

2026-2027 Minutes

Young Democrats of Massachusetts Board of Directors



YOUNG DEMOCRATS OF MASSACHUSETTS

Board of Directors

April 26th, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by the President, Jack Perenick, at 12:38 pm. Meagan Lee served as Secretary.

Roll Call

Members present:

President Jack Perenick

Executive Vice President (Communications) Will Lombard

Executive Vice President of Political Affairs Chris Cantwell

Vice President for Membership and Outreach VACANT

Secretary Meagan Lee

Treasurer Isaac Kaufer

YDA National Committeeman Rob Cohen

YDA National Committeewoman Elana Selman

Public Policy Director Andrew LaBerge

Democratic State Committeewoman Ella Hogan

Democratic State Committeeman Angus James Benedict Abercrombie

College Democrats of Massachusetts Mandy Zhang (Proxy to Angus Abercrombie)

Central Massachusetts Chair James Nichols Worley (Proxy to Andrew LaBerge)

Deputy Greater Boston Director Breje Williams

Neponset Valley Chair Brendan Roche (Proxy to Andrew LaBerge)

AAPI Caucus Chair Harrison Chan

Black Caucus Chair Elliott Talley

Jewish Caucus Chair Elana Selman

Labor Caucus Chair Lydia King (Proxy to Meagan Lee)

Disability Caucus Chair Leslie Templeton (Proxy to Jack Perenick)

Veterans Caucus Chair Ryan Lloyd (Proxy to Jack Perenick)

Members not present:

Vice President for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Miles Levin

Massachusetts High School Democrats Lauren Peloquin

Massachusetts High School Democrats Patrick Reed

North Shore Chair Lydia King (Deputy Needed)

South Coast Chair Jaymison Gunschel (Excused)

Irish Caucus Pro-Tempore David Apollos Green

Latino Caucus Chair Deysi Gutierrez

Women's Caucus Chair Pro Tempore Jimena Pueyo-Garcia

Vacant seats:

Cape and Islands Chair VACANT

Merrimack Valley Chair VACANT

South Shore Chair VACANT

Metrowest Chair VACANT

Western Massachusetts Chair VACANT

LGBTQIA+ Caucus Chair VACANT

Parent's Caucus Chair VACANT

With members responding to the call of the roll, a quorum was established.

Reports of Officers

- Treasurer Kaufer reported that YDMA holds \$7,500 cash on hand and a double-digit amount of monthly-recurring donations.
- Chief of Staff/NOW DSC Member Angus Abercrombie said to be nicer to RFK Jr.

Reports of Committees

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Motions

- President Perenick motioned to adopt the second Tuesday of each month for the 2026-2027 BoD meetings.
 - **Approved by voice vote.**
- President Perenick motioned to approve the [Journal of the 2026 YDMA Convention](#).
 - **Adopted by voice vote.**
- President Perenick motioned to approve the rescission of all 2026-2027 enterprise and revolving funds.
 - **Adopted by voice vote.**
- President Perenick motioned to adopt the [2026-2027 YDMA Annual Budget](#).
 - **Adopted by voice vote.**

Election of Election of 2 Democratic State Committee members (Declared: Ella Hogan and Angus Abercrombie)

- Angus Abercrombie is elected to Seat 1 of the Democratic State Committee election.
- Ella Hogan is elected for Seat 2 of the Democratic State Committee election.
- Director LaBerge moved to rescind the charter of the YDMA Parents Caucus.
 - **Adopted by voice vote.**
- Public Policy Director moved to endorse the following ballot questions in alignment with the 2026-2028 YDMA Platform:
 - “Initiative Petition for a Law to Allow Single-Family Homes on Small Lots in Areas With Adequate Infrastructure”
 - **Adopted by voice vote.**
 - “Initiative Petition for a Law Relative to Election Day Registration”
 - **Adopted by voice vote.**
 - “Initiative Petition for a Law to Improve Access to Public Records”
 - **Adopted by voice vote.**
- Endorsement AGAINST the following ballot questions in opposition to the 2026-2028 YDMA Platform:
 - “Initiative Petition for a Law Relative to Reducing the State Personal Income Tax Rate from 5% to 4%”
 - **Adopted by voice vote.**
 - “Initiative Petition for a Law Relative to Limiting State Tax Collection Growth and Returning Surpluses to Taxpayers”
 - **Adopted by voice vote.**

