Call to Order

The seventh meeting of the 2026-2030 Judicial Committee was called to order at 7:01 pm EST on Sunday, November 15, 2026.

Judicial Committee (JC) members in attendance:

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

Reports

Secretary Moulton posted draft minutes from the November 1, 2026 JC meeting on LPedia.

Secretary Moulton moved that the minutes from the November 1, 2026 meeting be adopted as submitted. The motion passed without objection.

Chair Moellman notified relevant parties directly affected about the decisions of the November 1, 2026 meeting.

Chair Moellman upgraded the JC intake software on judicial.lpstates.com adding functionality to better handle directly affected parties and fixing bugs.

Chair Moellman worked with staff to ensure they identified member status of petitioners.

Chair Moellman responded to several further inquiries.

New Business

The Judicial Committee looked at the questions on the Jacobs petition.
https://judicial.lpstates.com/petitions/15/documents/54

Requested relief:

1. Neither the LNC nor the Executive Committee may suspend the rights of any regional representative, except as provided for in RONR 49:15;
2. Austin Martin's rights as Region 1 Representative to the Libertarian National Committee, be fully restored.

SIC Report adopted by LNC:

https://mywikis-wiki-media.s3.us-central-1.wasabisys.com/lpedia/SIC_Report_2026.10.15-_Austin-Martin.pdf

Charge I: Ad Hominem and Indecorous Attacks on Fellow Board Members

Specification 1: In that Mr. Austin Martin, on or about August 2, 2026, in reply to an email to the entire LNC naming LNC members Flores, Griffiths, Leatherman, Danke, and Thompson, wrote: "Because they are vile subhuman terrorists fit only for Guantanamo Bay?", and later wrote in reference: "My statement stands".

Specification 2: In that Mr. Austin Martin, on or about August 3, 2026, on X, replied, "They do, in fact" in an X thread beginning with his August 2 post calling the LNC "racketeering clowns" who "need prison, not civil suits", to a post stating, "These commies need to be put against the wall".

Specification 3: In that Mr. Austin Martin, between on or about June 6 and October 8, 2026, as a member of the National Committee, publicly and repeatedly accused named National Committee members and Party members of federal crimes, including violations of the Foreign Agents Registration Act, racketeering, and data theft, after being presented with information contradicting those accusations, thereby holding the Party's governing body out to the public as a criminal enterprise. This includes the following:

• On or about July 21, 2026, on the LNC public list, stating that LNC members were "coordinating with individuals who work directly for foreign head(s) of state", that their conduct had "the plain appearance of a textbook FARA violation", that "some members of the LNC appear to be acting as proxies on behalf of foreign principals", and that Ms. Rose Leatherman was "openly engaging in sustained pattern of conduct that seems consistent with the factual pattern of a FARA violation".
• Between on or about July 2 and August 4, 2026, on the LNC public list, calling LNC and Judicial Committee members the "accomplices" of Party member, donor, and volunteer Kyle Davis, whom he accused of acting for foreign interests.

Charge II: Endorsement of non-Libertarian Candidates

Specification 1: In that Mr. Austin Martin, on or about July 28, 2026, expressly and publicly endorsed non-Libertarian candidates for public office, writing: "I just made endorsements — fully in my capacity as a state chair AND as a sitting member on the LNC. 'I, as a state chair and sitting member of the LNC, speaking in my official capacity, think that the ~50 candidates in Hawaii who signed the NAP are better than their opponents. I also think that Gary Cordery is better for Hawaii than Josh Green.' …Happy to publish it. In fact, I'll add the public list to

this nonconfidential discussion for transparency purposes. Now it is a public endorsement."

Charge III: Harassment

Specification 1: In that Mr. Austin Martin, on or about July 22, 2026, one day after Party member John Ponty wrote to the LNC objecting to his conduct, asked Mr. Ponty in an email copied to the LNC whether he had "any association with the DSA", and, on or about August 28, 2026, on X, wrote to Mr. Ponty: "You are a fraud, Mr. Ponty, and I think you lied to our investigators about the data".

Specification 2: In that Mr. Austin Martin, between on or about August 23 and August 28, 2026, on X, described a Party member who had been assaulted at the 2026 National Convention as an "antifa agitator", and wrote that he was "not surprised someone slapped her" and that her conduct "fully deserved much worse than just a slap", beginning the day after she raised his conduct toward her at the August 22, 2026, LNC meeting.

Specification 3: In that Mr. Austin Martin, on or about September 18, 2026, on the LNC public list, told LNC members, "if I were any of you, I would be concerned about even being able to safely attend future liberty events without serious security, given how many reasons genuine libertarians have to despise this joke of a body".

