

BEFORE THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY

Date: April 3, 2022

Petitioners: Andrew Cordio, as Chair of the Libertarian Association of Massachusetts, representing a constructively disaffiliated affiliate and thereby allowed an automatic appeal as per Libertarian Party National Bylaws Article 5.6 and members comprising at least 1% of the national Libertarian Party's Sustaining Members as allowed by Libertarian Party National Bylaws Article 7.12.

Interested Parties: Any persons claiming to be current members of the leadership of the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts and/or the Libertarian Association of Massachusetts including the following State Committee elected at a specially called convention concluding on February 26th, 2022, as follows:

- Andrew Cordio, Chair
- Charlie Larkin, Treasurer & Archivist
- Scott Gray, Recording Secretary
- Jason Brand, Membership Director
- Janel Holmes, Political Director
- David Burnham, Operations Director
- Thomas Eddlem, Communications Director
- Brodi Elwood, Technology Director
- Daniel Garrity, Fundraising Director

And the former State Committee prior to the above election, as follows:

- Ashley Shade(resigned), Chair
- Cris Crawford, Treasurer
- Derek Newhall, Recording Secretary
- Michael Burns, Political Director
- Andrew Moore, Membership Director
- Jeremy Thompson, Operations Director
- Daniel Riek (Acting), Technology Director
- Tara Desisto

The Libertarian National Committee

Relief Requested: That the LNC hear and decide on the matter of the Resolution submitted by Rich Bowen and co-sponsored by Susan Hogarth, Ken Moellman, Steven Nekhaila, Joshua Smith, and Erik Raudsep as put forth below and supported by the **Notice of Filing Exhibit 1** which was filed separately and can found here:
<https://tinyurl.com/MA-Exhibit-1-Timeline>.

Committee Jurisdiction: Libertarian Party National Bylaws Article 8.2(a) and 8.2(d).

Notice of Filing MA County Support of MA Petitioners

Please find attached Resolutions from the following:

- Libertarian Party of Worcester County
- Motion of Censure of Ashley Shade by Middlesex County
- Statement of South Shore Libertarian Party
- Statement of Pioneer Valley Libertarian Party

These are provided at the request of Judicial Committee Chair Mary Ruwart.

Janel Holmes
Elected Massachusetts State Committee member, Chair Worcester County Libertarian Party

Vivian Eliza Nichols
Secretary, Worcester County Libertarian Party

[Other Local Affiliates]

Thomas R. Eddlem
Chairman, South Shore Libertarian Party

James Parent
Vice Chairman, South Shore Libertarian Party

Ryan Sullivan
Secretary, South Shore Libertarian Party

Brodi Elwood
Chair, Libertarian Party of Middlesex County

Jason Brand
Vice Chair, Libertarian Party of Middlesex County

Scott David Gray
Secretary, Libertarian Party of Middlesex County

Dan Garrity
Organizer, Pioneer Valley Libertarian Party (in formation)

A.7 Libertarian Party of Worcester County resolutions

A.7.1 Reproduction of Libertarian Party of Worcester County resolution on Jan. 10 state committee meeting

Resolution to Dismiss Recognition of the January 10th LAMA State Committee Meeting

Whereas, on January 10th 2022 the LAMA State Committee held a regularly scheduled meeting in which they voted to terminate the membership of 47 members who petitioned for a special convention in accordance with the process outlined in the LAMA constitution.

Whereas, This meeting was held without agenda and was opened in a closed session and

Whereas, The standing of multiple Committee Members at the time of the vote is now in question with regard to the LAMA Constitution, LAMA By-laws, and/or Massachusetts General Law.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Libertarian Party of Worcester County by unanimous vote does not recognize the January 10th meeting of the LAMA SC to have been properly held and does not recognize actions proposed or passed at this meeting as any such actions are void as it was only an informal gathering.

Therefore, be it further resolved that the Libertarian Party of Worcester County recognizes the proper state committee to consist of State committee members who were supposed by the acting State Committee to have been expelled and does not recognize State Committee Members who are not eligible to serve as State Committee Members due to violations of the LAMA Constitution, LAMA Bylaws, and/or Massachusetts General Law and furthermore will not recognize any further action taken by the existing partial State Committee.

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A.7.2 Reproduction of Libertarian Party of Worcester County resolution of censure on state committee members

Public Letter of Censure of the LAMA State Committee

Whereas, On January 10th 2022 the LAMA State Committee voted to terminate the membership of 47 members who petitioned for a special convention according to the process outlined in the LAMA constitution.

Whereas, This meeting to expel was held without agenda and opened in a closed session and

Whereas, The standing of multiple Committee Members at the time of the vote is now in question with regard to the LAMA Constitution, LAMA Bylaws, and/or Massachusetts General Law.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Libertarian Party of Worcester County by unanimous vote censures the LAMA State Committee for their actions taken in an effort to enact a mass expulsion of LAMA members.

