



From the Desk of St. Clair County Chair Carolyn Richards

The so-called meeting that was held today and included some state committee members was unauthorized and out of compliance with the Party's Bylaws and, therefore, incapable of conducting any official business of the Michigan Republican Party. Any claims that the administration has been removed and Kristina Karamo has been removed as chair, are FALSE.

We have listened to the Town Hall meeting Friday night held by the administration. General Counsel Dan Hartman answered all questions that were asked of him and he was very forthcoming with his information.

With the information we have learned, St. Clair County would like to express our support to Kristina Karamo and her administration. We will share additional insight at the upcoming SCCGOP executive committee meeting Monday.

Please see Kristina Karamo's statement below.

Have a blessed weekend.

Carolyn Richards

Chair Lady
St. Clair County Republican Party

Statement from MiGOP Chair Kristina Karamo:

Dear State Committee,

Any claims that I have been removed as chair are false.

Malinda Pego, Matt Deperno, Bree Moggenberg, and others have conspired to illegally undermine the entire state committee and 2,100 precinct delegates who voted in a fair election on February 18, 2023.

These individuals:

1. On 12/2/23, submitted a special meeting request, requesting that a 12/27 meeting occur with Hassan Nehme to chair the meeting and Ann DeLise as the secretary, which is not compliant per MiGOP bylaws and contained agenda items that needed previous requirements satisfied before becoming legitimate agenda items. These individuals knew that the special meeting request contained agenda items and other meeting requests that violated MiGOP bylaws. Therefore

invalidating their meeting request. The policy chair and I informed them that the meeting request was invalid for the above reasons.

2. On 12/31/23, Bree Moggenberg emailed State Committee members, claiming a special State Committee meeting would be held 1/6/24 at 1 pm.
3. The State Committee was again informed that this meeting request was invalid because the proper procedure to remove anyone or amend MIGOP bylaws had yet to be followed. Additionally, a new special meeting request has yet to be submitted.
4. Malinda Pego and others in the media began falsely claiming the 1/6 meeting was legitimate, citing the 12/2 request that contained demands that violated MIGOP bylaws.
5. According to those who organized the 1/6 gathering to conduct business as the Michigan Republican Party illegally. The proceedings were to begin at 1 pm.
6. I was informed that Malinda Pego was chairing this illegitimate meeting that roughly 40 state committee members attended, which was announced to begin at 1 pm.
7. Some individuals who did not attend the illegitimate meeting had proxies assigned by district chairs who conspired in this plot.
8. That's when roughly 55 people, only approximately 40, are actual State Committee members at this illegitimate meeting chaired by Malinda Pego, who amended the bylaws to lower the threshold to remove people to 60 percent. None of the proper process mandated by the bylaws to amend the bylaws was followed.
9. At 1:49 pm, the secretary received an email from Matt Deperno claiming that 54 State Committee members had signed a petition to vote to remove Dan Hartman, the legitimacy of these signatures HAVE NOT been verified by the MIGOP Secretary.
10. Then, it was reported that roughly 40 people took a vote with a secret ballot to claim that I was no longer chair. They also claimed to remove other State Committee members, such as Dr. Phil O'Halloran, Lori Skibo, and Braden Giacobazzi.
11. Immediately, these conspirators had the media lined up to fraudulently claim that I was removed as chair.
12. With our children's future and everything at stake, these individuals are now jeopardizing our chances of winning in 2024. They do not care.
13. The Grassroots spoke as to who they wanted their chair to be the counterfeit-conservatives who are co-conspirators with Democrats will do anything, including breaking the law, to get their power back.
14. Not only is their conduct unlawful, but swift and appropriate action will be taken.

In Liberty,

Kristina Karamo

Chairwoman

Michigan Republican Party