Specification 4: In that Mr. Austin Martin, between on or about July 2 and August 3, 2026, while a member of the National Committee, publicly and repeatedly called for the removal of Party members he identified as "socialists" and "Antifa" "by force and with extreme prejudice" and "by any means necessary", contrary to the certification required of every Party member by Bylaws Article 4.1 that he opposes "the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals".

Specification 5: In that Mr. Austin Martin, on or about August 11, 2026, during the Judicial Committee's hearing on the LPNH disaffiliation appeal, while a member of the National Committee, posted a poll on X headed "Purity test", asking: "What is the most suitable *vacation type* listed here for members of the JC in favor of disaffiliation?", with the options: "Helicopter / Plane Rides"; "Volcano / Pele's Kitchen"; "The Gladiator Experience"; and "A Room at Guantanamo".

Charge IV: Breach of the Duty of Loyalty

Specification 1: In that Mr. Austin Martin, on or about September 30 and October 3, 2026, on the LNC public list, offered to resign his seat if $65,000 were contributed to the Mises PAC through a fundraising page bearing his name and

$20,000 to the Party, stated his hope to be compensated for his efforts, and warned that if the offer were refused he would cause the LNC to lose “north of $100k”, “send protégés to haunt you”, and “wage political war while embarrassing and staining your LNC tenure”, contrary to the duty of loyalty.

Adopted measures of the SIC final report:

Charge I: Ad Hominem and Indecorous Attacks on Fellow Board Members; 16-2-0

- Specification 1: 16-2-0
- Specification 2: 16-2-0
- Specification 3: 16-2-0

Charge II: Endorsement of non-Libertarian Candidates; 16-2-0

- Specification 1: 16-2-0
- Specification 2: 16-2-0

Charge III: Harassment; 16-2-0

- Specification 1: 12-5-1
- Specification 2: 16-2-0
- Specification 3: 16-2-0
- Specification 4: 16-2-0
- Specification 5: 13-4-1

Charge IV: Breach of the Duty of Loyalty; 16-1-1

- Specification 1: 16-1-1

LNC Motions concerning Austin Martin

1. Resolved, that Mr. Austin Martin is hereby cited to appear at said adjourned meeting for trial, to show cause why he should not be disciplined, up to and including suspension and removal from office as Region 1 Representative, on the aforementioned charges and specifications, the trial to be conducted according to the trial procedure of the parliamentary authority as modified by Policy Manual Section 1.01(4), which the Region 1 Regional Chairs adopted by consent in the 2026–2028 Regional Agreement for Region 1, and by Policy Manual Section 1.07(4)(G).

   Passed 16-1-1 October 20, 2026

2. Resolved, that from the time official notification of this resolution is delivered to Mr. Austin Martin until disposition of the case, his right to post to the LNC public list and LNC email lists and to vote on National

Committee business is suspended, and the Region 1 Alternate shall exercise those rights

Passed 15-2-1 October 20, 2026

LNC Executive Committee Motion concerning Austin Martin

Resolved, that from the passage of this resolution until disposition of the case, all of Mr. Austin Martin's rights as an LNC member (except as they relate to the trial) are suspended pending disposition of the case.

Passed 8-0 October 25, 2026

Region 1 agreement:
https://lpedia.org/wiki/Special:Redirect/file/LNC_Region_1_Agreement_2026-05.pdf

The JC discussed procedure related to future hearings. Our hearing procedure adopted before applied for all hearings, not just the New Hampshire matter.

LP Judicial Committee Hearing Procedure:
https://lpedia.org/wiki/File:Minutes_2026-07-19_JC.pdf

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.

Ms. Gingell moved to extend the initial time for opening statements from 15 minutes to 30 minutes in section 4 of the JC hearing procedure. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 6-1-0.

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

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Vice-Chair O'Brien moved to extend by 10 minutes. The extension passed without objection.

Chair Moellman moved that the JC hire Richard Brown as a parliamentarian to assist with this case and pay him an amount not to exceed $500. The motion to hire Richard Brown passed without objection.

Vice-Chair O'Brien moved to extend by 5 minutes. The extension passed without objection.

Chair Moellman moved that the JC schedule a date for the Jacobs hearing using *when2meet.com*. The motion to schedule a hearing using *when2meet.com* passed without objection.

Adjourn

Chair Moellman moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:21 pm EST.

Action Items

1) Secretary Moulton to post draft minutes to LPedia.
2) Chair Moellman to send JC members a *when2meet.com* invitation to find a hearing date.