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A.8 Reproduction of Libertarian Party of Middlesex Motion of Censure of Ashley Shade on January 15, 2022

The following motion was duly made and seconded: That the LP of Middlesex censures Ashley Shade. She acted as chair of the State Party after having been elected to office, ignoring legal standards with respect to conflicts of interest. She attempted a coup against the membership. She illegally opened a meeting of the State Committee in Executive Session. She attempted to use the illegal meeting to expel 47 members who had exerted their Constitutional authority to call a Special Convention. She proceeded with the vote to expel en masse without any due process or representation.

Passed unanimously.

The following motion was duly made and seconded: To send Jason Brand, Kenneth Luu and Brian Zakrajsek as delegates to the group of members planning a Special Convention.

Passed unanimously.

A.9 January 22, 2022 Statement of SSLP on State Committee actions of January 10

Finding of Facts:

The state committee of the Libertarian Association of Massachusetts (LAMA) in its regular January meeting of Jan. 10, 2022 was held entirely in executive session, without even a vote to go into executive session, even though Francis & Francis, the parliamentary rules LAMA has adopted to govern itself, makes no provision at all for executive sessions; and

More importantly, the LAMA Constitution was further violated when seven members of the state committee did with corrupt intent vote to expel 47 members of LAMA whose sole alleged misdeed was signing a petition for a special state convention under the LAMA Constitution, because the seven members of the state committee perceived their own re-election at the special convention in danger, and neither the LAMA Constitution nor the by-laws authorize the state committee to either remove large numbers of members in order to preserve titles of officers nor to suppress a valid petition for a special state convention, and

Furthermore, the LAMA by-laws only authorize the state committee to remove “a person” – not many at once – and “for cause,” and petitioning the state committee for a special state convention in line with the LAMA Constitution cannot possibly be considered “cause” for expulsion, and

Moreover, the minutes of the January 10 meeting record the Chair Ashley Shade acknowledging “not everyone who signed is part of the ‘takeover,’” admitting, even in the fevered conspiracy-mongering minds of the seven state committee members, they were expelling members solely for petitioning under the LAMA Constitution; and

The LAMA Constitution was further violated in the expulsion of two of its state committee members, namely Janel Holmes and Charlie Larkin, without cause or due process, the only alleged “cause” being support of a special state convention under the LAMA Constitution, even though the LAMA Constitution explicitly requires cause and due process: “The State Committee may by two-thirds vote of its entire membership expel a person from the State Committee, **for cause**, after affording the accused reasonable access to due process.”

All three officers of the South Shore Libertarian Party and the only elected Libertarian Party public official in the South Shore (Chairman of Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School Committee Aaron Morse), as well as many as 10 other local members, were allegedly expelled by the vote of the seven rogue state committee members.

Resolutions:

The South Shore Libertarian Party therefore regards the actions of the state committee (which can only be labeled a “Death Spiral Caucus” of the Libertarian Party) on January 10 as null and void, and the alleged “expulsions” of members invalid; and

The South Shore Libertarian Party also calls for the LAMA special state convention set for February 12 via Zoom to go on unimpeded, and for all LAMA members and the Libertarian National Committee to recognize as validly elected leaders of LAMA whomever the special state convention nominates for a new state committee; and

The South Shore Libertarian Party adopts a formal censure of all seven rogue members of the state committee, as mass expulsions lowering membership down from an organization of 204 members among a population of six million is not a sign of a vibrant and growing Libertarian Party; and

The South Shore Libertarian Party further calls upon the Libertarian National Committee (LNC) to:

- (1) Censure the seven members of the LAMA State Committee, and
- (2) Direct the LAMA State Committee to advertise the February 12 special state convention being organized by the petitioners among the LAMA membership, and
- (3) Investigate the role of LNC staffer Tara DeSisto in the failed and illicit attempt to suppress the valid special state convention, as she was appointed to the state committee board and led the charge among the rogue cabal on social media against the special state convention, calling it an “act of aggression,” and
- (4) Further investigate if there is any link between Massachusetts and similar Death Spiral Caucus mass expulsions and/or closure of new enrollments into the party in Delaware, New Hampshire and Vermont.

The South Shore Libertarian Party also acknowledges the Middlesex, Worcester, and Pioneer Valley Libertarian Parties have adopted similar resolutions.

Approved unanimously (5-0) at regular meeting Saturday January 22, 2022

Thomas R. Eddlem, Chairman
James Parent, Vice-Chairman
Ryan Sullivan, Secretary



The Pioneer Valley Libertarian Party (PVLP) recognizes the State Committee and delegation to the National Convention in Reno, NV, as duly elected on Sunday, April 24th, at the annual Libertarian Association of Massachusetts (LAMA) State Convention, as the one and only legitimate State Committee and delegation to represent LAMA. The PVLP does not recognize the legitimacy of the April 23rd event, hosted by the rogue former state committee infamously known as the [#deathspiral7](#), nor does the PVLP recognize the State Committee or delegation elected at said event. Moreover, the PVLP will not recognize any changes allegedly made to the constitution or by-laws that govern LAMA at the April 23rd event as legitimate.

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