Consideration of Endorsements Under Suspension of the Rules

- Angus Abercrombie moved to suspend the rules and endorse **Rani Balakrishna** for Brookline Town Meeting
 - $\frac{2}{3}$ of members having voted in the affirmative the rules are suspended and the endorsement is granted.
- Andrew LaBerge moved to suspend the rules and endorse **Brendan Roche** for Mansfield Select Board
 - $\frac{2}{3}$ of members having voted in the affirmative the rules are suspended and the endorsement is granted.
- Andrew LaBerge moved to suspend the rules and endorse **Dustin Gee** for Bellingham School Committee
 - $\frac{2}{3}$ of members having voted in the affirmative the rules are suspended and the endorsement is granted.
- Elana Selman moved to suspend the rules and endorse **Hanna Switekowski** for Sharon Select Board
 - $\frac{2}{3}$ of members having voted in the affirmative the rules are suspended and the endorsement is granted.
- Andrew LaBerge moved to suspend the rules and endorse **Carlos Garcia** for Shrewsbury Select Board
 - $\frac{2}{3}$ of members having voted in the affirmative the rules are suspended and the endorsement is granted.
- Andrew LaBerge moved to suspend the rules and endorse **Anita Mecklenburg** for Norfolk Select Board
 - $\frac{2}{3}$ of members having voted in the affirmative the rules are suspended and the endorsement is granted.
- Andrew LaBerge moved to suspend the rules and endorse **Birch Duggins-Warf** for Norfolk School Committee
 - $\frac{2}{3}$ of members having voted in the affirmative the rules are suspended and the endorsement is granted.
- Andrew LaBerge moved to suspend the rules and endorse **John Bowman-Colin** for Norfolk Board of Health
 - $\frac{2}{3}$ of members having voted in the affirmative the rules are suspended and the endorsement is granted.
- Andrew LaBerge moved to suspend the rules and endorse **Frances Feliz-Kearns** for Mattapoisett Select Board
 - $\frac{2}{3}$ of members having voted in the affirmative the rules are suspended and the endorsement is granted.

Recommendation and appointment of members to the YDMA Programming Committee

Elliott Talley
Rob Cohen
Leslie Templeton
David West?
Lydia King
Zach Day

Election of 3 members of the Board to the YDMA Finance Committee

- Harrison Chan is elected.
- Angus Abercrombie is elected.

Election of 3 members of the Board to the YDMA 2027 Convention Committee

- Will Lombard is elected.
- Rob Cohen is elected.
- Chris Cantwell
- Andrew LaBerge
- Angus Abercrombie is elected.
- Site selection preliminary discussion
- Director LaBerge motioned to refer the 2026-2027 YDMA Strategic Plan to the Executive Committee with instructions to report at the May 10th Board of Directors Meeting
 - Agreed to by voice vote.

Nomination and election of members to Honorary Membership: nominations received:

- *Right Trusty*, Matthew Murray of Gloucester (submitted by Jack Perenick, moved by Angus Abercrombie)
 - Agreed to by voice vote.
- Dan “The Democrat” Williams of Oklahoma (submitted by Will Lombard, moved by Rob Cohen)
 - Agreed to by voice vote.
- *Right Trusty*, Lisa Stevens Goodnight of Boston (submitted by Jack Perenick, moved by Andrew LaBerge)
 - Agreed to by voice vote.
- Melissa Schapero of Quincy (submitted by Jack Perenick, moved by Rob Cohen)
 - Agreed to by voice vote.
- James Byrne of Hull (submitted by Jack Perenick, moved by Will Lombard)

- Agreed to by voice vote.
- Angus Abercrombie suspends the rules to consider the nomination of William Brownsberger of Belmont to be an Honorary Member of YDMA.
 - Agreed to by rising vote.

Adjournment

The Board of Directors adjourned at 4 pm until May 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,
Meagan Lee

Young Democrats of Massachusetts Board of Directors



May 12th, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by the President, Jack Perenick, at 7:00 pm. served as Secretary.

