

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD AREA DEMS

Birmingham Baldwin Library

JANUARY 20, 2026

MINUTES

Chair, Debbie Rosenman called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

Roll Call:

Present:

Chair: Debbie Rosenman

Vice Chair: Emery Pence

Treasurer: Libby Dzurka

Recording Secretary: Corinne Shoop

Corresponding Secretary: Dave Goodman

Trustee: Nessa Fuller

Trustee: Rakesh Ramakrishnan

The agenda was accepted as posted without objection.

There were no minutes after the November meeting as it was a social event and there was no meeting in December. All meeting minutes are posted on the BBA Dems website should anyone have any questions.

Chair Report, presented by Debbie Rosenman:

“I wish I could give you encouraging words to lift your spirits with the events going on in our country right now. But with the horrors of ICE actions in Minnesota and even in our own communities, as well as pending international crises brought on by the Trump regime, the rising costs of health care for our families and the attacks on our journalists, it is a very serious time in our country.

But now is NOT the time to look away and step back. With you coming out tonight or tuning in on Zoom, you are joining with millions across America who are speaking up that we must stay involved and make our voices heard.

So ...keep showing up.

Keep going to rallies to be seen and heard.

Keep reading independent media sources to stay informed.

Keep being kind to one another despite the cruelty by our government leaders.

Keep doing your part and consider joining our precinct delegate team.

We are in this together.

Our BBADEMs community is one I am proud to be part of.”

Treasurer’s Report:

Treasurer Libby Dzurka gave her monthly report. There are two accounts: the general club 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:

Political Action and Student Intern Committees:

Emery Pence is the chair of both committees and reports that he is continuing his work on the Political Influencers committee. There are no postcard campaigns presently but with mid-terms quickly approaching, that will change.

He also reported that he is working with student interns.

Precinct Delegate Liaison Report

Amy Voigt is the club’s Precinct Delegate Liaison. She gave the following report:

“Happy New Year! Welcome to the first meeting of 2026. Here in Michigan where we have all the seasons- Spring Summer, Baseball, March Madness- it is in fact, the beginning of **Precinct Delegate Commitment Season!** All the current PD’s should have received an email from Debbie and me asking you to complete a google

form to indicate your interest in running again to be a Precinct Delegate. WE NEED YOU ON THE Precinct Delegate TEAM. When it comes to impacting previous election cycles, your service has been vital.

If you are unsure about being a Precinct Delegate, or better still Kinda, sorta interested and are thinking AMY- SAY MORE RIGHT NOW I will!

A Precinct Delegate is a duly elected Democratic Voter whose responsibility is to connect with DEMOCRATIC VOTERS within their assigned area. The actual time commitment we ask for is a minimum of 10 hours (TOTAL!!). Connect with your assigned area, AKA your turf, to remind them to vote in the August primary, and again contact them to share our voter guide in late September before the November election.

We ask that PDs begin to contact the members of their assigned area, AKA their turf, in June.

For current and interested PD's we have the all-important FORMS here this evening; they must be filled out completely and correctly and then notarized. The deadline to return these forms TO Me or another Precinct Delegate Liaison: Maureen Christianson or Richard Grinstein, is the club meeting in March.

Here's the thing- The statement "This is the most important election of our lives." has been repeated all too much. But. It. IS. Time to get in the game; we need you on our Precinct Delegate team."

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

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

Don Ufford: Candidate for US Congress, 11th District. Mr. Ufford presented his ideas and answered questions. www.ufford4michigan.com

Shadia Martini: Candidate for State Senate District 7: www.votemartini.com

Sarah Pounds: Candidate for State Representative 54th District:
www.electsarahpounds.com

David Lauer: Candidate for State Representative 6th District:
www.electdavidlauer.com

Susanna Shkreli: Candidate for Michigan Secretary of State:
www.susannashkreli.com

Election of BBADEMs Officers for 2026: Due to there being no official meetings in November and December, Richard Grinstein, PD Liaison for Southfield Township, lead the members present in a vote for Club Officers for 2026. The current slate of officers was unanimously elected by acclamation.

Final messages: Next meeting is February 17, 2026, and we return to Bloomfield Township Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Attendees January 20 meeting

Doris Applebaum

Howard Baron

Amy Baron and husband

Lucy Benham

Chris Chanko

Maureen Christensen

Michael Clift

Cindi Cook

Kevin Cumming

Angela Davenport-ZOOM

Robin Dillard

Ariel Drissman

Rachelle Dwaihy and husband

Libby Dzurka

Nessa Feller

Maureen Field
Wendy Friedman
Oscar Garner
Mandy Garver
Tracey Goddeeris-ZOOM
Lori Goldman
Dave Goodman
Richard Grinstein
Jody Harrington
Anne Honhart
Jason Hoskins
Natalie Jacobs
Paul Jacobs
Paul Jokinen
Nomi Joyrich-ZOOM
Terri Koller
Nancy LaBella
Beata Lamparski
Joyce Laszczak
David Lauer
Hanna Lopatin
Dians Lopez-Negrete
Danielle Mallon
Maria Marcotte
Shadia Martini
Chris McKenna
Mike McKeown
Bob McNeely
Fred Newton
Lisa Peers
Emery and Linda Pence
Sarah Pounds
Rakesh Ramakrishnan
Eric Raphael
Judy Robinson

Emily Rollins
Debbie Rosenman
Andy Ross-ZOOM
Kali Scales
Stacey Schreiber
Cynthia Shaw
Suzanna Shkreli
Corinne Shoop
Craig Spangler
Sandra Thake
Don Ufford
Jeff and Amy Voight
Dennis Voss
Lynn Wiand
Allen Wolf
Tracy Zeman
Linda Zlotoff
(67 in attendance with 4 on ZOOM)