

Special Investigatory Committee Report: Austin Martin

Libertarian National Committee: Special Investigatory Committee Report

Regarding the Investigation of Allegations of Misconduct by Libertarian National Committee Region 1 Representative, Mr. Austin Martin

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Vice Chair: Mr. Michael Chianese, Party member

Secretary: Ms. Amanda Griffiths, LNC Vice-Chair

Members:

Ms. Michelle Wigington, LNC Region 7 Alternate

Mr. Doug Craig, Party member

Committee Overview & Purpose

Formation

On September 13, 2026, the Libertarian National Committee (LNC) established the Special Investigatory Committee (SIC) in re: Mr. Austin Martin, Region 1 Representative to the National Committee, under the procedure for investigation by a committee as delineated in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 12th Edition (RONR) §63. The motion establishing the SIC read as follows:

Move to appoint a Special Investigatory Committee (SIC) to review written complaints on the behavior and actions of Region 1 Representative, Austin Martin, in alleged violation of the LNC Policy Manual. The LNC shall appoint to the Special Investigatory Committee three (3) LNC members and two (2) non-LNC members with the two non-LNC members having not served on the LNC in the last 4 years. The Special Investigatory Committee shall review the submitted complaints and make any findings and recommendations in writing to the LNC by October 15th, 2026.

The ballot [20260913-13] was moved by Chair Evan McMahon, with Vice-Chair Amanda Griffiths presiding. The motion passed in open session by roll call vote, after Mr. Martin's amendment [20260913-12] to extend the investigation to "the entire LNC" failed, 2–15–1. A motion [20260913-15] to populate the SIC at that meeting failed, 3–15–0. The SIC was populated by Opavote on September 25, 2026, with the Committee to consist of LNC Secretary Jonathan McGee, LNC Vice-Chair Amanda Griffiths, LNC Region 7 Alternate Michelle Wigington, and Party members Doug Craig and Michael Chianese.

Committee Officers

The SIC held its organizational meeting via Zoom on Monday, September 28, 2026, at 9:00 P.M. Central Time. All members except Mr. Craig were in attendance. Ms. Griffiths nominated Mr. McGee for Chair, and he was elected unanimously. Mr. Chianese nominated himself for Vice Chair and was elected unanimously. Ms. Wigington nominated Ms. Griffiths for Secretary, and she was elected with one abstention (Griffiths).

Potential Conflicts of Interest

For purposes of transparency, the SIC Chair asked all members to disclose any potential (or potentially perceivable) conflicts of interest. The following disclosures were made:

Ms. Amanda Griffiths

- Ms. Griffiths is the subject of several of Mr. Martin's statements cited by complainants. These include "Literally an agent of the deep state" (July 18, 2026) and Mr. Martin's July 21, 2026 FARA violation allegations. She was also one of the five LNC members named in the August 2, 2026 email to which Mr. Martin replied, "...they are vile subhuman terrorists".
- Ms. Griffiths presided over the LNC's September 13, 2026 consideration of the motion to create the SIC after Chair McMahon passed her the gavel in order to move it.
- A statement that Ms. Griffiths made to the LNC officers on July 21, 2026, to the effect that persons had discussed legal action over Mr. Martin's claims, is evidence bearing on the fiduciary charge recommended in this report.
- In a September 30, 2026 exchange on the public list, Ms. Griffiths stated that she does coalition work with and lives near Kyle Davis, a Party member and volunteer who is also the subject of several statements cited by complainants. She has publicly defended him against allegations, some of which were cited by complainants, that Mr. Davis leaked confidential Party member data. Mr. Martin has publicly demanded that she recuse from matters concerning Mr. Davis.
- Ms. Griffiths voted on October 8, 2026 to revoke Mr. Martin's public-list forwarder access [ballot 20260930-01] while serving on the SIC.

Mr. Jonathan McGee

- On July 13, 2025, Mr. McGee moved the adoption of the Behavioral Standards and Code of Conduct, which Mr. Martin is alleged by complainants to have violated. Mr. Martin seconded that motion.
- Mr. McGee was the subject of critical statements made by Mr. Martin during the prior LNC term ("that creature McGee", September 17, 2025). These statements are not part of the charges.
- As LNC Secretary, Mr. McGee is the custodian of the records relied on in this report.

Ms. Michelle Wigington, Mr. Michael Chianese, and Mr. Doug Craig

- None disclosed.

The Committee notes that Mr. Martin has stated publicly that "[Every single member of the stacked SIC has a personal and professional conflict with me](#)" (X, 10/12/2026).

Scope

The SIC was formed in response to written complaints concerning Mr. Martin's conduct. A table of the complaints received (by each anonymous complainant), and the Policy Manual (PM) provisions Mr. Martin was alleged by each to have violated, is below.

Complainant	Date(s) Received	Provisions Cited	Date Interviewed
C-1, Party member	July 12, 2026, with supplements submitted through August 11	PM 1.07(4)(B)(I), (IV), (VII), and 1.07(4)(C)	October 1, 2026
C-2, Party member	July 21, July 22, and August 28, 2026	PM 1.07(4)(B)(II)	October 5, 2026
C-3, LNC member	July 23, 2026	PM 1.07(4)(B)(I), (II), (VII), and Bylaws Art. 4	October 1, 2026
C-4, Party member	July 28, 2026	PM 1.07(4)(B)(I), (II)	October 3, 2026
C-5, Party member	August 10, 2026	PM 1.07(4)(A)–(C)	October 3, 2026
C-6, LNC member	August 28, 2026	PM 1.07(6)	October 4, 2026
C-7, Party member	September 12, 2026	PM 1.07(6)	Not interviewed
C-8, LNC member	October 4, 2026	PM 1.07(4)(B)(V)	October 6, 2026

To protect confidentiality under PM 1.07(4)(F), this report identifies complainants by designation (C-1 through C-8) and other interviewed witnesses as W-1 through W-6. The Secretary holds the key to these names under seal.

The establishing motion limits the SIC to reviewing “written complaints on the behavior and actions of Region 1 Representative, Austin Martin, in alleged violation of the LNC Policy Manual”, and directs it to “make any findings and recommendations in writing to the LNC by October 15th, 2026”. The Committee did not consider it meet to charge any alleged violations that occurred and were already formally addressed during Mr. Martin’s prior term on the LNC, since punitive actions regarding these alleged violations would constitute double jeopardy.

Charged and Uncharged Conduct

To keep the trial manageable, the SIC recommends trying ten (10) specifications under four (4) charges. Each findings section states which specification is charged.

These specifications represent the most serious violations that are clearly supported by the record. However, the findings also describe other instances of misconduct that are not separately charged. These instances are included as examples of a pattern of misconduct and/or dereliction of duty, and as evidence of notice and repetition under PM 1.07(4)(F). The LNC is not asked to vote on these

supporting instances. While each is also considered violations, each refers to one or more sections of the Policy Manual for which a violation is already being charged. The Committee therefore asks that the LNC consider these supporting instances as evidence toward the severity of Mr. Martin's violations against each of their respective Policy Manual subsections.

Governing Provisions Adopted by the SIC

The Mandatory Code of Conduct

Policy Manual Section 1.07(4)(B) provides that LNC members shall not, among other things, do any of the following:

- I. Disparage the LNC or the Party nor endorse other political parties or their candidates. Further, LNC members shall not tell anyone that they should not donate to the Libertarian Party.*
- II. Engage in ad hominem or otherwise indecorous attacks against fellow board members in any official communication (be it internal or public) or in personal public communication.*
- III. Share colleagues' personal information, including communications, photos, etc., without their permission except as necessary to comply with any reporting requirements of these standards, defend themselves against accusations of violations of these standards, or under the whistleblower provision.*
- IV. Use their corporate email address to create personal social media accounts or use their corporate emails for personal uses.*
- V. Share proprietary information, including anything that was not explicitly made public by the board, unless the secrecy is determined to be a violation of the Bylaws by the National Judicial Committee. Executive session confidentiality shall not be breached. This includes meetings with legal counsel or other proprietary matters.*
- VI. Engage in any collective deprecation, whether alluding to sex, race, color, national origin, disability, age, religion, or any other protected category.*
- VII. Engage in harassment, such as, but not limited to, unwanted physical contact or prying into a person's private life, derogatory slurs, off-color jokes and innuendos, unwelcome comments about a person's body or appearance, leering, suggestive/derogatory behavior or objects, and the like. LNC members must exercise their own good judgment to avoid any conduct that may be perceived by others as harassment.*
- VIII. Engage in sexual harassment which includes, but is not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, any other conduct of a sexual nature, and unwelcome comments upon the intimate sexual life of any other person.*

PM 1.07(4)(C) imposes the fiduciary duties of obedience, care, loyalty, and good faith. PM 1.07(6) separately prohibits harassment by LNC members while discharging their official duties.

