



SOMERVILLE DEMOCRATS

City Executive Committee Meeting March 10th, 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 Simone	Ward 5 (Pro Tem) Adria Colletti	Ward 6 Noah Coolidge
Ward 7 Justin Klekota	10 of 13 members present	<i><u>A quorum is present.</u></i>

Approval of Minutes

Without objection, the minutes of the [February](#) meeting were adopted.

Reports

Chair's Report

Ward chairs had exchanged emails and had tentatively reached an agreement on May 7th at 6:30 pm to be the 2025 Caucus. In order to fill all available spots, extensive outreach will be conducted for this year's platform convention.

1st Vice Chair's Report

Suggested an East Somerville component for the proposed office hours to promote more engagement in the eastern half of the city.

2nd Vice Chair's Report



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Secretary's Report

Minutes from our February Meeting were presented and approved..

Treasurer's Report

A visit to Rockland trust is expected in the next week to complete the transfer of office for our bank account.

Diversity Officer's Report

Suggested a PSA promoting the caucuses more widely than usual might increase our participation from underrepresented groups.

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. He had over 80 callers Sunday and early voting suggests competitive races for the US House special elections. We have the opportunity to stop Trump's undemocratic agenda if we can flip the open US House seats in FL-01, FL-06, and NY-21. Very few state or local party organizations are hosting these types of events and ours attracts people from many other states who want to DO SOMETHING to make a difference in the future of our nation. Please encourage your ward members to Sign up to phone bank from home for as many Sundays & Tuesdays as they are available.



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Old Business

None

New Business

Announcement of 2025 Caucus for all 7 Wards on May 7, 2025 at 6:30 pm. Location to be at the Somerville High School Cafeteria and hybrid participation..

Motion #1 (Coolidge): That the SDCC shall appropriate funding from the general fund for caucus venue cost and caucus expenses in the amount of up to \$250.

Motion agreed to by voice vote.

Motion #2 (Perenick): That the SDCC host two Democratic Coffee Hours and “Get Involved Workshops in person in March or April 2025, with one being held in the East and one being held in the West, with one being held on a weekday evening and one being held on a weekend daytime.

Motion agreed to by voice vote.

Motion #3 (Perenick): That the SDCC shall appropriate funding from the general fund for the Coffee Hour/Workshop for caucus venue cost and food and drink expenses in the amount of up to \$150.

Motion agreed to by voice vote.

Discussion Notes:

- A. Jack Perenick will confirm with the high school the arrangements for the Caucus Date (Note: Completed)
- B. 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.
- C. 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. Noah Coolidge and Joe Lynch volunteered to work on this item.



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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.
- E. All Ward Chairs are allowed a Votebuilder account for their specific Wards from the State Party. The Chair and Secretary encouraged Ward Chairs to activate this and offered assistance in setting it up upon request. There will be a Votebuilder training in Cambridge on March 23. More details will be distributed to the Chairs.
- F. The SDCC at a prior meeting had approved up to \$100 to promote our current special elections phone banks using text banking. As we expect the number of attendees to increase, we will require additional organizers who can provide technical support for the zoom calls and potential breakout rooms. Please nominate volunteers for this task.
- G. Ward Chairs should read and familiarize themselves with the 2025 Method of Selecting Delegates located online here:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1L02g7mjf1FmO1kiJpJGLCt3UTMjpEFoj/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.
- H. 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



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Adjournment

At 7:35 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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