

DRC Board Meeting

Sunday September 21, 2025

Via Zoom

Board Members Present:

Maggie Bartley	Ram Lalukota	Betsy Passer
Dia Carabajal	Jamal Malik	Bill Thickstun
Summer Downing	Liz Moran	Michael Zagrobelny
John Hurley		

Board Members Absent:

Cindy Appleton	Bill Hughes	Tom Schimmerling
Max Della Pia	Michael Plitt	Ted Young
Sam Hodge	Roger Saltman	

Welcome and Call to Order:

DRC Chair, Bill Thickstun called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and declared that a quorum of 10 members of the DRC Board was present along with several guests.

Meeting Summary:

The special meeting was convened to discuss a DRC contribution to support the campaign of Michael Cashman, Democratic Supervisor of the Town of Plattsburg, to represent Assembly District 115. This mid-term vacancy was created by the resignation of Democratic Assemblymember Billy Jones. Governor Hochul has called a special election (November 4, 2025) to fill the vacancy. Jason Clark had shared a summary of Supervisor Cashman's strong credentials to represent this rural assembly district. As Chairman Thickstun noted in his call for a special meeting, the DRC has contributed to special elections in the past.

Meeting attendees voiced support for a contribution. Treasurer John Hurley noted that a contingency fund of \$8,000 is included in the DRC budget. After discussion, the group reached consensus on a contribution of \$1,000 to support the Cashman campaign. A motion to authorize this expenditure of DRC funds was made by Betsy Passer, seconded by Summer Downing and carried unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Michael Zagrobelny at 7:20 pm and seconded by Summer Downing. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Liz Moran, Secretary