The Behavioral Standards and Code of Conduct were adopted without objection [ballot 20250713-01] at the July 13, 2025, LNC meeting, on a motion made by Mr. McGee and seconded by Mr. Martin. Every act charged in this report postdates that meeting. It should be noted that Mr. Martin had direct notice of the standards. The SIC also notes that Mr. Martin has subsequently stated, in his interview with the Committee, that he had "totally opposed" the adoption of the Code of Conduct but believed its whistleblower provision made its implementation an acceptable sacrifice.

The PM defines “LNC Members” as Officers, At-Large members, and Regional Representatives. Mr. Martin became Region 1 Representative at the close of the May 2026 National Convention and was seated at the LNC's post-convention meeting on May 25, 2026. Before that, he served as Region 1 Alternate. No charge rests on conduct during his Alternate service. That conduct is described only as background and as evidence of notice.

Escalation

PM 1.07(4)(F) provides that, except for egregious violations of fiduciary duty, first violations should receive the most lenient discipline available, with subsequent violations escalating, “recognizing that discipline is not intended for political maneuvering, genuine mistakes, or good faith differences of opinion”.

Removal of a Regional Representative

Bylaws Article 7.8 provides that a Regional Representative may be removed only by act of the affiliate parties constituting the region, according to the region's own procedure. In the [2026–2028 Regional Agreement for Region 1](#), which Mr. Martin himself signed as LPHI Chair on May 23, 2026, the Regional Chairs consented to removal by the LNC under the procedures for At-Large Representatives. According to the Region 1 agreement, such a removal is not appealable to the Judicial Committee and is subject to a ten-day window for the Regional Chairs to re-appoint. The Regional Chairs further consented to suspension of LNC membership rights during the investigation “if necessary to protect the LNC from breaches of fiduciary duty”. The SIC considers the creation and/or signing of a Regional Agreement an act of affiliate parties constituting the region; and, thereby, it considers the Agreement’s provision for suspension and removal by the National Committee legitimate.

Executive Overview

The purpose of this Executive Overview is to provide an accurate account of the SIC's methodology.

Meetings

The SIC met via Zoom at the call of the SIC Chair. The meeting schedule and attendance were as follows:

Meeting	Date and Time	Present	Absent
First	Monday, September 28, 2026, 9:00 p.m. CT (adjourned 9:49 p.m.)	Chianese, Griffiths, McGee, Wigington	Craig
Second	Tuesday, October 13, 2026	Chianese, Griffiths, McGee, Wigington	Craig
Third	Thursday, October 15, 2026	Chianese, Griffiths, McGee, Wigington, Craig	None

Interviews Conducted

The SIC held interviews via Zoom based on availability. All interviews were recorded, with the stipulations that recordings would be deleted upon the adoption of the SIC's final report to the LNC. The schedule was as follows:

Interviewee	Capacity	Date and Time (CT)	Members Present
W-1	LNC member	Wednesday, September 30, 2026, 4:30 p.m.	Chianese, Griffiths, McGee, Wigington
W-2	LNC member	Wednesday, September 30, 2026, 5:30 p.m.	Chianese, Griffiths, McGee, Wigington
C-1	Complainant	Thursday, October 1, 2026, 5:00 p.m.	Chianese, Griffiths, McGee, Wigington, Craig
C-3	Complainant	Thursday, October 1, 2026, 6:15 p.m.	Chianese, Griffiths, McGee, Wigington, Craig
C-4	Complainant	Saturday, October 3, 2026, 3:00 p.m.	Chianese, Griffiths, McGee, Wigington
C-5	Complainant	Saturday, October 3, 2026, 4:00 p.m.	Chianese, Griffiths, McGee, Wigington
C-6	Complainant	Sunday, October 4, 2026, 6:00 p.m.	Chianese, Griffiths, McGee, Wigington
W-3	LNC member	Sunday, October 4, 2026, 8:00 p.m.	Chianese, Griffiths, McGee, Wigington
C-2	Complainant	Monday, October 5, 2026, 7:00 p.m. (by text, at the witness's request)	Chianese, Griffiths, McGee, Wigington
W-4	LNC member	Tuesday, October 6, 2026, 6:00 p.m. (written statement filed Sunday, October 4, 2026)	Chianese, Griffiths, McGee, Wigington
LNC Counsel	Counsel to the LNC	Tuesday, October 6, 2026, 7:30 p.m. (written statement filed Thursday, October 8, 2026)	Chianese, Griffiths, McGee, Wigington
W-5	LNC member	Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 7:00 p.m.	Chianese, Griffiths, McGee, Wigington

Interviewee	Capacity	Date and Time (CT)	Members Present
W-6	Former LNC Member	Saturday, October 10, 2026, 10:00 a.m.	Chianese, Griffiths, McGee, Wigington
Austin Martin	Subject of Investigation	Monday, October 12, 2026, 7:00 p.m.	Chianese, Griffiths, McGee, Wigington

Interview Format

SIC members were encouraged to propose potential interviewees or to object to those proposed by other members. The interview format was as follows:

- The SIC Chair explained why the interviewee was selected and described the SIC's mission.
- The interviewee provided an uninterrupted opening statement.
- SIC members asked questions.
- The interviewee was asked what the SIC should recommend in its final report.

All complainants and witnesses interviewed expressed a desire to see Mr. Martin removed from the LNC, with two exceptions apart from Mr. Martin. One witness recommended at least a temporary suspension and communication with the Region 1 affiliates. Another witness asked for a recommendation that was “fair and balanced and... evenly applied to anybody conducting themselves in this way”, and cautioned against “any action that single[s] out Martin”.

Submitted & Found Evidence

The SIC reviewed the following:

- The seven complaints and their exhibits.
- More than 30 emails and screenshots in the complaint file.
- A 138-exhibit compilation of Mr. Martin's emails and posts submitted by a complainant ("Appendix — Exhibits by Provision," generated August 7, 2026).
- The Grand Rapids Police Department incident report, obtained by FOIA.
- The 2026–2028 Regional Agreement for Region 1.
- The LNC Policy Manual (effective August 20, 2026) and the Libertarian Party Bylaws (May 2026).
- LNC Counsel's August 1, 2016 engagement letter.
- LNC email threads from September 2025 between Mr. Martin, Mr. Chadderdon, the then-Chair, and Counsel.
- Counsel's September 18, 2025, written responses and his October 8, 2026 email to the LNC.
- Interview testimony.

The SIC based its findings on Mr. Martin's own words verified against original emails, the LNC list archives, and/or preserved captures. Complainants' characterizations of those statements, including those found in the per-item commentary in this report's secondary compilation, were not treated as evidence.

General Findings

The interviews, complaints, and other evidence revealed several recurring issues that the SIC believes warrant special attention. Each is addressed in turn below, and each section begins by stating which of its conduct is charged. All instances were cited in at least one of the complaints reviewed by the SIC. All times are as recorded in the source. Email timestamps from the list archive are UTC.

On the Issue of Attacks on Fellow Board Members (PM 1.07[4][B][II])

Charged: the August 2 “vile subhuman terrorists” email (Charge I, Specification 1).
The other statements below are not separately charged. They are included as examples of the pattern.

PM 1.07(4)(B)(II) prohibits “ad hominem or otherwise indecorous attacks against fellow board members in any official communication (be it internal or public) or in personal public communication”. Since taking his seat as Region 1 Representative, Mr. Martin has directed the following statements, among others, at sitting LNC members:

- **July 2, 2026 (LNC public list):** To At-Large Representative Steven Nekhaila: “It is quite certainly your fault, Mr. Nekhaila, with plenty of shared blame with the other institutional racketeering operatives on this committee... your captured committee... then played the dictator” ([list, July 2, 03:24, Appx B.II-44](#)).
- **July 18, 2026 (X):** Of Vice-Chair Amanda Griffiths: “Literally an agent of the deep state” ([cited in the C-1 complaint, X](#)).
- **July 28, 2026 (LNC public list):** LNC members were “being literal Nazis”, “a frothing, bloodthirsty mob”, and “our far-left, Democrat/Socialist masters on the LNC”. When asked to come to order, Mr. Martin replied that his use of “Nazi” was “descriptive, not pejorative” ([LNC email, July 28, 16:01, Appx B.II-50](#)). [The words "literal Nazis" appear in the record in Mr. Martin's August 3, 00:47 list message.](#)
- **(CHARGED) August 2, 2026, 5:10 p.m. (Entire LNC):** A Party member emailed the LNC naming four LNC members (Alex Flores, Amanda Griffiths, Tyler Danke, and Keith Thompson) and one alternate (Rose Leatherman) as “the socialists” and asked why they could not “stick with their own parties”. Two minutes later, Mr. Martin replied: “Because they are vile subhuman terrorists it only for Guantanamo Bay?” He then sent a correction: “Sorry, I meant to type ‘Because they are vile subhuman terrorists **fit** only for Guantanamo Bay?’ But my fat finger sent it before I could edit it. Oopsie”. Later that day, he wrote to Mr. Flores: “My statement stands”.
- **August 2, 2026 (LNC email):** To Region 8 Representative Tyler Danke: “my dear communist NAP-hater”, adding that the LNC was composed of “tyrannical psychopaths” ([list, Aug. 2, 19:18, Appx B.II-51](#)).
- **August 3, 2026 (LNC public list):** LNC members were “horrible human beings”, “literally Nazis”, “thin-skinned tyrannical redcoats”, and “petulant children” ([list, Aug. 3, 00:29, Appx B.II-53](#)).
- **August 3, 2026 (X):** To the LNC Chair: “You are not even a libertarian. You are a speech nazi”, and “we put speech-censoring Nazis in charge of the LNC. ...If you manage to illegally retaliate against me as you did today, i will be wrapped up with you for the next 10 years in federal court” ([X, 02:00, X, 02:02](#)).
- **September 13, 2026 (LNC Special Meeting, recorded):** Mr. Martin accused At-Large Representative Kelly Nguyen of an inappropriate relationship with Chris Luchini, the

adverse party in active LNC litigation. On September 28, 2026, on the public list, he called her Mr. Luchini's "local-liaison from the LNC" and an "ally of the Liberal Party". The member states that both accusations are false. ([meeting video at 45:21](#), [list, Sept. 28, 17:49](#))

A witness testified that Mr. Martin "calls anyone that disagrees with him a Nazi, on the regular".

The SIC finds that the above statements are attacks on the character and motives of fellow board members. They are not arguments about policy. They were made both in official communications and in personal public communications, and B.II applies to both. For these reasons, and upon review of the evidence, the SIC finds that Mr. Martin has violated PM 1.07(4)(B)(II).

On the Issue of Disparagement of the LNC and the Party (PM 1.07[4][B][I])

Not charged: None of the statements in this section is separately charged, and that includes the July 28 call for states to "kill/muzzle the LNC". They are included as evidence of Mr. Martin's pattern of misconduct. The July 28 description of LNC members as "foreign-backed criminals" is part of the accusations charged in Charge I, Specification 3.

PM 1.07(4)(B)(I) prohibits disparaging the LNC or the Party. Mr. Martin's public statements include the following:

- **June 6, 2026 (X), replying to an official Party post:** "Antifa / indivisible / soros / Atlas network takeover against the LP was conducted. The LP is being run by criminal operators at this time" ([X](#)).
- **June 7, 2026 (X):** "The New LNC will start a war with real libertarians now. We are dealing with crime and lawlessness, not political disagreements" ([X](#)).
- **July 11, 2026 (X):** "Which member of the fake LP-JC recently sued his own state party? ...How does someone like that get 'elected' except by fraud?" ([X](#)).
- **July 28, 2026 (X):** "The foreign-backed criminals on the LNC are getting ready to pick more illegal fights with more state parties, like the duopoly wants. States will need to do something to kill/muzzle the LNC this term, or there won't be an LP remaining after this" ([X, July 28, 10:20](#)). For context, the LNC had disaffiliated the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire on May 25, 2026, by a vote of 15–2–1, after declining to form an investigatory committee. Criticism of that decision is protected dissent. Calling LNC members "foreign-backed criminals" and urging states to "kill/muzzle the LNC" is not.
- **August 3, 2026 (X), replying to the Party's account:** The LNC were "worthless clowns" with "terrible-ass leadership" ([X, Aug. 3, 02:17](#)).
- **August 4, 2026 (LNC public list):** "LP internal governance has essentially collapsed into a criminal racket" ([list, Aug. 4, 19:40, Appx B.II-58](#)).

The SIC finds that the July 28 call for the states to "kill/muzzle the LNC" constitutes disparagement of the LNC within the scope of B.I. It does not criticize a decision. Instead, it urges that the Party's governing body be silenced or destroyed. The SIC does not charge this statement separately because the more serious conduct on the same day, the accusation that LNC members are "foreign-backed criminals", is already charged in Charge I, Specification 3. The statement remains evidence of Mr. Martin's hostility toward the body on which he serves.

On the Issue of Endorsement of Other Parties' Candidates (PM 1.07[4][B][I])

Charged: The July 28, 2026 email directly forwarded to the public list (Charge II, Specification 1). The SIC finds that Mr. Martin's July 28 emails explicitly and publicly endorsed candidates of other parties. It is debatable whether these instances would have constituted endorsements, rather than favorable comparisons, if not for Mr. Martin's express qualification of them as such. In other words, what makes them indisputably endorsements is that Mr. Martin repeatedly emphasized how, expressly, they were to be taken.

PM 1.07(4)(B)(I) also prohibits LNC members from endorsing "other political parties or their candidates". On July 28, 2026, in a thread concerning endorsements, Mr. Martin wrote:

Well, that depends on how you define 'endorsement'. Frankly, I don't recognize the authority of this body, so I will do what makes liberty win in Hawaii, regardless of your feelings about it. ... 'As a state chair, I think Gary Cordery is better for liberty in Hawai'i than Josh Green.' 'I think Bellati is better than most Lt candidates' ... 'but Choi scored way higher on our liberty score.' There, I just made 3 endorsements, and spit on your precious rules.

Mr. Martin later forwarded this email to the public list with the message:

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 non-confidential discussion for transparency purposes. Now it is a **public** endorsement.

It has been confirmed that Mr. Cordery is a Republican candidate for Governor of Hawai'i. In an email the same day, Mr. Martin argued that "The LNC endorsement prohibition can only apply to the presidential ticket". It should be noted that B.I contains no such limitation.

One witness testified that, in their view, this endorsement was the most egregious conduct at issue, "especially considering that we have had issues with the Party passively (and in some cases outright) endorsing Donald Trump".

The SIC finds that, by Mr. Martin's own words, he clearly and publicly violated PM 1.07(4)(B)(I).

On the Issue of Accusations of Criminality and Foreign Agency (PM 1.07[4][B][II]; PM 1.07[4][B][I])

Charged: the July 21 FARA emails, the accusations against Mr. Davis, and the wider pattern of accusations from June 6 to October 8. These are combined in a single specification (Charge I, Specification 3). The individual statements quoted below are evidence for that specification, and they are not charged separately.

In the view of several witnesses, the most egregious category of Mr. Martin's statements is his repeated accusations, on Party channels, that LNC members and Party members are committing federal crimes. These allegations typically refer to a dossier, which Mr. Martin himself generated and circulated to the public for the first time during his prior term on the LNC, alleging that various members were colluding with untrustworthy foreign principals in order to undermine the Party's goals. The SIC has reviewed this dossier as well as a rebuttal to it published on the *Liberty Sentinels* blog. It should be noted that the SIC did not consider the generation of the dossier itself a Policy Manual violation.

On July 21, 2026, in an email addressed to Ms. Leatherman and copied to the LNC public list, Mr. Martin [wrote](#):

I genuinely believe, with evidence, that you and your like-minded cohorts are coordinating with individuals who work directly for foreign head(s) of state... This has the plain appearance of a textbook FARA violation, to my layman's eyes... I hope we can get some answers about why some members of the LNC appear to be acting as proxies on behalf of foreign principals.

That evening, after Ms. Leatherman had written that she had no further comments, Mr. Martin wrote again that she was "openly engaging in sustained pattern of conduct that seems consistent with the factual pattern of a FARA violation" and asked, "did you folks register your organization(s) with FARA yet?" ([list, July 21, 23:07, Appx A.4-VIII-5](#))

On August 2, 2026, Mr. Martin wrote that the LNC should face "prison, not civil suits", referring to the Committee as "these racketeering clowns" ([X](#)). On August 4, 2026, he wrote that "LP internal governance has essentially collapsed into a criminal racket", referenced "accomplices to Mr. Davis controlling the JC and the LNC", and recommended their referral "for escalation through law enforcement" ([list, Aug. 4, 19:40, Appx B.II-58](#)).

One witness testified that these accusations were the most severe in their complaint: "To accuse someone of breaking the law is quite serious. ...If anyone decides to believe those accusations and report it, that is going to cause a lot of harm and bring in state action against a person". Another witness described the practice as "soft-swatting".

