

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
OF THE TOMPKINS COUNTY PROGRESSIVES  
October 5, 2017**

In Attendance:	Emily Adams	Shawna Black
	Jason Cortell	Mario Hernandez
	Deborah Dawson	Marty Hiller
	Margaret Fisher	Aryeal Jackson
	Ronny Hardaway	Jen Karius
	Kris Hodges	Anne Koreman
	Kim Knight	Laura Lewis
	Martha Laux	Jim Murphy
	Ted Laux	Ben Roach
	Katy Nicholson	Martha Robertson
		Brion Scime

Co-chair **Kim Knight** called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm.

The bulk of this meeting (about two hours) proceeded in a “meet the candidates” format, with each participating candidate allotted 5 minutes for an opening statement, and then a Q&A exchange with Executive Board and audience members. We allowed the Q&A to go on until folks ran out of questions, and it was gratifying to see that our relatively small audience had lots and lots of questions.

The candidates who participated were Martha Robertson (County Legislative District 13), Laura Lewis and Aryeal Jackson (Ithaca Common Council Ward 5), Shawna Black (Legislative District 11), Deborah Dawson (Legislative District 10), and Jen Karius (Legislative District 12). If you live and vote in any of these districts, please seek out information on your candidates’ websites or FaceBook pages.

It is beyond the scope of these minutes to recount the candidates’ positions on the many issues that were raised. I can only report that many of the candidates offered a wealth of information and ideas for dealing with Ithaca’s and Tompkins County’s perennial affordable housing problems, and we all learned a great deal.

After the candidates’ portion of the meeting, the Board members discussed inappropriate emails by one of our members that had prompted the Admin Committee to temporarily moderate the membership listserv. Knight reported that she had discussed the situation with the member who wrote the emails, and reached an agreement that the member would resign and TCP would return the member’s dues. It was agreed that Knight would remove the member from the listserv, and

then advise **Emily Adams** so that she could return the listserv to its original, unmoderated state. Cortell will take care of refunding the resigning member's dues. The Board agreed to issue the guidelines and conditions for listserv use that Adams had proposed. In the future, if a member violates those guidelines and conditions, that member will be placed on moderated status.

Board members discussed the nomination of Mario Hernandez to replace Board members that have resigned. The Board discussed this with Hernandez, and will make a decision in advance of the December Board meeting, when it will be making plans for its 2018 programs and priorities.

Because of the lateness of the hour, the Board decided to put off Knight's report on the MRC talking circle held in August. Knight distributed materials from that event, and reported that she would be continuing to work with SURJ on racial justice issues. She also remains available to work with Finger Lakes PULSE, if that organization remains interested in working with TCP.

The Board will not be meeting next month, because most of the members are busy with campaigns that will culminate on November 7. Our next meeting will be on December 7, 2017.

The public meeting was adjourned at 8:45, to go into Executive Session.

No official actions were taken in Executive Session.