Roll Call

Members present:

President Jack Perenick

Executive Vice President (Communications) Will Lombard

Executive Vice President of Political Affairs Chris Cantwell

Vice President for Membership and Outreach Meagan Lee

Vice President for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Miles Levin

Treasurer Isaac Kaufer

YDA National Committeeman Rob Cohen

YDA National Committeewoman Elana Selman

Public Policy Director Andrew LaBerge

Democratic State Committeewoman Ella Hogan

Democratic State Committeeman Angus James Benedict Abercrombie

College Democrats of Massachusetts Mandy Zhang (Proxy to Angus Abercrombie)

Central Massachusetts Director James Nichols Worley (Proxy to Andrew LaBerge)

Deputy Greater Boston Director Breje Williams

Merrimack Valley Director Jonathan Guzman
Neponset Valley Director Brendan Roche (Proxy to Andrew LaBerge)

AAPI Caucus Chair Harrison Chan
Black Caucus Chair Elliott Talley
Labor Caucus Chair Lydia King (Proxy to Meagan Lee)
Irish Caucus Pro-Tempore David Apollos Green
Latino Caucus Chair Deysi Gutierrez
Disability Caucus Chair Leslie Templeton (Proxy to Jack Perenick)
Veterans Caucus Chair Ryan Lloyd

Members not present:

High School Democrats Co-Chair Lauren Peloquin
High School Democrats Co-Chair Patrick Reed

North Shore Deputy Director Isiah Young
South Coast Director Jaymison Gunschel
Women's Caucus Chair Pro Tempore Jimena Pueyo-Garcia

Vacant seats:

Secretary VACANT
Cape and Islands Director VACANT
South Shore Director VACANT
Metrowest Director VACANT
Western Massachusetts Director VACANT
LGBTQIA+ Caucus Chair VACANT
Jewish Caucus Chair Pro Tem VACANT

Approval of Minutes

Without objection the minutes of the April 26th, 2026 meeting were approved.

Unfinished Business

The following item remained upon the table:

Election of one (1) member to the YDMA Finance Committee

Members of the Executive Committee reported their individual chapters of the 2026-2027 Strategic Plan which was referred to the Executive Committee with instructions to report back at this Board meeting.

New Business

Chris Cantwell moved to adopt the report of the Political Committee establishing a new endorsement questionnaire, which was agreed to by voice vote.

Adjournment

The Board of Directors adjourned at 8:47 pm until June 9th, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Young Democrats of Massachusetts Board of Directors



July 14th, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by the President, Jack Perenick, at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Roll Call

Members present:

President Jack Perenick

Executive Vice President (Communications) Will Lombard

Executive Vice President of Political Affairs Chris Cantwell

Treasurer Isaac Kaufer

YDA National Committeeman Rob Cohen

YDA National Committeewoman Elana Selman

Public Policy Director Andrew LaBerge (Proxy to Rob Cohen prior to arrival)

Democratic State Committeewoman Ella Hogan

Democratic State Committeeman Angus Abercrombie

Central Massachusetts Director James Nichols Worley (Proxy to Angus Abercrombie on departure)

Deputy Greater Boston Director Breje Williams

Merrimack Valley Director Jonathan Guzman

Neponset Valley Director Brendan Roche

AAPI Caucus Chair Harrison Chan
Black Caucus Chair Elliott Talley
Labor Caucus Chair Lydia King
Irish Caucus Pro-Tempore David Apollos Green
Veterans Caucus Chair Ryan Lloyd

Members not present:

Vice President for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Miles Levin
Vice President for Membership and Outreach Meagan Lee (Excused; Proxy to Angus Abercrombie)
Disability Caucus Chair Leslie Templeton (Excused; Proxy to Jack Perenick)

North Shore Deputy Director Isiah Young
South Coast Director Jaymison Gunschel
Women's Caucus Chair Pro Tempore Jimena Pueyo-Garcia

College Democrats of Massachusetts Chair Charles Hughes
High School Democrats Co-Chair Lauren Peloquin
High School Democrats Co-Chair Patrick Reed

Vacant seats:

Secretary VACANT
Cape and Islands Director VACANT
South Shore Director VACANT
Metrowest Director VACANT
Western Massachusetts Director VACANT
LGBTQIA+ Caucus Chair VACANT
Latino Caucus Chair VACANT
Jewish Caucus Chair Pro Tem VACANT

Approval of Minutes

Without objection the minutes of the May 12th, 2026 meeting were approved.