The SIC has examined the factual basis for Mr. Martin's claims. Parts of his premise appear accurate, though not in terms of the individuals they implicate or the conclusions to which they have led him: Mr. Pierre-Alexandre Crevaux-Asatiani, with whom Mr. Martin has accused multiple LNC and Party members of being in league, at one point held an lp.org email address. He was named a regional coordinator for France's Renaissance party in September 2025. He was also the subject of an April 6, 2025 Special Meeting agenda item, sponsored by then-Chair Nekhaila, who suggested appointing Crevaux as an additional IALP liaison alongside Dr. Jim Lark. However, the minutes record that the Chair did not move the item, and Mr. Crevaux was never appointed.

However, the SIC finds no evidence that any LNC member acted at the direction of, or was paid by, a foreign principal. To be clear, the SIC's finding is not that Mr. Martin invented his premises. It is that he drew, and repeatedly published, conclusions of criminality that the facts available to him did not support in spite of repeated factual clarifications.

The record shows that Mr. Martin was presented with corrections “more than once”, most formally in a published April 17, 2026, rebuttal of the dossier. Based on witness testimony, Mr. Martin “did not issue retractions”, and “continued repeating the same information despite corrections”. One complainant identified Mr. Martin’s FARA accusations as the most serious element of their complaint. The complainant also testified that on August 6, 2026, Mr. Martin claimed that the National Committee had formally accused Mr. Davis of responsibility for the alleged data breach, thereby speaking for the Party rather than for himself. The SIC also found no evidence that the National Committee had made any such accusations of anyone.

The SIC finds that Mr. Martin has repeatedly made unsupported public claims regarding the criminality of various LNC and Party members, which could be highly damaging to those individuals and to the Party if pursued by law enforcement. For this reason, it includes the above statements within Charge I.

On the Issue of Statements Endorsing Force (PM 1.07[4][B][VII])

***Charged:* Mr. Martin’s calls for removal of LNC members and/or officers “by force” (Charge III, Specification 4), the “against the wall” reply (Charge I, Specification 2), the August 11 social media poll (Charge III, Specification 5), and the September 18 statement (Charge III, Specification 3). Mr. Martin’s 2025 statements discussed below are cited only as descriptions of prior conduct and notice.**

This issue did not begin with Mr. Martin’s current term. In September 2025, while serving as Region 1 Alternate, Mr. Martin posted that he would “forcibly remove socialism and subversive infiltrators from the LP with extreme prejudice”, ([X, Sept. 24, 2025](#)) and told then-Chair Nekhaila, “I didn’t threaten violence. I promised to forcibly remove you”. ([X, Sept. 24, 2025](#)) A witness testified that the prior LNC had censured Mr. Martin for these statements “because [Martin] was not willing to clarify his remarks”. On October 9, 2025, Mr. Martin responded: “I was censured by the hijacked LNC for upholding the NAP. ...It’s time to forcibly remove socialism and the violent antifa leftists from the Libertarian Party with extreme prejudice” ([X](#)).

After becoming Region 1 Representative, Mr. Martin repeated the same language. On July 2, 2026, in an LNC email, he wrote: “All Antifa should in fact be removed from the LP by force and with extreme prejudice”. On July 31, 2026, on X, he wrote: “All socialists, regardless of label, must be removed from the Libertarian Party by force and with extreme prejudice”. On August 3, 2026, also on X, he wrote: “They must be removed by any means necessary and made to feel unwelcome in any LP space. Death to socialism!”. “Extreme prejudice” is a term typically thought to refer to execution, a matter that a complainant reported was clarified to Mr. Martin. The complainant added that Mr. Martin “continued to use the phrase”, which “made me consider that maybe he was serious”. A witness testified that the statements created “this kind of chilling effect where members of the Board [were concerned about] what they could say”. During his interview, Mr. Martin alleged that he did, on at least one occasion, clarify that by “extreme prejudice” he did not mean execution. Multiple witnesses to his remarks did not corroborate this.

On the same day as Mr. Martin’s “Death to socialism” post, in a thread that began with his post calling the LNC “racketeering clowns” who “need prison, not civil suits”, Mr. Martin replied, “They do, in fact”, to a post stating: “These commies need to be put against the wall”. Because the subject

of the thread was the LNC, “these commies” most logically refers to LNC members, as one complainant reads it. It should also be noted that Mr. Martin has publicly identified LNC members as being among the socialists he means (“Many members of the LNC”, July 21, 2026).

On August 11, 2026, Mr. Martin [posted a poll on X](#) headed “Purity test” that asked: “What is the most suitable *vacation type* listed here for members of the JC in favor of disaffiliation?” The options were “Helicopter / Plane Rides”; “Volcano / Pele's Kitchen”; “The Gladiator Experience”; and “A Room at Guantanamo”. The poll drew 30 votes and 1,322 views, and “Helicopter / Plane Rides” received 73.3%.

Each option alludes to death or detention. “Helicopter rides” is widely used online as a reference to far-right dictator Augusto Pinochet’s practice of throwing political opponents, typically alleged socialists, from a helicopter. The volcano option alludes to being thrown into Kilauea, the home of Pele in Hawaiian tradition. Gladiatorial combat was a spectacle of death. “A Room at Guantanamo” echoes his August 2 remark that LNC members were “fit only for Guantanamo Bay”.

The targets of the poll were the Judicial Committee members who favored the former Libertarian Party of New Hampshire’s (LPNH) disaffiliation from the Party, an identifiable group of Party members acting in an adjudicative role. Judicial Committee members are not “fellow board members”, so PM 1.07(4)(B)(II) does not apply to this charge. As such, the conduct is charged as harassment under PM 1.07(4)(B)(VII) (Charge III, Specification 5). Mr. Martin will likely call the poll satire. However, even read as dark humor, a National Committee member publicly inviting his followers to choose violent fates for the Party's adjudicators over an outcome he opposed is conduct that “may be perceived by others as harassment”.

The timing makes the poll more serious, not less. The Judicial Committee heard the LPNH appeal on the evening of August 11, 2026 (noticed for 8 p.m. Eastern), livestreamed on the Party's YouTube channel. It voted on August 17, gave notice on August 18, and released its opinions on September 8, affirming the revocation 7–0 (*In re: Revocation of Affiliate Status of the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire*). The post's ID encodes its time: 10:37 p.m. Eastern on August 11 (02:37 UTC, August 12), six days before the Judicial Committee voted. The hearing was called to order at 8:07 P.M. Eastern Time, about 40 seconds into a video that runs 3:14:23, so it ended at or about 11:20 P.M. Eastern Time. The poll went up about two and a half hours after the call to order and about 43 minutes before the hearing ended.

In other words, Mr. Martin posted the poll while the hearing was still in progress and the matter was under deliberation; and he aimed it at whichever members appeared to favor affirming the revocation. The SIC finds that a poll on violent fates for adjudicators in a pending case is inappropriate conduct for a sitting LNC member, and for this reason adds the charge of violating PM 1.07(4)(B)(VII).

On the Issue of Use of Party Assets and Confidential Information

Not charged: Because the first instance was already the subject of a censure motion against Mr. Martin during his prior term, and others can be considered instances of violations already charged, none of the conduct in this section is separately charged. It is included for two reasons. First, it shows Mr. Martin’s repeated disregard for

confidentiality and for the policies regarding the use of Party email addresses. Second, it bears on Mr. Martin's notice of those rules.

Executive-session recording

On February 14, 2026, Mr. Martin posted on X a recording of the September 10, 2025 Executive Session attended by Mr. Martin, three other LNC members, and LNC Counsel. In LNC emails on February 28, 2026, Mr. Martin argued that the session was “a phone call”, not an Executive Session, and wrote, “I sure do consent to the release” ([Appx B.II-20](#), [B.II-21](#), [A.4-VIII-2](#)). One witness confirmed that the session was an executive session concerning a conflict-of-interest question about an LNC member. Another witness testified that the release leaves members feeling they cannot raise sensitive matters in executive session “because Martin might put it on the Internet”.

Mr. Martin's “phone call” argument does not change the conversation’s formal designation as privileged. The session was a September 10, 2025, call with Counsel that the then-Chair had announced by email on September 2, 2025, stating that it “will be considered ‘executive session’ as we will be discussing legal material”. Whether or not the call met the formal requirements of PM 1.02(4), PM 1.07(4)(B)(V) expressly extends executive-session confidentiality to “meetings with legal counsel”.

