

Androscoggin County Democratic Committee

Meeting Minutes - May 7, 2026

Chris Beam, Vice Chair, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees went around the room to introduce themselves.

Announcements:

- Jane Petheny says Andrew Lewis did not get enough signatures to get on the County Commissioner primary ballot for District 5 in Auburn - he is a write in and needs 100 votes to appear on the ballot in November
- Alison Harris let attendees know that she would be sending email to ask people to sign up to volunteer to help candidates.
- Dave Projansky reminded everyone to vote for school budget in Lewiston on Tuesday.
- Moxie parade - people expressed interest in marching.
- Summer meeting schedule - perhaps meet at a member's house. Chris Beam would like to advocate for continuing to meet after the primary.

Agenda Items:

- Dave Projansky moved to accept the minutes from April meeting; motion was seconded and passed.
- Mary Rousell presented the Treasurer's report, including expenses and income sources. She showed the ad we purchased for the Western Maine Labor Council for the Workers' Memorial Day Dinner brochure. Mike Lajoie moved to accept the report; motion was seconded and passed.
- Audit Committee - Mike Lajoie volunteered to join the committee.

Candidate Presentations:

- Lisa Cesare spoke about running for county commission for Minot, Turner, Leeds, and Livermore. Has served on the county commissioners budget committee, and has been chair. Understands county budgeting. Running as a declared write in - needs 100 votes to get past the primaries and then she can be on the ballot for November.
- Paige Loud was unable to speak at this meeting as scheduled.

- Andrea LaFlamme - candidate for US Senate. Running as a declared write-in candidate. Public health professor at USM. Union rep for all adjunct professors throughout the state. Chapter president, in her second term. Worked for City of Bangor, Good Shepherd Food Bank. To vote for her as a write-in candidate on the ranked choice ballot, enter her name on the line below the list of candidates then check the appropriate box. She conducts virtual town halls every week and her website has a calendar where people can sign up: andreaformaine.com

New Members:

- Four people requested to become members: Kate Borsig of Durham, Jim Borsig of Durham, Teddy Rosen of Lewiston, and Lisa Cesare of Minot. Dave Projansky made the motion to vote them in; motion was seconded and passed.

Dave Projansky moved to adjourn; motion was seconded and passed.