Unfinished Business

The following item remained upon the table:

Election of one (1) member to the YDMA Finance Committee

New Business

Chris Cantwell delivered the report of the Political Committee recommending 8 endorsements.

Angus Abercrombie moved to amendment (#1) to the endorsement of Daniel Darris-O'Connor to be State Representative for the 22nd Middlesex district by striking "Level 2" and inserting "Level 1".

On agreeing to the Abercrombie Amendment #1:

YEAS 11

Isaac Kaufer
Elana Selman
Ella Hogan
Breje Williams
Jonathan Guzman
Angus Abercrombie
Harrison Chan
Brendan Roche
Meagan Lee
James Nichols Worley
Andrew Laberge

NAYS 8

Elliott Talley
Ryan Lloyd
Chris Cantwell
Will Lombard
Rob Cohen
Guest
Leslie Templeton
Jack Perenick

PRESENT 1

David Green

Angus Abercrombie moved an amendment (#2) to the endorsement of Shannon Teabo to be State Senator for the Worcester and Hampshire by striking "Level 2" and inserting "Level 1".

On agreeing to the Abercrombie Amendment #2:

YEAS 14

David Green
Ryan Lloyd
Chris Cantwell
Isaac Kaufer
Will Lombard
Elana Selman
Brendan Roche
Rob Cohen
Ella Hogan

Breje Williams
Jonathan Guzman
Angus Abercrombie
Harrison Chan
Meagan Lee*

NAYS 5

Elliott Talley
Andrew LaBerge
Leslie Templeton*
Jack Perenick
James Nichols Worley*

PRESENT 1

Abercrombie Amendment #2 agreed to by a roll call vote of 14-5-1.

Andrew Laberge moved to reconsider the vote by which the Abercrombie Amendment #2 was agreed to:

YEAS 6

Elliott Talley
Andrew LaBerge
Elana Selman
Jack Perenick
Leslie Templeton*
James Nichols Worley*

NAYS 11

David Green
Ryan Lloyd
Isaac Kaufer
Will Lombard
Brendan Roche
Rob Cohen
Chris Cantwell
Jonathan Guzman
Angus Abercrombie
Meagan Lee*
Ella Hogan*

Present 2

Harrison Chan
Breje Williams

The motion to reconsider was not agreed to by a roll call vote of 6-11-2.

Andrew Laberge moved to reconsider the vote by which the Abercrombie Amendment #1 was agreed to:

YEAS 9

Elliott Talley
David Green
Ryan Lloyd
Isaac Kaufer
Will Lombard
Elana Selman
Brendan Roche
Rob Cohen
Andrew LaBerge

NAYS 9

Chris Cantwell
Jonathan Guzman
Angus Abercrombie
Meagan Lee*
James Nichols Worley*
Jack Perenick
Leslie Templeton*
Ella Hogan*
Breje Williams

Present 1

Harrison Chan

The motion to reconsider was not agreed to by a roll call vote of 9-9-1.

Angus Abercrombie moved the previous question on the Political Committee report, as amended, which was agreed to by a rising vote, 2/3rds of members voting having voted in the affirmative.

On the endorsement of Jack Richardson to be State Representative for the 3rd Barnstable district at Level 1.

YEAS 19

David Green
Ryan Lloyd
Chris Cantwell
Isaac Kaufer
Will Lombard
Elana Selman
Brendan Roche
Rob Cohen
Elliott Talley
Breje Williams
Jonathan Guzman
Angus Abercrombie
Harrison Chan
Andrew LaBerge
Ella Hogan

Meagan Lee
James Nichols Worley
Leslie Templeton
Jack Perenick

NAYS o

PRESENT o

2/3rds of members voting having voted in the affirmative the endorsement is made.