Mr. Martin has also asserted that the matters discussed were already public. PM 1.02(4) permits disclosure of information “publicly available from other sources, not as the result of a participant's misconduct”. To test that claim, the SIC reviewed a video of the released recording. It runs for about four minutes and shows an automated Pixel Recorder transcript bearing the names of the members concerned and Counsel and the words “Conflicts of Interest on the SIC - Sept 10, 2025”, dated February 13, 2026, with five speakers: Mr. Martin, Counsel, and three other LNC members. The excerpt begins mid-discussion. It consists of questioning of a member about paid ballot-access work for the Kennedy campaign and a joint fundraising committee, the member's statement that he “probably should have disclosed” that work, and Counsel's statements on how the Policy Manual's conflict-of-interest disclosure provision applied to that matter and to a conflict found in a prior investigatory committee report. Mr. Martin participates (“Is that a conflict?”).

Counsel's application of the Policy Manual to a specific member's facts is legal advice to the LNC. A member's statement in a session with Counsel is not information “publicly available from other sources”. As such, the SIC does not accept that the release disclosed only public matter. Nor did the release follow PM 1.07(4)(D). Posting to X is not notice to the officers with a copy to Counsel followed by a seven-day wait.

In fairness to Mr. Martin, the excerpt shows that the conflict-disclosure concern he and Mr. Chadderdon raised had some substance, since the member acknowledged it in the session. The SIC holds the video under seal with Counsel and does not attach it to this report. The LNC censured Mr. Martin and Mr. Chadderdon for this release on March 1, 2026, and it is not re-charged here (see *On the Issue of Prior Discipline*).

Privileged memo

In a paper published May 17, 2026, and addressed to convention delegates, which he signed “Region 1 Alternate, LNC”, Mr. Martin wrote: “I cite one privileged document in this paper: the McMahon

‘CONFIDENTIAL: Data Leak’ memo of February 19, 2026”. He also stated that he received it “in my official capacity as a sitting alternate LNC member” ([Facebook, May 17, 2026](#), [Appx B.II-39](#)).

Litigation thread

On June 23, 2026, Mr. Martin “restored the public list” to an LNC thread concerning active litigation against the Liberal Party of New Mexico, and told the Chair, “This path you are choosing will lead to lawsuit between you and I [sic]” ([Appx C.III-3](#), [Appx C.IV-6](#)).

Forensic findings

On August 4, 2026, on the public list, Mr. Martin disclosed the purported contents of documentation from an independent forensic firm retained by the LNC to investigate a purported data leak, writing that it “claimed the downloads were not authorized, and that a breach did occur via privileged insider attack” ([list, Aug. 4, 19:40](#), [Appx B.V-5](#)). The documentation had not been made public as of the date Mr. Martin released it.

On the Issue of Harassment of Party Members

***Charged:* the statements concerning Mr. Ponty and the 1.07(6) complainant (Charge III, Specifications 1 and 2) and the September 18 statement to LNC members (Charge III, Specification 3). The accusations against Mr. Davis are charged with the other accusations of crime and foreign agency in Charge I, Specification 3. The calls for removal "by force" and the August 11 poll (Charge III, Specifications 4 and 5) are discussed in On the Issue of Statements Endorsing Force. The August 3 statement to another Party member is not separately charged.**

PM 1.07(4)(B)(VII) prohibits harassment, including “derogatory slurs” and “suggestive/derogatory behavior”; and requires LNC members to “avoid any conduct that may be perceived by others as harassment”. B.II protects only fellow board members. As such, the SIC considered Mr. Martin's statements about Party members who are not on the LNC under this provision instead.

Mr. Kyle Davis

Between July 2 and August 4, 2026, on the public list, Mr. Martin repeatedly accused Mr. Davis of data theft, of acting for foreign interests, and of having LNC and JC “accomplices”. As a result, Mr. Martin threatened to refer him to law enforcement.

Mr. John Ponty

On July 22, 2026, the day after Mr. Ponty wrote to the LNC objecting to his conduct, Mr. Martin emailed him, copying the LNC, to ask whether he had “any association with the DSA”, an organization Mr. Martin described as engaged in “infiltration politics” and coordinating “with foreign principals”. On August 28, 2026, replying to Mr. Ponty on X, Mr. Martin wrote, “You are a fraud, Mr. Ponty, and I think you lied to our investigators about the data”. It should be noted that nothing in the record suggests Mr. Ponty had any role in the data matter.

Ms. Alexa Maffei

On May 24, 2026, Mr. Martin approached Grand Rapids police officers investigating an assault on a Party member. According to the officer's narrative, he said he was “the head of the convention” and that the victim “is part of Antifa [and] was at the convention to cause issues”, while also stating that he “didn't see any of the fight”.

On August 23, 2026, the day after Ms. Maffei raised this during public comment at the LNC's August meeting, Mr. Martin posted that he “correctly told them I was a director of the organization”, that she was an “antifa agitator”, and that “I am not surprised someone slapped her”. On August 25, he wrote, “I stand by it. I would testify under oath”, adding that he believed she was “antifa” and that “her harassment / provoking of targets fully deserved much worse than just a slap. She was there to destroy lives”. On August 27, he wrote that she “was intentionally targeting and provoking individuals with shocking and outrageous acts of aggression”. On August 28, he replied to Mr. Ponty's post of the August 22 meeting stream, which Mr. Ponty described as showing Mr. Martin saying he had mistaken her identity. Mr. Martin wrote, “I stand by what I said. That girl tried to provoke multiple physical fights and convention including with me; I witnessed her belligerent behavior, and accurately communicated it to police”.

These posts are hard to reconcile with his statement at the August 22 meeting, as the complainant reports it, that he had “confused [her] with someone else.” The May 24 conduct occurred while Mr. Martin was an Alternate and is described for context only. The August posts are charged in Charge II, Specification 2.

Other Party members

On August 3, 2026, on X, Mr. Martin told a user identified as @AngelaTC, “You are a socialist pig, too. ...A reckoning is coming for you” ([X, Aug. 3, 02:48](#), [Appx BL.4.1-26](#)).

On the Issue of Breach of Fiduciary Duty

***Charged:* the September 30 and October 3 resignation offer (Charge IV, Specification 1). The criminal accusations discussed below are charged in Charge I, Specification 3. The remaining matters are not separately charged and are included for context. These include Mr. Martin's October 8, 2026, statement about Counsel and the July 28 statement that he does not recognize the LNC's authority.**

PM 1.07(4)(C) requires LNC members to exercise the duties of care, loyalty, and good faith. Under the duty of care, members “shall make decisions based on sound business principles and that preserve the assets and property... of the LNC”. Under the duty of loyalty, members “must manage the LNC solely in its best interest, not use it as a vehicle for promoting their personal beliefs or causes”.

Duty of care

Mr. Martin used the LNC public list, a Party asset, to publish accusations of federal crimes against named LNC members and Party members. On July 21, 2026, the Vice-Chair informed the officers:

“This opens us to extreme legal liability. I have had people discuss pursuing legal action as a result of his claims here and the use of Party property to make those claims puts us at risk”.

Duty of good faith and the whistleblower procedure

PM 1.07(4)(D) protects good-faith whistleblowing. However, it requires that a member who believes violations have occurred “first communicate these concerns to the Party officers... with a copy to LNC counsel and wait at least seven days before taking any action”. Mr. Martin states that he filed an ethics complaint in October 2025. In his [May 17, 2026 paper](#), he stated that he was filing “independently” because he believed LNC Counsel to be conflicted. In a July 28, 2026, email, he told the LNC: “I don't recognize the authority of this body”.

Good faith toward the truth

The record shows that Mr. Martin was given specific, documented answers to his accusations against LNC Counsel, and that he continued to make them anyway. Between June and September 2025, Mr. Martin and Mr. Chadderdon directed extensive questions to Counsel concerning derivative litigation with Beth Vest. Counsel answered by email, spent about two and a half hours on a September 10, 2025, call, and on September 18, 2025, sent the LNC written responses identifying specific accusations he said were false. Among them were the following:

- That he represented Ms. McArdle in the Vest case. Counsel states that the plaintiff's counsel mislisted him on the docket, which he had already explained to Mr. Martin in writing.
- That he leaked confidential information in a call with Mr. Sarwark. Counsel states that he only listened.
- A claim about the Amended Complaint that, according to Counsel, Mr. Martin admitted he had not read.

Counsel's engagement letter, which he sent the LNC on September 8, 2025, contemplates about 12 hours of work per month and records the LNC's waiver of conflicts arising from his work with the Center for Competitive Democracy, which was itself a subject of Mr. Martin's questions. Counsel testified that Mr. Martin “still now” accuses him of misconduct and “even criminal collusion”, and that he has “a reckless, or else knowing, indifference to the facts”. These 2025 events occurred while Mr. Martin was an Alternate. They are considered for notice and knowledge, not as charged conduct.

