

Waltham Democratic City Committee Meeting Minutes  
02/27/2025  
6:30-7:30 pm

**Attendees:**

Stacy Fatale	Andrew Fintzel
Carol Gill	Christopher Lorant
Susan Kramer	Tom Benavides
Reginalde Messac	Luke Farberman
Scott O'Neil	Timothy Nolan
Clarence Richardson	Patty Cambell
Cynthia Salamanis	Betty Ruth
Jean Vallon	Nancy Hall
S. Winkler	Erica Beade

- The Jan 2025 minutes were approved.
- A MassDems presentation by Alex Bausch. MassDems is working on being more engaged at local level.
  - access/training to vote builder at ward level
  - will support local democratic candidates
  - will support ballot questions which are consistent with the Democratic platform
  - access to mail permits at the city and ward level
  - provide resources for text banks and phone banks
  - Platform hearings will be in July, State convention in September (Springfield, MA)
  - They will help bear some of the cost for local campaigns
  - Feedback report from listening tour is being prepared,
  - Questions contact [Alex@Massdems.org](mailto:Alex@Massdems.org)

<https://www.massdems.org/caucus-and-convention>

- Tom Benavides from Waltham Inclusive neighborhoods
  - A presentation about housing being the key to political power
  - Sunday Waltham housing coalition event, 1 pm Government Center

<https://walthamtimes.org/event/waltham-housing-coalition-launch-event/>

- Heroes Brunch Committee Report
  - Get tickets soon
  - Honorees: Tom Stanley, Connie Koutoujian, WIN, Marcou Charitable Foundation
  - Sunday March 30, 11-1p, American Legion
  - Needs volunteers to help run the event, set up/clean up
  - Advertised in the Waltham Patch and Waltham Times, but needs word of mouth

- Future Events
  - Thurs., March 27 Business meeting (no speaker scheduled yet)
  - April no business meeting scheduled
  - Possible Earth Day event
  - Caucus for all 9 Wards to attend the platform convention in Springfield, Saturday, April 5, 9:30-10a, the Northeast School
  - May 22 Business Meeting: Speaker- Sheriff Peter Koutoujian, elections for City committee officers
  - Ongoing Brandeis Democrats discussions, ways to work together, possible event in September is a panel about news media

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.