



## FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Virtual via Zoom

Thursday, February 17, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

- **Gather (6:30-6:40)**
  - Popcorn style:
    - Your name, preferred pronouns, rose/thorn,
    - Reminders - 4 free at-home Covid tests ([www.covidtests.gov](http://www.covidtests.gov)) and sign up to be a Portland Delegate at the State Democratic Convention ([here](#))
  
- **Reports & Minutes (6:40-6:50 PM)**
  - Call to Order- quorum with 21
    - Agenda Overview
  - Chair's Report - Discussion of delegate sign ups
  - Treasurer's Report - ended with \$600.00 in the account
    - January financial report ([here](#))
  - Minutes approval
    - Approve minutes of Special Meeting Oct. 3 ([here](#)) Approved/no objection
    - Approve minutes of October Meeting ([here](#)) Approved/no objection
    - Approve minutes of December Meeting ([here](#)) Approved/no objection
    - Approve minutes of January Meeting ([here](#)) Approved/no objection
  
- **Officer Election for PDCC Vice-Chair (6:50-7:00 PM)**
  - Nominations
    - Harlan Baker, 2nded
    - Meg Harned, 2nded
    - Nominations closed
  - Candidate Presentations
    - Meg shared that she is the current Chair of the Voter Outreach Committee. Views the roll of Vice-Chair as a way to support the Ex Committee and the organization as a whole. Is a Stage Manager during the day and enjoys putting projects together that have tangible impacts. Brings an ability to organize projects.
    - Harlan shared that he is a former State Representative and former Chair of the Portland Committee and former Vice Chair of the Cumberland County Committee. Has a fundraising background. Would like a better relationship with our Portland electeds and more fundraising events, and would like to organize canvases in Portland.



- Discussion - Q & A
- Cloture
  - Motion to end discussion, 2nded
- Vote
  - Zoom Poll
  - Those with two on the phone will need to chat Charles privately
  - 12 Meg/6 Harlan
- Motion to Adopt Statement re: LD 1664 Discussion & Endorsement Vote (7:00-7:20 PM)
  - [An Act To Integrate African American Studies and the History of Genocide into the Statewide System of Learning Results](#)
  - Status: Passed by legislature and signed by Gov. Mills on June 16, 2021
  - Statement for Endorsement Vote:
    - “In light of Republican attempts in Maine and across the country to cover up the history of discrimination against African Americans, Native Americans, and other historically marginalized people; to scare educators away from their duty and constitutional right to teach all aspects of U.S. history; and to ban books that illuminate the history of the Holocaust and of genocide and racial terror in the U.S.; the Portland Democratic City Committee affirms the importance of teaching the full story of U.S. history and thanks Maine Governor Janet Mills, Portland Representative Rachel Talbot Ross, and other members of the Maine Legislature for their leadership in signing LD 1664 into law to integrate African American Studies and the History of Genocide into Maine’s public education environment.”
    - Moved to endorse, 2nded
  - Discussion
    - Request to remove term Republican
    - Discussion to keep Republicans in, as term
    - Discussion on partisan language
    - Suggestion to change “Republican” to “Political”
    - Motion to remove Republican and insert recent and ongoing
      - 2nded
      - Discussion
        - Move to close discussion on amendment, 2nded
        - No opposition to ending discussion
        - Motion fails
      - Motion to end discussion, 2nded
  - Vote



- 18/1 present. Motion passes
- Motion to Endorse: LD 1626 Discussion & Endorsement Vote (7:20-7:40 PM)
  - [An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act](#)
  - Status: Currently under consideration by the Maine Legislature
    - Sponsored by Portland Rep. Talbot Ross and Portland Rep. Collings
  - Statement for Endorsement Vote:
    - “The Portland Democratic City Committee acknowledges the need to secure the sovereignty of the tribes in Maine as a matter of legal fairness, environmental justice, and public health. The Portland Democratic City Committee endorses LD 1626, *An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act*, and calls on the Maine Legislature and Governor Janet Mills to partner with Maine’s tribes and sign LD 1626 into law this year.”
  - Discussion
    - Discussion on importance and support
    - Discussion on the important parts of this legislation
    - 150 Democrats offered testimony to support this bill
      - Motion to end debate, 2nded
  - Vote
    - Unanimous support
- Announcements and Adjourn (7:45 PM)
  - Voter Outreach Meeting
    - Monday 6:30 on Zoom
    - Postcard drive still going!
  - Sign up to be a delegate!
  - *PDCC exec team will stay on the call after adjournment for any further informal discussion or questions from members*