The October 8, 2026 statement

On October 8, 2026, Mr. Martin wrote on the [LNC public list](#) that in early September 2025, Counsel had offered to represent the Free New Mexico Party pro bono on the “condition... that Region 1 stay off the litigation”. Counsel responded the same day that he had made the offer “unconditionally, several months before” withdrawing it on September 24, 2025; and that his withdrawal email, which cited “the many false accusations made against me by two members of this board”, shows the actual sequence of events.

Use of the whistleblower process

In August 2025, Mr. Martin filed an ethics complaint concerning Counsel and the then-Chair (“Urgent: Ethics Complaint Follow Up”, August 24, 2025), on a thread that included Counsel. The

then-Chair responded that there was “no ongoing investigation... as there is no remedy asked for”. For the Counsel-related matters, then, Mr. Martin did use a complaint process. The SIC has found no comparable filing for his FARA and data-theft accusations.

Undermining the LNC

LNC Counsel testified that Mr. Martin posted that he was “teaching a masterclass in minority tactics”, whereas PM 1.07(4)(C)(III) requires members to manage the LNC “solely in its best interest”.

Duty of loyalty

On September 30, 2026, two days after proposing a “Peace Summit”, Mr. Martin posted to the Entire LNC and the public list a message titled “[How to Get Austin off the LNC: your best chance](#)”. In it, he stated that he “has agreed to resign his LNC seat for the year if we can raise: \$65,000 or more” through a Mises Caucus PAC fundraising page bearing his name (secure.anedot.com/mises-pac/Martin-donate); and \$20,000 to the Libertarian Party. In addition to constituting a breach of fiduciary duty, this email also violates the Policy Manual’s prohibition on using LNC email addresses for personal enrichment.

He then set out the alternative if the offer was refused: “~ -\$120k from the LP, lost to drama and court costs... I send protégés to haunt you if you manage to remove me... I get to travel to your states and wage political war while embarrassing and staining your LNC tenure... I recruit Alex Jones to raise awareness”. He added: “Lose six figures — and I will still be here. Like a fungus”, and “You can't actually remove me legitimately, and I would be able to fight any attempt robustly — including with counterclaims”.

Asked whether he is compensated by the Mises Caucus, Mr. Martin answered: “Never been paid by the MC. Hope to change that someday”, and later, “I hope and expect I could get something to offset the costs to myself. ...I advocate for anyone who can bring money in to the LP to be compensated for their work, including myself”. He repeated the offer on October 3, 2026: “You can cost the LNC north of \$100k by illegally retaliating against me, or we could work together to bring money into the LNC”.

PM 1.07(4)(C)(III) requires LNC members to manage the LNC “solely in its best interest, not use it as a vehicle for promoting their personal beliefs or causes”, and to “avoid putting themselves in a position where their individual interests clash with the interests of the LNC”. The SIC finds that offering to vacate a board seat in exchange for contributions to a private political committee, paired with threats of reputational and financial harm to the LNC if the offer is refused, is inconsistent with that duty and charges Mr. Martin accordingly.

Prior Discipline

Mr. Martin has been disciplined or removed by the LNC on the following occasions:

Date	Action	Vote	Subject
February 2, 2025	Removed from meeting as an observer	---	Disruption (before he joined the LNC)
October 1, 2025	Censure	8–2–2	Threatening language ("forcibly remove... with extreme prejudice"), failure to unequivocally exclude physical violence, and a conditional defense of lethal violence
March 1, 2026	Censure (with Mr. Chadderdon)	9–2–5	Recording and disseminating executive-session material, including privileged communications with Counsel
August 2, 2026	Removed from meeting	12–1–5	Called to order twice for ad hominem toward LNC members, muted without objection, then repeatedly unmuted himself and continued to disrupt [20260802-01, final minutes]
September 13, 2026	Removed from meeting	14–2–2	Removal motion made after an unrecognized point of information on how the SIC would be populated, following repeated protests, calls to order, and playing a ukulele during debate [20260913-14, draft minutes]
October 8, 2026	Public-list forwarder access revoked through October 15, 2026 (email ballot 20260930-01)	12–2–0–4	Use of the public forwarder

Effect on the Organization

PM 1.07(4)(F) directs consideration of “the damage that the offense caused to the LNC”. In interviews with the SIC, witnesses testified as follows:

- Mr. Martin's conduct makes the LNC “one that no reasonable person would serve on, because they would be abused so regularly”.
- “The public business list is basically unusable by the LNC”. Business items “would [now] take twice as long as they needed to”; and members in their state had stopped watching meetings.
- Mr. Martin’s conduct creates “a hostile work environment” and damages the Party's credibility. A state party Chair had called Mr. Martin “an agent of chaos”.
- Donors expressed unhappiness with infighting, which they attributed largely to Mr. Martin. LNC Counsel withdrew a pro bono offer in the New Mexico litigation, which Counsel attributed to Mr. Martin and Mr. Chadderdon.

- Members of a witness' state party have left the Party, and others have stopped donating, as a result of Mr. Martin's behavior.
- Mr. Martin's conduct deters volunteers who fear being targeted.
- "[I] certainly regretted having run [for the LNC], myself, at the time, as a result of some of the accusations going around".

A complainant testified that a member in another state said they would stop donating and urge other Freemasons to do the same if the LNC took up an anti-Freemasonry resolution proposed by Mr. Martin. The LNC removed the resolution from its agenda, and the member remains a donor. This account is secondhand and concerns a resolution the LNC declined to consider (struck from the September 13, 2026 agenda, 14–3–1 [20260913-01]). As such, the SIC gives it limited weight.

Conclusion

Occasional mistakes, imprudence, or lapses of judgment are not uncommon amongst leadership in any organization. Neither is the contrition or attempted remedy that usually follows. One of the SIC's concerns, however, remains the disconcerting reality that Mr. Martin wholeheartedly rejects even the smallest of possibilities that he did anything wrong.

When asked by the SIC about how he understood his role as Region 1 Representative, Mr. Martin replied that he primarily sees himself as a whistleblower. He reported that he does not consider his public statements on social media as being subject to the code of conduct, and that even if they are, that they do not rise to the level of *ad hominem*, indecorous attacks, or harassment. The SIC notes that Mr. Martin seems to consider the only sort of attacks in violation of the Policy Manual to be attacks against immutable characteristics. Nowhere in the Policy Manual is the designation of inappropriate conduct restricted to remarks on immutable characteristics; indeed, the Policy Manual singles out such derogatory conduct as being *among* the multiple types of derogatory conduct prohibited. As such, per the Policy Manual, indecorous attacks must extend beyond attacks against immutable characteristics.

It bears repeating that vigorous disagreement, sharp criticism of leadership, and dissent from the majority are ordinary features of a political party's governing board. The Code of Conduct does not prohibit any of them. PM 1.07(4)(F) states that discipline "is not intended for political maneuvering, genuine mistakes, or good faith differences of opinion". The SIC has applied that principle throughout, and it has excluded from its findings matters that are speculative, unverified, or predate the Code.

What remains is a sustained pattern, documented in Mr. Martin's own words on Party channels and in his public communications. That pattern consists of the following:

- Attacks on the character of fellow board members.
- Public accusations that named LNC members and Party members are committing federal crimes.
- Repeated calls to remove political opponents "by force and with extreme prejudice", after the prior LNC censured him for that very language.
- An express endorsement of a Republican candidate, accompanied by the statement, "I don't recognize the authority of this body... and spit on your precious rules".

- Disclosure of confidential and privileged LNC material.

The SIC is concerned that prior corrective measures have not altered this conduct. Mr. Martin described the 2025 censure as “a badge of honor from those corrupt slimeballs” ([X, October 7, 2025](#)). He reaffirmed the “subhuman terrorists” remark with “My statement stands”. He resumed the censured “extreme prejudice” language within weeks of taking his seat as Region 1 Representative.

In a word, Mr. Martin’s disposition towards the current LNC is adversarial. Mr. Martin taunts that the LNC doesn’t have the authority to remove him, while openly bragging about the tactics he is using to undermine the LNC:



Austin the Musical Chair

@AustinShiloh1



They are exposed, but our work on the LNC is not done.

I am teaching you all a masterclass in minority tactics — pay attention!!

One person can make a massive difference.

I brought this LNC to their knees, ripped off their mask, and forced them to reveal their true nature.

