

PAD Meeting Notes 5/28/25

- I. Welcome
 - A. 6:03 start time
 - B. Recognition of elected officials: Sally F., Katie W.H, Janet L., Dick O., Deb R.
 - C. New attendees- 3
 - D. Minutes approved
- II. Treasurer's Report
 - A. NH Election Law Changes
 - 1. RSA 664:4 explanation
 - a) Name and address of *every donation*
 - b) Options
 - (1) Donate through Act Blue
 - (2) Direct to PAD- fill in the provided form
 - c) Questions
 - (1) Fake names?
 - (a) Nope- breaking law
 - (2) Passing the hat?
 - (a) Nope- not legal
 - (3) Date clarification- enforcement
 - (a) January 1, 2025
 - (b) Not broadly aware of it
 - B. Expenses- \$1897
 - C. Income YTD- \$4495
- III. Visibility
 - A. Robin Goldstein on bridge
 - 1. Wednesday 4-6
 - B. Indivisible- Grace Garvey
 - 1. June 14- **NO KINGS Day**
- IV. Set- up
 - A. New volunteers needed
 - 1. Tish Chance and crickets
- V. Upcoming Events
 - A. Andrew Volinsky- June 10 at the Common Man
 - B. Next meeting June 25
 - 1. Karen Liot Hill, Matt Wilhelm possible speakers
- VI. Giles Bissonette from ACLU
 - A. Introduced by Lou
 - B. ACLU- started 105 years ago
 - 1. Started in NH in 1968
 - 2. Education, Legislative Advocacy, Sue 'em

3. Roger Goldwin
 - a) As long as we have enough people to defend civil rights...
 - b) When the least of us are denied civil rights, then none of us have any rights
- C. Giles B. Introduction
 1. Has litigated about everything- Director since 2013
 2. He wins
 3. UCLA- doctorate, Washington Uni- bachelors and masters
 4. Well- awarded, many from many different venues including this year's "Visionary Impact Award"- for NH vs Trump
- D. Fuentes vs Customs and Border Protection circa 2019
- E. NH Recycling- Reagan Bissonette (his wife) has spoken (formerly NorthEast Recycling [?])
- F. Trans, Immigrant, Women- all under attack
- G. Speech is mixed with uplifting, joyous, grateful speech interspersed with fighting words
- H. ACLU-NH
 1. Grown from 3 members to 17- 4 lawyers, 4 communications staff, 2 policy staff, 2 development staff, organizing team
 2. Not government funded (yay)
 3. Founded to protect protestors' rights, African-Americans' rights
 4. They all live/work in NH
- I. ACLU- National
 1. 550 attorneys, 2175 staff in 53 affiliates including every state
 2. Formed b/c of the first Red Scare after WWI, 1st and 4th Amendment
 3. Breadth in every civil rights issues in the moment
- J. Trump
 1. Day 1- Birthright citizenship- Giles filed it
 2. Week 3- judge blocked the order
 3. Will continue to fight
- K. Local
 1. Attacks on community members
 2. Efforts to suppress legal asylum seekers getting driver's license
 3. Attacks on DEI
 4. Efforts to ban books in schools
- L. Lawsuits
 1. Birthright citizenship- filed about 80 minutes after EO
 - a) Stripping away citizenship of babies
 2. Lu vs
 - a) Revoke visa status of international students
 - b) Obtains TRO, then injunction, used as framework around the country, policy has been reversed

3. Attacks on DEI
 - a) Short version- if you engage in DEI, lose Title 6 funding
 - b) Temporary injunction
4. Giles filed against the “divisive concepts” law from 2021
5. HB2 in NH house- also anti- DEI

M. Voting

1. NH passed documentary proof citizenship: passports, birth certificates, (name change- women)
2. No other state does this
 - a) Kansas tried it
3. Lawsuit is pending

N. Trans kids

1. Parker Tirell (Tyrel) case
2. Got an injunction

O. Message is “to keep the joy”

P. Questions

1. Sam Miller: governor Ayotte ruled on forbidding sanctuary cities
 - a) HB 511 and SB2; 527G agreements
 - b) Require local police to participate in immigration enforcement
 - (1) Meant to intimidate
 - (2) Police don’t want it
 - (a) We won’t feel safe and ask for help
 - c) Possible view on narrowness
 - d) Local advocacy- push for enforcement on local law, not federal law; civil law vs criminal law
2. Janet Lucas: comment on funding for police as ICE
 - a) Federal funds for training, then funding comes from local communities
3. Sam Miller: what plan(s) does the ACLU have for more of Trump’s removal of civil liberties?
 - a) ACLU has been researching it for months like for Birthright Citizenship and Alien Enemies Act
 - b) Other efforts are in the works thanks to the villains shouting out their plans
4. New question: what can we do? Petition to the town?
 - a) Local policy for 287G program agreements (federal agreement)
 - b) Suggest going to local police chiefs and saying nope
 - c) Sheriffs and local police both participate in traffic stops
 - d) Remind them that you can withdraw from it
 - (1) Local sheriff- refusing to meet with the county commissioners

- (2) Demand accountability
 - e) Task enforcement
 - (1) Had been disbanded 10 years ago
 - (2) History of why this program hurts people
- 5. Lou: the government has a complete disdain for the judiciary; what do you do when the courts are not functional?
 - a) That's the question
 - b) Wrongful deportations- government is stretching
 - c) So far, there has been compliance;
 - d) "That's when we hit the streets"
- 6. Stephanie Osborne: in Project 2025, the plan is to put off compliance, procedurally delay
 - a) They hide what they are doing, lack of transparency
 - b) So important that these rights, due process, happen
 - c) Need to be able to undo harm
 - d) Our courts need to step up
- 7. Gigi- comments on the book bans, paraphrased Fahrenheit- we are getting very close to it.

VII. Adjournment 7:30

