

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD AREA DEMS

June 17, 2025

MINUTES

Chair, Debbie Rosenman called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

Roll Call:

Present: Chair: Debbie Rosenman, Vice Chair: Emery Pence, Treasurer: Libby Dzurka
Recording Secretary: Corinne Shoop, Trustee: Rakesh Ramakrishnan. Absent:
Corresponding Secretary: Dave Goodman and Trustee: Nessa Feller

The agenda was accepted as posted without objection.

The May meeting minutes approved as posted and without objection.

Chair Report: Chair Debbie Rosenman

We are thankful to be back at the Bloomfield Township Hall for our June meeting. There are many opportunities to become engaged. We had a great turnout for the Beverly Hills Memorial Day Parade. Thank you to all that attended. There is a No Kings Rally planned for July 5, 2025 at Hart Plaza. Our next meeting will be a social event at the Michigan Beer Growler at 31221 Southfield Road, we had an event there last summer. Our focus is to re-energize and spend time getting to know each other on a personal level and grow our community.

Treasurer's Report:

Libby Dzurka gave a financial update. There are two accounts: the general account and the PAC account. The general account is used to pay for expenses to operate the club. The PAC account is used to support political activity, especially the voter guides and precinct delegate activities. We encourage donations to both accounts, especially in an election year.

Political Action and Student Internship Committee Reports:

Emery Pence is the chair of these committees. He advised that the post card initiative taking place targeting older voters that may have been leaning towards

GOP but may now be concerned about the present course of the Trump administration continues.

He presently has 60-70 participants on the student intern mailing list. They will be meeting to schedule summer activities. Please contact him with names of students that would like to be added.

New Business: Guest Speakers:

Aghogho Edevbi: Candidate for the Democratic Endorsement of the Democratic Candidate of Secretary of State 2026

He has worked in the Secretary of State Office beside Jocelyn Benson and has valuable experience in the function of the office. He would like to continue to focus on efforts to make sure voting and elections are accessible to everyone. He would also like to get rid “dark money” in political campaigns and mandate that all contributors be identified. He agreed that the website must become more user friendly and that voter education should be a priority.

Garlin Gilchrist: Candidate for Governor 2026

As Lt. Governor he has had the unique opportunity to travel across the state and build relationships that will be powerful should he become governor. He believes that he has the ability to mend the MDP and bring the different factions together for a stronger party and a stronger state. He believes that it is imperative that efforts continue to bring business to Michigan and he believes he is the only candidate with the experience to accomplish this. However, education must be a high priority to meet this goal.

Duggan will present challenges to the race for the MDP candidate; that is why the candidate must have the experience, relationships and strength to build a strong coalition in the party to keep a Democrat in the governor’s office.

Good Welfare

Various announcements were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Attendees June 17th meeting

Doris Applebaum

Leif Axelarris

Howard Baron

Lila Barron

Vince Borowski

Nancy Burmeister

Aileen Castelli (ZOOM)

Will Claypool

George Dilgard

Libby Dzurka

Aghogho Edevbie

Laura Falby (ZOOM)

Maureen Field

Dorothy Flowers

Wendy Friedman

Marcia Gershenson (ZOOM)

Garlin Gilchrist

Jean Goddard

Marilyn Goldberg

Deborah Harvey

Anne Honhart

Lon Johnson

Don Kensler

Terri Koller

Julie Lichtenberg-Stern

Alisia Lamborghini (ZOOM)

Danielle Mallon

Shadia Martini

Jennifer Matlow (ZOOM)

Chris McKenna

Emery and Linda Pence

Eve Pickman

Sarah Pounds

Natalie Price
Danya Rafiqi
Rakesh Ramakrishnan
Debbie Rosenman
Kathy Ross
Sharon Roy
Arturo Sanchez
Sabrina Saunders
Stacey Schreiber
Harriet Shakir (ZOOM)
Corinne Shoop
Gene Simms
Sandra and Yossi Thake
Amy Voigt
Dennis and Dorothy Voss
Allen Wolf
Goni Wong
Linda Zlotoff
48 in person + 6 on zoom = 54 attendees

(At least 4 other people did not sign in)