9:06 PM · Sep 13, 2026 · 659 Views

The SIC therefore believes that the complaints described in this report are well founded as to the matters set out in the charges below, and that the following offenses warrant charges:

1. **Attacks on fellow board members (Charge I).** Mr. Martin called five LNC members “vile subhuman terrorists fit only for Guantanamo Bay”, agreed that “these commies need to be put against the wall”, and publicly and repeatedly accused named LNC members and Party members of federal crimes, including violations of the Foreign Agents Registration Act. *See: On the Issue of Attacks on Fellow Board Members, On the Issue of Accusations of Criminality and Foreign Agency, and On the Issue of Statements Endorsing Force.*
2. **Public endorsement of non-Libertarian candidates for office (Charge II).** Mr. Martin repeatedly and expressly noted, on the public list, that he was making “endorsements” of specific Republican candidates in Hawai’i.
3. **Harassment (Charge III).** Mr. Martin targeted Party members who objected to his conduct and warned LNC members about their safety at future Party events. He repeatedly called for the removal of Party members “by force and with extreme prejudice”, contrary to the Bylaws Article 4 membership certification. He also posted a poll on violent fates for Judicial Committee members during their hearing. *See: On the Issue of Harassment of Party Members and On the Issue of Statements Endorsing Force.*

4. **Breach of the duty of loyalty (Charge IV).** Mr. Martin offered to trade his seat for contributions to a private political committee, with threats if the offer was refused. *See: On the Issue of Breach of Fiduciary Duty.*

The SIC does not separately charge the remaining conduct described in these findings. That includes the call to “kill/muzzle the LNC”, the endorsement of other parties’ candidates, the use of Party assets and confidential information, conduct while Mr. Martin was an Alternate, and conduct for which Mr. Martin was already censured. Rather, these instances are included as evidence of Mr. Martin’s pattern of behavior and lack of awareness that any of his conduct should be tempered.

Recommendation(s)

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, the SIC's primary recommendation is that Mr. Martin resign as Region 1 Representative. Resignation would spare all parties the time, expense, and further disruption of a trial. Under the Region 1 Agreement, the Region 1 Alternate would succeed to the seat unless she declined.

Should Mr. Martin be unwilling to resign, the SIC recommends that the LNC take the actions enumerated below. Importantly, the SIC notes that it has declined to recommend specific penalties in and of itself: Its role is rather the recommendation of charges. Recommending penalties falls within the purview of a trial manager and imposing them falls within the purview of the National Committee. The SIC may, however, recommend actions prior to trial; and per RONR 63:13, this includes suspension pending trial.

1. Adopt the charges and specifications listed below.
2. Adopt the resolutions listed below.
3. Adopt this report.
4. Suspend, pending disposition of the charges, Mr. Martin's right to post to the LNC public list and LNC email lists and to vote on National Committee business, with the Region 1 Alternate exercising those rights, as necessary to protect the LNC from further breaches of fiduciary duty, pursuant to the consent given in the Region 1 Agreement.
5. Refer to an ad hoc committee the drafting of Policy Manual amendments clarifying the status of the LNC email lists for purposes of decorum and calls to order, and clarifying whether the Code of Conduct applies to Alternates.

Charges & Specifications

Resolved, that when the meeting adjourns, it adjourns to November 21, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. ET, to be held virtually.

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 following 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):

Charge I: Ad Hominem and Indecorous Attacks on Fellow Board Members (PM 1.07[4][B][II])

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 (PM 1.07[4][B][I])

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 non-confidential discussion for transparency purposes. Now it is a **public** endorsement.”

Charge III: Harassment (PM 1.07[4][B][VII])

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 (PM 1.07(4)(C)(III))

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.

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.

Resolved, that Amanda Griffiths and Jonathan McGee act as the trial managers for the Libertarian National Committee.

Charges & Specifications Adoption

On October 15, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. ET, in open session as required by Bylaws Article 7.15, the SIC voted on each charge and specification individually as follows:

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”.

Charge I, Specification 1	Vote
Mr. Jonathan McGee	[Aye]
Mr. Michael Chianese	[Aye]
Ms. Amanda Griffiths	[Aye]
Ms. Michelle Wigington	[Aye]
<i>Mr. Doug Craig</i>	<i>[Not present—Not voting]</i>
Result	[4-0-0-1 (Aye-Nay-Expressed Abstention-Not Voting)]

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

Charge I, Specification 2	Vote
Mr. Jonathan McGee	[Aye]
Mr. Michael Chianese	[Aye]
Ms. Amanda Griffiths	[Aye]
Ms. Michelle Wigington	[Aye]
<i>Mr. Doug Craig</i>	<i>[Not present—Not voting]</i>
Result	[4-0-0-1 (Aye-Nay-Expressed Abstention-Not Voting)]

Charge I: Ad Hominem and Indecorous Attacks on Fellow Board Members, 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 I, Specification 3	Vote
Mr. Jonathan McGee	[Aye]
Mr. Michael Chianese	[Aye]
Ms. Amanda Griffiths	[Aye]
Ms. Michelle Wigington	[Aye]
<i>Mr. Doug Craig</i>	<i>[Not present—Not voting]</i>
Result	[4-0-0-1 (Aye-Nay-Expressed Abstention-Not Voting)]

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

Charge I	Vote
Mr. Jonathan McGee	[Aye]
Mr. Michael Chianese	[Aye]
Ms. Amanda Griffiths	[Aye]
Ms. Michelle Wigington	[Aye]
<i>Mr. Doug Craig</i>	<i>[Not present—Not voting]</i>
Result	[4-0-0-1 (Aye-Nay-Expressed Abstention-Not Voting)]

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 non-confidential discussion for transparency purposes. Now it is a public endorsement.”

Charge II, Specification 1	Vote
Mr. Jonathan McGee	[Aye]
Mr. Michael Chianese	[Aye]
Ms. Amanda Griffiths	[Aye]
Ms. Michelle Wigington	[Aye]
<i>Mr. Doug Craig</i>	<i>[Not present—Not voting]</i>
Result	[4-0-0-1 (Aye-Nay-Expressed Abstention-Not Voting)]

Charge II: Endorsement of non-Libertarian Candidates

Charge II	Vote
Mr. Jonathan McGee	[Aye]
Mr. Michael Chianese	[Aye]
Ms. Amanda Griffiths	[Aye]
Ms. Michelle Wigington	[Aye]
<i>Mr. Doug Craig</i>	<i>[Not present—Not voting]</i>
Result	[4-0-0-1 (Aye-Nay-Expressed Abstention-Not Voting)]

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”.

Charge III, Specification 1	Vote
Mr. Jonathan McGee	[Aye]
Mr. Michael Chianese	[Nay]
Ms. Amanda Griffiths	[Aye]
Ms. Michelle Wigington	[Aye]
<i>Mr. Doug Craig</i>	<i>[Not present—Not voting]</i>
Result	[3-1-0-1 (Aye-Nay-Expressed Abstention-Not Voting)]

Charge III: Harassment, 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.

Charge III, Specification 2	Vote
Mr. Jonathan McGee	[Aye]
Mr. Michael Chianese	[Aye]
Ms. Amanda Griffiths	[Aye]
Ms. Michelle Wigington	[Aye]
<i>Mr. Doug Craig</i>	<i>[Not present—Not voting]</i>
Result	[4-0-0-1 (Aye-Nay-Expressed Abstention-Not Voting)]

Charge III: Harassment, 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”.

Charge III, Specification 3	Vote
Mr. Jonathan McGee	[Aye]
Mr. Michael Chianese	[Aye]
Ms. Amanda Griffiths	[Aye]
Ms. Michelle Wigington	[Aye]
<i>Mr. Doug Craig</i>	<i>[Not present—Not voting]</i>
Result	[4-0-0-1 (Aye-Nay-Expressed Abstention-Not Voting)]

Charge III: Harassment, 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”.

Charge III, Specification 4	Vote
Mr. Jonathan McGee	[Aye]
Mr. Michael Chianese	[Aye]
Ms. Amanda Griffiths	[Aye]
Ms. Michelle Wigington	[Aye]
<i>Mr. Doug Craig</i>	<i>[Not present—Not voting]</i>

Charge III, Specification 4	Vote
Result	[4-0-0-1 (Aye-Nay-Expressed Abstention-Not Voting)]

Charge III: Harassment, 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 III, Specification 5	Vote
Mr. Jonathan McGee	[Aye]
Mr. Michael Chianese	[Aye]
Ms. Amanda Griffiths	[Aye]
Ms. Michelle Wigington	[Aye]
<i>Mr. Doug Craig</i>	<i>[Not present—Not voting]</i>
Result	[4-0-0-1 (Aye-Nay-Expressed Abstention-Not Voting)]

Charge III: Harassment

Charge III	Vote
Mr. Jonathan McGee	[Aye / Nay / Abstain]
Mr. Michael Chianese	[Aye / Nay / Abstain]
Ms. Amanda Griffiths	[Aye / Nay / Abstain]
Ms. Michelle Wigington	[Aye / Nay / Abstain]
<i>Mr. Doug Craig</i>	<i>[Not present—Not voting]</i>
Result	[4-0-0-1 (Aye-Nay-Expressed Abstention-Not Voting)]

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.

