

Call to Order

The LPNH hearing of the 2026-2030 Judicial Committee was called to order at 8:07 pm EDT on Tuesday, August 11, 2026.

Judicial Committee (JC) members in attendance:

- Pat Dixon
- Mary Gingell
- Sam Goldstein
- Ken Moellman (JC Chair)
- Dr. Chuck Moulton (JC Secretary)
- Geoff Neale
- Avens O'Brien (JC Vice-Chair)

Representing appellee Libertarian National Committee (LNC):

- Jonathan McGee (LNC Secretary) – LNC spokesman
- Sam Bohler (past LNC member) – witness
- Evan McMahon (LNC Chair)
- Steven Nekhaila (past LNC Chair, current LNC member) – witness

Representing appellant Libertarian Party of New Hampshire (LPNH):

- Ian Huyett, Esq. (counsel) – LPNH spokesman
- Bill Barger (LPNH EC member)
- Nick Hubbard (past LPNH Chair) – witness
- Jeremy Kauffman (LPNH Chair) – witness
- Angela McArdle (past LNC Chair) – witness
- Ben Weir (past LPNH Chair, past LNC member) – witness

Other attendees:

- Richard Brown, JD, RP (JC parliamentarian)

The hearing was held via Zoom per JC Rule 8.2 and broadcast live to sustaining LP members on YouTube per JC Rule 8.3. A recording of the hearing is available.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QpS0Ygvy4k8>

Agenda

Chair Moellman went over the hearing procedure adopted by the Judicial Committee at its July 19, 2026 meeting:

1. Each side will submit its single designated representative with contact information so that the hearing can be scheduled.

2. The hearing will be open, but only the Judicial Committee members and the representatives will speak. Witnesses may be called by a representative, and heard with permission of the Judicial Committee.
3. To open the hearing the Chair will state the motion being appealed, hearing procedure, and rules of decorum.
4. The hearing will then continue with an opening statement from the individual representing the petitioner and then the respondent for no more than 15 minutes each. It is advised that the statements address germane details or new developments not already covered in the brief or amicus.
5. The Chair of the Judicial Committee will recognize Judicial Committee members to ask questions of the representative of the petitioner or their witnesses. The objective is for the Judicial Committee to get answers to their questions; the representative or witness is to respond to questions and does not control the hearing. This portion is limited to not more than 30 minutes, but time can be extended by majority vote of the Committee.
6. When the Judicial Committee has exhausted its questions for the petitioner, the process will repeat for the respondent with questions from the Judicial Committee until questions are exhausted, with the same time limitation as described for petitioner.
7. By vote of the Committee, an open round of questioning may be initiated to obtain resolution on conflicting testimony for not more than 10 minutes, but time can be extended by majority vote of the Committee.
8. The hearing will conclude with a closing statement from the respondent and then the petitioner, each for not more than 5 minutes.

After understanding the hearing procedure, Mr. Huyett requested more time for opening statements to accommodate LPNH witnesses. Chair Moellman moved to extend opening statements from 15 minutes to 30 minutes. Opening statements were extended from 15 minutes to 30 minutes by a roll call vote of 4-3.

Ken Moellman	-	Y
Mary Gingell	-	N
Avens O'Brien	-	Y
Geoffrey Neale	-	Y
Pat Dixon	-	N
Dr. Chuck Moulton	-	Y
Sam Goldstein	-	N

Opening Statements

Mr. Huyett gave his 30-minute opening statement for appellant LPNH. Mr. Huyett called Angela McArdle as a witness. Mr. Huyett called Nick Hubbard as a witness. Mr. Huyett called Ben Weir as a witness. Mr. Huyett called Jeremy Kauffman as a witness. Without objection Mr. Huyett was given an additional minute to conclude questioning of his last witness.

Chair Moellman requested a 5-minute recess. The 5-minute recess was taken without objection.

Mr. McGee gave his 30-minute opening statement for appellee LNC. He did not use all of his allotted time.

Questioning

The Judicial Committee proceeded to 30 minutes of questioning directed at appellant LPNH, including questions to Mr. Huyett and Mr. Kauffman.

Chair Moellman moved that the committee extend time for 2 minutes for questions from Mr. Dixon, 10 minutes for Ms. Gingell, and 10 minutes for Dr. Moulton. Time was extended without objection. Chair Moellman moved that the committee extend time for more questions from Mr. Dixon and Dr. Moulton. Time was extended without objection.

Chair Moellman requested an 8-minute recess. The 8-minute recess was taken without objection.

The Judicial Committee proceeded to 30 minutes of questioning directed at appellee LP, including questions to Mr. McGee and Mr. Nekhaila. Mr. Goldstein requested to direct some questions to Mr. McMahon. Chair Moellman ruled we could not question Mr. McMahon because he was not on the witness list.

Closing Statements

Chair Moellman requested a 3-minute recess. The 3-minute recess was taken without objection.

Mr. McGee gave his 5-minute closing statement for appellee LNC.

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Adjourn

Dr. Moulton moved to deliberate in open session under JC rule 8.4. After some discussion, Dr. Moulton withdrew his motion without objection.

Chair Moellman moved to adjourn. The hearing was adjourned without objection at 11:20 pm EDT.