Chair Gus Bickford called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. He invited Secretary Carol Ann Aloisi to do the Pledge of Allegiance, for which members stood. The Chair called for a motion to suspend the roll call, which passed, and for a motion to accept the minutes of the September 9th meeting in West Springfield. The motion to accept the minutes passed.

Chairman Bickford began the meeting by welcoming attendees to Somerville and thanking the facilitators of the meeting. The Chair requested a moment of silence for family, friends, and fellow committee members who recently passed away: Democratic activist, Paul Sullivan; Bruce Carter Pratt, father of DSC member Alex Pratt; Frances Bowes, mother of DSC member John Bowes; Bob McGrath, brother of DSC member Tom McGrath.

The Chair introduced the Secretary of the Commonwealth William Galvin for remarks. Secretary Galvin commended the Chair and members of the work done that led to Democratic victories in recent special elections and stressed the importance of doing the same for the upcoming Worcester and Middlesex special election on December 5, 2017.

The Chair introduced Somerville city chair and Democratic State Committee member Diane Masters and thanked her for hosting the meeting. Somerville city chair Diane Masters thanked everybody for coming to Somerville and briefly mentioned success in recent municipal elections.

The Chair announced that two Democratic candidates for Lieutenant Governor were in attendance and would each have five minutes to address the committee. The committee voted to suspend the rules to allow Quintin Palfrey and Jimmy Tingle to address the committee.

The Chair thanked the members of the committee for their hard work throughout the past year and for helping to elect two Democratic mayors, Tom McGee and Paul Heroux. The chair also recognized other State Committee members who were elected the previous Tuesday: Nicole LaChapelle, David Narkewicz, Candy Mero-Carlson, Jim Fiorentini, Calvin Brown, Steve Camara, Jess Finocchiaro, Jess Lederman, Denise Simmons, and Michelle Wu. The Chair mentioned the recent special election victories of Paul Feeney, Andy Vargas, and John Barrett and reiterated the importance of the upcoming special election involving Sue Chalifoux-Zephyr in the Worcester & Middlesex District.

The Chair recognized the State Committee Treasurer Paul Yorkis for the Treasurer’s Report. Treasurer Paul Yorkis began by announcing the launch of a store on the Massachusetts Democrats website within the next 30 days. The Treasurer then gave the Treasurer’s Report and discussed the Roosevelt Dinner. The Treasurer’s Report was voted on and accepted.

The Chair introduced Director of Operations Rachel Quinn and Executive Director Veronica Martinez who outlined the timeline for Democratic Town, Ward, and City committee caucuses and the efforts going towards the Massachusetts Democratic Nominating Convention.
The Chair introduced members of various subcommittees to provide updates on current and upcoming projects.

- **Field Services Subcommittee** Co-Chair Jason Palitsch announced that materials were being gathered and would be mailed to Chairs organizing caucuses.
- **Credentials Subcommittee** Co-Chair Carol Aloisi reported and requested that Committee members give at least two hours of their time assisting the state party with entering in delegates and alternates.
- **Women’s Outreach Subcommittee** Co-Chair Norma Shulman spoke of the Subcommittee’s process of reorganization, their Facebook page and efforts in the upcoming special election in the Worcester and Middlesex District.
- **Youth Services Subcommittee** Co-Chair Jeremy Comeau spoke about the add-on delegate selection process and the importance of encouraging young party members to run for add-on seats as they will receive preference.
- **Senior Outreach Subcommittee** Co-Chair Russ Ashton recognized Ruth Shapiro and spoke about voter registration events. Fellow Co-Chair Allyn Pecevich spoke about voter turnout and the role senior citizens could play in increasing it.
- **LGBTQ Subcommittee** Co-Chair Steve Driscoll spoke about how the Republican tax bill’s repeal of the Johnson Amendment as it pertains to houses of worship as well as the importance of recognizing the growing unpopularity of religion amongst Americans, especially young Americans. LGBT Co-Chair Holly Ryan spoke on the topic of the Transgender Anti-Discrimination Veto Referendum that will be a ballot question in 2018.
- **Campaign Services Subcommittee** Co-Chair Amanda Smith discussed the upcoming Democratic Campaign Institute. Co-Chair Joe Kaplan spoke about the upcoming special election in the Worcester and Middlesex District.
- **JFK Scholarship Subcommittee** Co-Chair Charlotte Golar-Richie & Brenda Brathwaite highlighted the re-launching of the JFK Scholarship and Moakley Internship Program and encouraged members to pass on details to young people at their caucuses.
- **Public Policy Subcommittee** Co-Chair Martina Jackson discussed the Raise Up Mass agenda as well as achieving paid family leave and criminal justice reform for the state.
- **Resource Development** Co-Chair Tom Holloway spoke of recent & upcoming events.
- **By-Laws Subcommittee** Co-Chairs Jim DiTullio and Teresa Walsh, Co-Chairs of the proposed a by-law concerning impartiality of State Party officers and staff members and explained the background and process leading up to the proposed by-law. A motion to strike the Conditionality Clause of the proposed by-law was put forth by Teresa Walsh and was seconded. The Committee then voted to strike the clause form the proposed by-law. The Committee voted on the proposed amendment and it was passed.

Executive Director Martinez announced conferences to fill DSC vacancies in the Hampshire, Franklin, and Worcester District as well as the Norfolk, Bristol, and Plymouth District. The Chair announced the dates for the next 3 DSC meetings: Feb 8th, April 28th and August 25th.

The Chair called a motion to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.