

## **BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD AREA DEMS**

**APRIL 21, 2026**

### **MINUTES**

**Chair, Debbie Rosenman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm**

**Roll Call: Present:**

Chair: Debbie Rosenman

Vice-Chair: Emery Pence

Recording Secretary: Corinne Shoop

Corresponding Secretary: Dave Goodman

Trustee: Nessa Fuller

Trustee: Rakesh Ramakrishnan

Absent: Treasurer: Libby Dzurka

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

**Chair Report:** Debbie Rosenman

Welcome! Great to see you here tonight!

We are coming off the largest Michigan Democratic Convention ever. There is much to celebrate. We can celebrate the lovely Legacy Dinner Saturday night with a joyful spirit and great speakers. We can celebrate the attendance of 7252 attendees on Sunday at the nominating convention. We can celebrate that so many of our BBADEMs folks came down to be involved. We can celebrate the successful caucus meetings in the morning. We can celebrate that folks chose to participate in democracy.

However, the convention on Sunday left many of us with feelings of concern. The behavior of a number of people in the main convention hall was disturbing at best and profoundly unsettling at worst. About 300-400 folks in the front were loudly booing and yelling insults at some of the speakers. Many of us, me included, felt that the leaders should have stopped it. It did not feel right for Democrats to be shouting down fellow Democrats. In my opinion, that showed a complete lack of respect and hurt all of us as a result. Differences between us should be settled at the voting box.

In any case, thanks to all of you who came down to participate. Challenges with casting votes and processing those votes need to be resolved for upcoming conventions. I am sure we will be hearing more about that in the future.

My message to you today is to continue to stay involved. We need ALL our voices to be heard. Thanks to all the precinct delegates, new and past, who have stepped up. We need you more than ever to connect with your neighbors to educate them and encourage them to vote.

I am so happy to lead this club. I am proud of our wonderful community!

After the chair report, a motion was made and passed by the Board to draft a letter to the chair of the MDP to express the Club's collective concern regarding the lack of respect and decorum that was present at the convention.

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

Treasurer Libby Dzurka gave her monthly report. There 2 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:**

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

Amy Voigt is the club's Precinct Delegate Liaison. She advised that there have been 35 new precinct delegates recruited. However, there are still 44 openings. There will be training in May. Please watch your emails for additional information. She is having a fund raiser at her home to raise money for our voter guide/PAC account, Garland Gilchrist will be attending.

#### **Political Organizing and Student Interns**

Emery Pence is the chair of the Political Influencers committee. He advised that there is a new postcard campaign in the works and he will be providing more information in the newsletter.

He is also working with student interns. The students will also be organizing and conducting the candidate forum for the Michigan State Senate, District 7 race. This will take place at the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Birmingham Baldwin Library.

**Unfinished Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

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

Jeremy Moss: Candidate for US Congress, District 11.  
[www.votejeremymoss.com](http://www.votejeremymoss.com)

Sarah Pounds: Candidate for Michigan House of Representatives, district 54.  
[www.electsarahpounds.com](http://www.electsarahpounds.com)

Kali Scales also spoke. She is the chair of the LBGTQ committee of the OCDP.

**Good and Welfare**

Additional candidates spoke.

Charles Gaba advised you to donate to campaigns at his website: [blue26.org](http://blue26.org)

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.