



PDCC Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 20, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Attendance: 20

- Welcome & Introductions (**6:30-6:40**) Popcorn style: Please share your name, your preferred pronouns and discuss why do you participate with PDCC? What brings you to this meeting tonight?
- Business (**6:40-6:45 PM**) Reports
 - Chair's Report
 - Charles welcomed everyone and reminded attendees that the City Committee is here to organize and elect democrats across Portland
 - Treasurer's Report
 - May financial report; we have about 2,3000
 - We are looking to fundraise for some voter outreach
 - Please donate on the website: portlanddems.org
 - 10 dollars helps us reach 20 voters
 - Minutes approval
 - Approve minutes of April meeting ([here](#))
 - Moved to approve April minutes by Chair, 2nded, approved
 - Unopposed
- Candidate Remarks (**6:45-6:50 PM**) Ryan Lizanecz, candidate for District 5 Charter Commission was here to speak with us about his campaign
 - Ryan introduced himself; has lived in Portland his entire life; and been a lifelong democrat. He attends Maine Law. Ryan is excited to run for the Charter Commission and believe that reforms should be made to make Portland work better for all of us. Ryan thinks we have an opportunity to make some important structural changes, and especially in District 5.
 - Q&A
 - Ryan indicates that he is in support of a stronger mayoral role. The biggest part of that is the budget process, (subject to the City Council).
- Endorsement Vote (**6:50-6:55**) Vote to Endorse Ryan Lizanecz (D) for District 5 Representative to the Portland Charter Commission- Moved closer
 - Motion to endorse, and 2nded



- Discussion
 - Speakers spoke in support of Ryan (Vanessa, Aura)
 - Chair moved to end discussion, none opposed
- Vote
 - Vote by raised hands, no opposition
 - Motion passes
- Legislative Update with Rep. Wood and Rep. Zager (**6:55-7:30 PM**) Representatives Wood and Zager gave an update on bills passed and legislation still pending
 - Rep. Barb Wood (Democrat, District 38) was unavailable this evening
 - Rep. Sam Zager (Democrat, District 41)
 - Rep. Zager introduced himself. Discussed that he was actively involved in issues before being elected. He has his name on 29 bills this session. Because he is a physician, he often looks at evidence behind the policy issues. Rep. Zager shared multiple slides/visuals during his overview.
 - Rep. Zager discussed a few of the bills that have his name on them, including school-based health centers; health care inequity; tribal authority and sovereignty; income and wealth gap widening; and gene editing
 - Questions, comments, and discussion
- Presentation of PDCC Charter Commission Survey (**7:30-7:35 PM**) by Charles Skold, PDCC Chair
 - Chair shared the new website tab portlanddems.org/charter
 - Gave a quick overview of the districts and where democrats are running
 - Discussion
 - Other ways for PDCC to be involved include volunteering for “Get Out the Vote” (GOTV): phone calls, knocking on doors or donating too
- Announcements (**7:55-8:00 PM**)
 - Voter Outreach: Our next voter outreach subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Sunday 5/23 @ 6:30pm ([link to join](#))
 - Mailers are getting finalized and will be sent out
 - We need volunteers for door-to-door
 - We are going to do some tabling events this summer too
 - Other Member announcements
- Adjourn (**8:00 PM**)



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- *PDCC exec team stays on the call after adjournment for any further informal discussion or question from members*