

Updated Running Sheet with additional opening remarks

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Let me know if you want any changes.

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Opening remarks

Colleagues will be aware I am being sued. I will make a couple of points about what this means for everyone in this room irrespective of your position on the issues..

1. Everyone must not delete any communications from their devices. This includes WhatsApp messages, texts, audio recordings and email.
2. Everything that has been said in the March 27th meeting and what will be said in this meeting today will be admissible as evidence.

[If someone looks to challenge the validity of the meeting.

I'll take that as a point of order, does the Shadow Attorney wish to comment?

MOB to express legal opinion on validity of the meeting.

There is no point of order. The meeting will continue.]

Minutes

The minutes are on the table. I'll give everyone a couple of minutes to review them. They are a record of the decisions taken at the meetings of the 21st and 27th of March.

Minutes of the meeting 20 March 2023. Moved: XXX, Seconded: YYY. All those in favour? Against? Carried.

Minutes of the meeting 27 March 2023. Moved: XXX, Seconded: XXX. All those in favour? Against? Carried.

Motion on Notice

I am in receipt of a motion to expel Mrs Moira Deeming from the Parliamentary Liberal Party from five members of the Parliamentary Party as required by Clause 59 of the Party's constitution. Five clear days notice of that motion being debated has been given to Mrs Deeming as required by Clause 60.

Before going ahead with that debate, is it the will of the meeting that voting on this motion be by secret ballot? (at least 5 MPs must stand in their place as per the constitution).

As at least five members have requested a secret ballot, voting will be by secret ballot.

Mrs Deeming, as you are aware, a motion of expulsion has been received, notice has been given, and the motion be debated and put at this meeting. You will have the right to address the meeting.

If you have not done so before we move to the mover's right of reply, I will ask you if you want to exercise that right then.

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I now ask the mover of the motion to address the meeting.

Newbury speaks.

Does the seconder wish to address the meeting?

Guy speaks.

Is there a speaker against the motion?

Opposer speaks.

Is there another speaker for the motion?

McLeish speaks.

Is there another speaker against the motion?

Opposer speaks.

Is there another speaker for the motion?

Britnell speaks.

Is there another speaker against the motion?

Opposer speaks.

Etc. Once all speakers against have been exhausted, if Mrs Deeming hasn't yet spoken, invite her to do so.

I now invite the mover of the motion to make his right of reply.

Newbury speaks.

I now call on the Party Secretary to conduct the ballot and I appoint her, Wendy Lovell and Joe McCracken as scrutineers.

Colleagues, you are voting on the motion "that Mrs Moira Deeming be expelled from the Parliamentary Liberal Party."

Vote.

Party Secretary to provide result on a piece of paper to JP.

The motion is carried.

Thank you, colleagues. As a result of this motion, Mrs Moira Deeming is expelled from the Parliamentary Liberal Party.

Mrs Deeming to leave the meeting.

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In line with our constitution, Mrs Deeming will be advised in writing she has been expelled from the parliamentary Liberal Party and the terms of the resolution will also be sent to the State Director of the Liberal Party.

JP: Any other remarks about the resolution.

General Business

Is there any general business?

MOB: I move suspension of standing orders for discussion on a matter of urgency, namely that the position of Party Secretary be made vacant.

Is there a seconder?

GUY: I second the motion.

Colleagues I put the procedural motion that standing orders be suspended. All those in favour? Against? The motion is carried.

I invite MOB to move his motion.

MOB. I move that the position of Party secretary be made vacant.

Is the motion seconded?

GUY: I second the motion.

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I now ask the mover of the motion to address the meeting.

MOB speaks.

Does the seconder wish to address the meeting?

Guy speaks or reserves right.

Is there a speaker against the motion?

Opposer speaks.

Etc.

[Note the meeting only has 30 minutes from the time the motion to declare the party secretary vacant is moved or it lapses unless the meeting resolves that the matter be further discussed. So, if the debate to declare vacant the Party Secretary gets to 25 minutes, you should move to extend debate.]

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I now invite the mover of the motion to make his right of reply.

MOB speaks.

I appoint David Hodgett to conduct the ballot and I appoint him, Wendy Lovell and Joe McCracken as scrutineers.

Colleagues, you are voting on the motion “the position of Party secretary be made vacant.”

Vote.

David Hodgett to provide result on a piece of paper to JP.

The motion is carried.

Thank you colleagues.

I now call for nominations for the position of Secretary of the Parliamentary Liberal Party.

Trung Luu stands in place.

If necessary, ballot conducted.

I declare Trung Luu elected.

Concluding Remarks

Comment on what happens next. Remind everyone that nobody should be commenting on what happens in a Party Room meeting. Ask if everyone could stop answering the phone or responding to a text from journalists on internal matters. Whether you support the result of this meeting or not, please stop commenting on ourselves.

Close meeting.