

Minutes of the Unified Libertarians of Massachusetts state committee Meeting, from June 8th, 2022.

The meeting was held electronically via ZOOM at 8:00 PM Eastern Time on Wednesday, June 8th, 2022, as described in the call for the meeting sent to the committee members via direct email. An agenda, attached to these minutes, was distributed.

state committee members present: Jason Brand, Dave Burnham, Andrew Cordio, Thomas Eddlem, Brodi Elwood, Dan Garrity, Scott Gray, Janel Holmes, and Ann Reed.

Also present: Aimee Brigham, Mike Brigham, Patrick Douglas, Chris Elam, Patrick Garrity, Paul Lynch, Kevin Reed, Kristopher Wilson, Brian Zakrajsek, and one unidentified person who logged under an account labeled "Joshua."

Called to order by Andrew Cordio.

Upon motion duly made and seconded

The minutes for the emergency meeting of the State Committee, of May 19th, 2022, were APPROVED.

Upon motion duly made and seconded

The minutes for the meeting of the State Committee, of May 11th, 2022, were APPROVED.

The meeting turned to discuss Kevin Reed's candidacy for Governor, with a presentation by Kevin.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting changed the order of business to discuss work on Defend the Guard legislation.

The meeting discussed work on Defend the Guard legislation, with a presentation by Brian Zakrajsek.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following motion PASSED.

To adopt the Defend the Guard resolution distributed Brian Zakrajsek, and attached to these minutes.

The meeting turned to discuss ratifying the decision to call an emergency meeting of the SC on short notice.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the following motion PASSED.

To ratify the actions taken to call the emergency meeting of May 19th on short notice, and to

ratify the actions taken at that meeting.

The meeting turned to discuss the creation of a subcommittee to draft a new Constitution, that the SC can offer to the membership to replace the current founding documents, as the SC was instructed to do by the membership at the regular meeting of April 24th 2022.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the following motion PASSED.

To form a Committee of the Whole to draft new founding documents, to have it's first meeting in open session at 7:30 PM on Monday, June 20th by ZOOM, and required to hold all meetings openly.

The meeting turned to discuss the status of discussions with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, with a presentation by Brodi.

The meeting turned to discuss the status of assets bearing the Libertarian Party brand, with a presentation by Brodi.

The meeting turned to discuss the status of the Unified Libertarians of Massachusetts with the Federal Election Commission, and the impact on this from actions taken by the National Libertarian Party, with a presentation by Brodi.

The meeting turned to discuss the state of local affiliates, with a presentation by Dan.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the following motion PASSED.

To put items on the agenda for the next meeting of the State Committee to revoke the charters for the GBLP and the BCLP, on the grounds that the organizations are defunct or uninterested in remaining affiliates, to be handled in open meeting.

The meeting turned to discuss how to handle incoming data, including CRM data, from the National Libertarian Party, with a presentation by Brodi.

The floor was opened to other business:

Upon motion duly made and seconded the following motion PASSED.

To set our next regular meeting for 8:00 PM Wednesday, July 13th via Zoom

Dan presented about campaign/election strategy for the party.

Janel presented about campaign finance.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the following motion PASSED.

In light of Kevin Reed's insistence on working with a party that has set itself up as a rival to the Libertarian Party, the State Committee votes to reject Kevin Reed's candidacy for Governor. We ask affiliates of our party to pass similar resolutions, and point out to them that it is against the National Libertarian Party bylaws for an affiliate to endorse a candidate from another party.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, a motion to adjourn was presented and PASSED

ADJOURNED

A True Record

Attest:



Scott David Gray, Secretary

June 8th, 2022

Unified Libertarians of Massachusetts (also known as the Libertarian Association of Massachusetts), Agenda for the meeting of the State Committee of June 6th, 2022

Agenda for the June 8th 2022 Meeting of the State Committee of the Unified Libertarians of Massachusetts (also known as the Libertarian Association of Massachusetts)

8:00 PM, via ZOOM

Review minutes of the emergency State Committee meeting of May 19th 2022.

Review minutes of the State Committee meeting of May 11th 2022

Discussion of Kevin Reed, with a possible presentation by Dennis Consorte.

Ratifying the decision to call an emergency meeting of the SC on short notice:

MOVE: To ratify the actions taken to call the emergency meeting of May 19th on short notice, and to ratify the actions taken at that meeting.

– Scott Gray, Recording Secretary

Note: Every member of the State Committee was informed about the meeting, and seven of nine were in attendance.

The creation of a subcommittee to draft a new Constitution, that the SC can offer to the membership to replace the current founding documents, as the SC was instructed to do by the membership at the regular meeting of April 24th 2022.

Note: The motion passed by the membership reads as follows: To instruct the State Committee to review and offer amendments to the founding documents, in open meeting, to present to the next regular convention.

The status of discussions with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The status of assets bearing the Libertarian Party brand.

The status of the Unified Libertarians of Massachusetts with the Federal Election Commission, and the impact on this from actions taken by the National Libertarian Party.

The state of local affiliates.

Note: Berkshire LP, and GBLP are all of unknown status at this time.

How to handle incoming data, including CRM data, from the National Libertarian Party.

Discussion of work on Defend the Guard legislation.

Other Business:

Whereas, Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States vests in the United States Congress the exclusive power to declare war;

Whereas, In spite of the clear language of the U.S. Constitution, vesting the power to declare war exclusively in the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Executive Branch has unconstitutionally assumed that power while the Congress has abdicated its constitutional duty;

Whereas, The Father of the Constitution, James Madison, wrote, "The Constitution supposes, what the History of all Governments demonstrates, that the Executive is the branch of power most interested in war, and most prone to it. It has accordingly with studied care vested the question of war to the Legislature.";

Whereas, Although the U.S. Congress has not declared war since 1942, the nation has since gone to war repeatedly at the whim of the Executive Branch; and

Whereas, When such unconstitutional actions are taken by the federal government, it is the proper role of the states themselves to take action to remedy such situations, as outlined in the Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions of 1798; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Libertarian Association of Massachusetts:

1. Calls upon the General Court of Massachusetts to enact legislation to prohibit the Massachusetts National Guard and any member thereof to be released from the state into active duty combat unless the U.S. Congress has declared war pursuant to Article I, § 8, Clause 15 of the U.S. Constitution, and only for the express and explicit purposes enumerated in the Constitution: to "execute the Laws of the Union," repel an invasion, or suppress an insurrection;
2. Calls upon the Governor of Massachusetts not to comply with any order from the federal government to release the Massachusetts National Guard into federal service unless the U.S. Congress has declared war pursuant to Article I, §8, Clause 15 of the U.S. Constitution, and only for the express and explicit purposes enumerated in the Constitution: to "execute the Laws of the Union," repel an invasion, or suppress an insurrection; and
3. Further, calls upon Massachusetts to bring home said National Guard troops already so deployed to foreign conflicts immediately.