On the endorsement of Nick Lazzaro to be State Representative for the 7th Worcester district at Level 1.

YEAS 19
David Green
Ryan Lloyd
Chris Cantwell
Isaac Kaufer
Will Lombard
Elana Selman
Brendan Roche
Rob Cohen
Elliott Talley
Breje Williams
Jonathan Guzman
Angus Abercrombie
Harrison Chan
Andrew LaBerge
Ella Hogan
Meagan Lee
James Nichols Worley
Leslie Templeton
Jack Perenick

NAYS o

PRESENT o

2/3rds of members voting having voted in the affirmative the endorsement is made.

On the endorsement of Tom Melville to be State Representative for the 9th Norfolk district at Level 1.

YEAS 19
David Green
Ryan Lloyd
Chris Cantwell
Isaac Kaufer
Will Lombard

Elana Selman
Brendan Roche
Rob Cohen
Elliott Talley
Breje Williams
Jonathan Guzman
Angus Abercrombie
Harrison Chan
Ella Hogan
Meagan Lee
James Nichols Worley
Leslie Templeton
Jack Perenick

NAYS o

PRESENT o

2/3rds of members voting having voted in the affirmative the endorsement is made.

On the endorsement of Daniel Darris-O'Connor to be State Representative for the 22nd Middlesex district at Level 1.

YEAS 12
Chris Cantwell
Isaac Kaufer
Brendan Roche
Breje Williams
Jonathan Guzman
Angus Abercrombie
Harrison Chan
Ella Hogan
Meagan Lee
James Nichols Worley
Leslie Templeton
Jack Perenick

NAYS 7
David Green
Ryan Lloyd
Will Lombard
Elana Selman
Rob Cohen
Lydia King
Andrew LaBerge

PRESENT o

2/3rds of members voting having not voted in the affirmative the endorsement is not made.

On the endorsement of Shannon Teabo to be State Senator for the Worcester and Hampshire district at Level 1.

YEAS 12

David Green
Ryan Lloyd
Chris Cantwell
Isaac Kaufer
Elana Selman
Brendan Roche
Rob Cohen
Jonathan Guzman
Angus Abercrombie
Harrison Chan
Ella Hogan*
Meagan Lee*

NAYS 5

Andrew LaBerge
Will Lombard
Elliott Talley
Leslie Templeton*
Jack Perenick

PRESENT 2

James Nichols Worley*
Breje Williams

2/3rds of members voting having voted in the affirmative the endorsement is made.

On the endorsement of Tamisha Civil to be Governor's Councilor for the second district at Level 2.

YEAS 18

David Green
Ryan Lloyd
Chris Cantwell
Isaac Kaufer
Will Lombard
Elana Selman
Brendan Roche
Elliott Talley
Breje Williams
Jonathan Guzman
Angus Abercrombie
Harrison Chan

Andrew LaBerge
Ella Hogan*
Meagan Lee*
James Nichols Worley*
Leslie Templeton*
Jack Perenick

NAYS o

PRESENT o

2/3rds of members voting having voted in the affirmative the endorsement is made.

On the endorsement of Lori Childs to be State Representative for the 5th Plymouth district at Level 2.

YEAS 19

David Green
Ryan Lloyd
Chris Cantwell
Isaac Kaufer
Will Lombard
Elana Selman
Brendan Roche
Rob Cohen
Elliott Talley
Breje Williams
Jonathan Guzman
Angus Abercrombie
Harrison Chan
Andrew LaBerge
Ella Hogan*
Meagan Lee*
James Nichols Worley*
Leslie Templeton*
Jack Perenick

NAYS o

PRESENT o

2/3rds of members voting having voted in the affirmative the endorsement is made.

On the endorsement of Jennifer Heck to be State Representative for the 18th Worcester district at Level 2.

YEAS 19

David Green
Ryan Lloyd
Chris Cantwell
Isaac Kaufer

Will Lombard
Elana Selman
Brendan Roche
Rob Cohen
Elliott Talley
Breje Williams
Jonathan Guzman
Angus Abercrombie
Harrison Chan
Andrew LaBerge
Ella Hogan*
Meagan Lee*
James Nichols Worley*
Leslie Templeton*
Jack Perenick

NAYS 0

PRESENT 0

2/3rds of members voting having voted in the affirmative the endorsement is made.

