

## **BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD AREA DEMS**

**February 17, 2026**

### **MINUTES**

**Vice-Chair, Emery Pence called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm**

#### **Roll Call:**

**Present:**

Vice Chair: Emery Pence

Treasurer: Libby Dzurka

Recording Secretary: Corinne Shoop

Corresponding Secretary: Dave Goodman

Trustee: Nessa Fuller

Trustee: Rakesh Ramakrishnan

**Absent:**

Chair: Debbie Rosenman

The agenda and January minutes were accepted as posted without objection.

Prior to the start of the meeting the Club heard from Oakland County Commissioner Charlie Carvell. He reported that at the Commissioner meeting this Thursday the board would be addressing whether Oakland County would approve ICE use and presence on county property and also whether officers in the Oakland County Sheriff's office could be deputized to assist and/or work for ICE. There is also an issue of whether ICE can use a data/computer system in police cars. He encouraged the membership to either attend the meeting and voice concerns and objections or contact the board membership and document their objections to these measures being considered.

#### **Vice Chair Report Emery Pence:**

Emery Pence advised that he would be chairing the meeting as Debbie was in Mexico. He discussed the importance of attending the MDP convention in April and that the club had a table at the Legacy Dinner the night before. If anyone is interested in attending the Legacy Dinner or has questions about the convention to let us know.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Libby Dzurka gave her monthly report. There two accounts; the general account and the PAC account. The general account is used to pay for expenses to operate the club. We encourage donations to both accounts especially in an election year.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Political Action and Student Intern Committees:**

Emery Pence is the chair of both committees and reported that he is continuing his work on the political action and organization committee. There are no post card campaigns presently but with mid-terms quickly approaching that will change.

He also reported that he is working with student interns.

#### **Precinct Delegate Liaison Report**

Amy Voigt is the club's Precinct Delegate Liaison. She gave the following report:

She advised that we are continuing to recruit new precinct delegates and we can notarize the Affidavits.

### **Unfinished Business:**

None.

### **New Business:**

**Guest speakers:** It is election season, the meetings going forward will feature candidates in the area that are seeking your support.

Dr. Rakesh Ramakrishnan: Candidate for State Senate, 7<sup>th</sup> District.  
[www.Voterakesh.com](http://www.Voterakesh.com)

Karen McDonald: Candidate for MI Attorney General:  
[www.mcdonaldforag.com](http://www.mcdonaldforag.com)

John Paul Torres: Candidate of US Congress, 11<sup>th</sup> District  
[www.johnpaultorresforcongress.com](http://www.johnpaultorresforcongress.com)

Shereef Akeel: Candidate for Wayne State University, Board of Governors.  
[www.akeelforwsu.com](http://www.akeelforwsu.com)

Dr. Naz Hassan: Candidate for Wayne State University, Board of Governors,  
see his Facebook page

Robin McGregor: Candidate of Oakland County Community College Board of  
Trustees [www.voterobinmcgregor.com](http://www.voterobinmcgregor.com)

Jessica Hallmark: Candidate for Oakland County Probate Judge  
[www.hallmarkforjudge.com](http://www.hallmarkforjudge.com)

### **Good and Welfare**

Various candidates introduced themselves.

The next meeting is March 17, 2026, at Bloomfield Township Hall; 6:30 socializing  
with the meeting starting at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40.