

Waltham Democratic City Committee Meeting Minutes
Feb/19/2026
6:00-7:10 pm

Attendees:	
Christina Curtin Kelly Durkee-Erwin Andrew Fintzel Jo Fletcher Carol Gill Kumu Gupta Susan Kramer Robert Logan	Timothy Nolan Scott O'Neil Clarence Richardson Tom Stanley Nadene Stein Ed Tarallo Stewart Woodward KRD ?

- The Jan 2026 minutes were approved.
- Adopt-a-District
 - US Representative Katherine Clark, the Congressional Minority Whip, Presented: Winning Red Districts.
 - Democrats overperformed in special elections by 15%.
 - In 2025, there were 35 districts in play. Now there are 44 competitive districts.
 - Targeted districts:
 - Toss up districts
 - Red/purple state opportunities
 - Strong candidates without competitive primaries
 - 8 Adopt a District Candidates
 - AZ-06 JoAnna Mendoza
 - AZ-02 Jonathan Nez
 - IA-03 Sarah Trone Garriott
 - IA-01 Christina Bohannon
 - PA-08 Paige Cognetti
 - PA-10 Janelle Stelson
 - VA-02 Elaine Luria
 - WI-03 Rebecca Cooke
 - What Adoption Looks Like
 - Hold Republicans accountable
 - Voter outreach programs
 - Phone and text banks
 - Digital amplification: sharing, posting, commenting
 - A House majority is within reach.
 - We have strong candidates running and working hard.
 - Grassroots engagement will make the difference.
 - The Senate is not the focus of this program.
 - Connect to a specific campaign and stay with it.

- Phone banking: Swing voters/undecided, Republicans are removed from the call list. Outreach continues with these voters.
- Calls are more educational conversations than debate.
- The next phase is GOTV.
- Safety aspects have been addressed. Calls and texts are made using a non-identifiable number for phone and texts through the campaign In-person door knocking is unlikely for these campaigns.
- What will partnerships look like? It depends on the campaign and what they need.
- Vote to adopt the Adopt-a-District
 - The Steering Committee will choose one campaign and decide on the time commitment.
 - Passes on show of hands
- Announcements:
 - Heroes Awards, Sunday, May 3, 2026, 11-1p
 - Waltham Democratic Caucus, March 7, 2026, 10am, Northeast Elementary School
 - Ranked Choice Voting, March 11, 2026, First Parish in Waltham
 - Newton Democratic will be celebrating Black History month by sponsoring a viewing at the West Newton Cinema of The Six Triple Eight.
 - MassDems Convention, May 29-30, 2026, Worcester at the DCU Center
- The next meeting of the WDCC will be March 19,2026, 6-7p

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.