Charge IV, Specification 1	Vote
Mr. Jonathan McGee	[Aye]

Charge IV, Specification 1	Vote
Mr. Michael Chianese	[Aye]
Ms. Amanda Griffiths	[Aye]
Ms. Michelle Wigington	[Aye]
<i>Mr. Doug Craig</i>	<i>[Not present—Not voting]</i>
Result	[4-0-0-1 (Aye-Nay-Expressed Abstention-Not Voting)]

Charge IV: Breach of the Duty of Loyalty

Charge IV	Vote
Mr. Jonathan McGee	[Aye]
Mr. Michael Chianese	[Aye]
Ms. Amanda Griffiths	[Aye]
Ms. Michelle Wigington	[Aye]
<i>Mr. Doug Craig</i>	<i>[Not present—Not voting]</i>
Result	[4-0-0-1 (Aye-Nay-Expressed Abstention-Not Voting)]

Resolution Adoptions

On October 15, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. ET, the SIC voted on the recommendation that the LNC adopt the resolutions on the adjourned meeting, the citation of Mr. Martin to appear, the suspension of rights pending trial, and the appointment of the managers, as follows:

Resolutions	Vote
Mr. Jonathan McGee	[Aye]
Mr. Michael Chianese	[Aye]
Ms. Amanda Griffiths	[Aye]
Ms. Michelle Wigington	[Aye]
<i>Mr. Doug Craig</i>	<i>[Not present—Not voting]</i>
Result	[4-0-0-1]

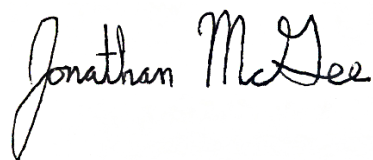
Report Adoption

On October 15, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. ET, the SIC adopted this report with vote counts and signatures as follows:

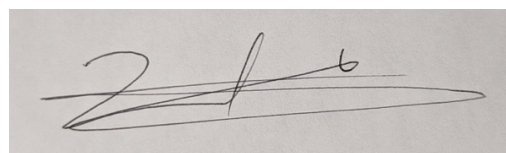
Report	Vote
Mr. Jonathan McGee	[Aye]
Mr. Michael Chianese	[Aye]
Ms. Amanda Griffiths	[Aye]
Ms. Michelle Wigington	[Aye]
<i>Mr. Doug Craig</i>	<i>[Not present—Not voting]</i>
Result	[4-0-0-1]

Before adoption, the SIC submitted the draft to the LNC Chair and LNC Counsel to ensure it was free of potentially sensitive or compromising information, including the identity of any complainant who requested confidentiality under PM 1.07(4)(F).

In Liberty,



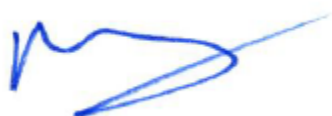
Mr. Jonathan McGee
Chair, Special Investigatory Committee
Secretary, Libertarian National Committee



Mr. Michael Chianese
Vice Chair, Special Investigatory Committee
Party member



Ms. Amanda Griffiths
Secretary, Special Investigatory Committee
Vice-Chair, Libertarian National Committee



Ms. Michelle Wigington
Member, Special Investigatory Committee
Region 7 Alternate, Libertarian National Committee

Doug Craig

Mr. Doug Craig
Member, Special Investigatory Committee
Party member

Appendix: Evidence Supporting the Charges and Specifications

This appendix gives the source for each specification. Sources for conduct described in the findings but not charged are linked in the body of the report. Three kinds of sources are cited:

- **List** links go to the LNC public list archive (Google Groups).
- **X** links are as cited in the complaints or in the [austinmartin.exposed](#) compilation. The SIC should preserve dated captures of each X post before adoption, since posts can be deleted.
- **Appx** refers to entries in the public compilation at [austinmartin.exposed](#). That compilation is secondary, and it is cited only for corroboration or where no other copy is in the record.

Times are UTC unless noted.

Status. *Confirmed* means the SIC has the primary text (email, list post, or screenshot) and the quotation matches. *Linked* means a source link is in the record, but the SIC has seen the text only as quoted in a complaint or the compilation. *Not located* means no source for the quoted words is in the record.

Charge I

Spec.	Primary source	Corroboration	Status and notes
1	LNC email to Entire LNC, Aug. 2, 2026, 5:10 and 5:12 p.m. (screenshot "subhuman.png" in the complaint file).	complaint ¶ III.G. W-3 and W-1 interviews.	"Vile subhuman terrorists" is confirmed, including the 5:12 p.m. follow-up ("Sorry, I meant to type... Oopsie").
2	Reply in the X thread of Aug. 3, 2026, 00:04 (the uncharged "racketeering clowns" post).	complaint ¶ III.F and Ex. F.	Linked (thread). The thread's subject (the LNC as "racketeering clowns") identifies the referent..
3	July 21 FARA statements: list, July 21, 2026, 22:04 (complaint Ex. D), with the full text reproduced in email, July 22, and list, July 21, 23:07 (Appx A.4-VIII-5). Mr. Davis: LNC email/list, Aug. 4, 19:40 (Appx B.II-58) ("accomplices to Mr. Davis controlling the JC and the LNC"). Other accusations: the statements linked in On the Issue of Accusations of Criminality and Foreign Agency and On the Issue of Disparagement of the LNC and the Party.	complaint, July 28 email, and interview. Appx B.II-48 . Contradicting information: the published rebuttal of the dossier (April 17) and Counsel's response (Sept. 18, 2025).	The July 21 statements are confirmed. The Davis statements are confirmed. This specification combines the former FARA, Davis, and pattern specifications.

Charge II

Spec.	Primary source	Corroboration	Status and notes
1	LNC email to Public List, Jul. 28, 2026, 4:36 p.m. Central Time.	complaint and interview and email records.	The endorsement is confirmed.

Charge III

Spec.	Primary source	Corroboration	Status and notes
1	Mr. Martin's email of July 22, 2026, 2:55 p.m., reproduced in email to the LNC, July 22 ("you told me you are a proud socialist; do you have any association with the DSA?"). X, Aug. 28, 2026, 2:36 p.m. (supplemental screenshot).	email, July 21.	Confirmed.
2	Complainant Exs. B-1 (X, Aug. 23, 1:34 p.m.), B-2 (Aug. 27), and B-3 (Aug. 28). X post cited in complaint. supplemental screenshots: X, Aug. 25, 2026, 1:22 p.m. ("fully deserved much worse than just a slap") and X, Aug. 28, 2026, 2:36 p.m. ("I stand by what I said").	complaint (Aug. 22 meeting). X . X .	Confirmed by screenshots.
3	List, Sept. 18, 2026, 21:38, "Re: Follow-Up on the Special Investigatory Committee" , sent to LNC Public and Inc-public_forward.	interview. A member's list message of Oct. 8, 03:52 refers to it.	Confirmed. The post was also addressed to Messrs. Thompson, Bost, McMahon, Longstreth, and Recuero.
4	LNC email, July 2, 19:15 (Appx B.II-45). X, July 31 (BL.4.1-22). X, Aug. 3, 02:23 ("by any means necessary," BL.4.1-24).	Bylaws Art. 4, § 1. complaint ¶ II.F. Screenshot attached to email, July 21 (LNC members as "one of them": "Many members of the LNC"). interviews. Prior censure and 2025 posts (BL.4.1-4 to -14).	Linked. The July 2 email is confirmed in the compilation and complaint.
5	X poll, Aug. 11, 2026, 10:37 p.m. ET . The time is decoded from the post ID. The screenshot supplied by the Chair shows 9:37 p.m. Central, 30 votes, and 1,322 views.	interview (poll on the Judicial Committee). Hearing timing from LPedia and the hearing video: called to order 8:07 p.m. ET, video 3:14:23 with about 40 seconds of lead-in, ending about 11:20 p.m. ET. Vote Aug. 17. Opinions Sept. 8.	Confirmed. The post was still live on Oct. 11, 2026.

Charge IV

Spec.	Primary source	Corroboration	Status and notes
1	List thread "How to Get Austin off the LNC" : Sept. 30, 18:33 (\$65,000 via the Mises PAC page and \$20,000 via LP.org/Martindonor), 19:45 ("protégés to haunt you" and "wage political war..."), and 21:01 ("compensated"). Oct. 3, 20:46 ("north of \$100k").	---	Confirmed.