Lydia King moved to reconsider the vote by which Daniel Darris-O'Connor was not endorsed, which was seconded, and following debate was agreed to by voice vote.

Lydia King moved an amendment (King #1) to the endorsement to strike "Level 2" and insert "Level 1," which was seconded, and after debate was agreed to by voice vote.

On the endorsement of Daniel Darris-O'Connor to be State Representative for the 22nd Middlesex district at Level 2, upon reconsideration.

YEAS 19
David Green
Ryan Lloyd
Chris Cantwell
Isaac Kaufer
Will Lombard
Elana Selman
Brendan Roche
Rob Cohen
Elliott Talley
Breje Williams
Jonathan Guzman
Angus Abercrombie
Harrison Chan
Andrew LaBerge
Ella Hogan*
Meagan Lee*
James Nichols Worley*

Leslie Templeton*
Jack Perenick

NAYS o

PRESENT o

2/3rds of members voting having voted in the affirmative the endorsement is made.

Adjournment

The Board of Directors adjourned at 8:52 pm until September 15th, 2026.

Young Democrats of Massachusetts Board of Directors



August 18th, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by the President, Jack Perenick, at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

Roll Call

Members present:

President Jack Perenick

Executive Vice President (Communications) Will Lombard

Executive Vice President of Political Affairs Chris Cantwell

Secretary Rani Balakrishna

YDA National Committeeman Rob Cohen

Democratic State Committeeman Angus Abercrombie

Central Massachusetts Director James Nichols Worley (Proxy to Jack Perenick)

AAPI Caucus Chair Harrison Chan

Irish Caucus Pro-Tempore David Apollos Green

Veterans Caucus Chair Ryan Lloyd

Members not present:

Vice President for Membership and Outreach Meagan Lee (Excused; Proxy to Jack Perenick)

Vice President for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Miles Levin

Treasurer Isaac Kaufer

YDA National Committeewoman Elana Selman (Excused; Proxy to Harrison Chan)

Public Policy Director Andrew LaBerge (Excused; Proxy to Angus Abercrombie)

Deputy Greater Boston Director Breje Williams

Merrimack Valley Director Jonathan Guzman (Excused; Proxy to David Green)

Neponset Valley Director Brendan Roche

North Shore Deputy Director Isiah Young

South Coast Director Jaymison Gunschel

Women's Caucus Chair Pro Tempore Jimena Pueyo-Garcia

Black Caucus Chair Elliott Talley

Disability Caucus Chair Leslie Templeton (Proxy to Jack Perenick)

Labor Caucus Chair Lydia King (Excused; Proxy to Chris Cantwell)

Democratic State Committeewoman Ella Hogan

College Democrats of Massachusetts Chair Charles Hughes

High School Democrats Co-Chair Lauren Peloquin

High School Democrats Co-Chair Patrick Reed

Vacant seats:

Cape and Islands Director VACANT

South Shore Director VACANT

Metrowest Director VACANT

Western Massachusetts Director VACANT

LGBTQIA+ Caucus Chair VACANT

Latino Caucus Chair VACANT

Jewish Caucus Chair Pro Tem VACANT

Approval of Minutes

Without objection the minutes of the July 14th, 2026 meeting were approved.

a. The remarks of any guests, not to exceed twenty (20) minutes in aggregate

b. The reports of officers in the order of succession beginning with the President

c. Notifications of actions taken by the Executive Committee

[Minutes](#)

d. The reports of standing committees

Public Policy Committee

Hearing on ballot Question 3: State Primary Elections, recommendation ought to endorse no.

Hearing on ballot Question 6: Natural Resource Conservation Fund, recommendation: ought to endorse yes.

e. The reports of special committees

f. Appointment of members to standing or select committees or the authorization thereof

Election of 1 member to the Finance Committee

g. Amendments to the standing rules

h. Unfinished Board business generally

None

i. New Board business generally

President's motion to waive Rule XIII: Appropriations and authorize a further \$1000 to the fundraising revolving fund

[Lombard Resolution](#)