair moved that the Executive Committee do now adjourn.

Motion agreed to by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Katherine Wallace



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