

NBI # 26

2024 FORM FOR NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

Defending Academic Freedom

04.24.2024 9:58 pm

NBI Name			Date and Time
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Delegate Making the Motion	Cell	Email	Association Represented or Retired
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Delegate Seconding the Motion	Cell	Email	Association Represented or Retired

According to the MTA Standing/Special Rules:
With the exception of items on the agenda, all substantive motions shall be submitted in writing to the Presiding Officer.

MOTION

MOVED:

MOVED, that the MTA reaffirms our union’s longstanding support for academic freedom and will convey to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the UMass Board of Trustees, the Board of Higher Education, the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, as well as the Governor and members of the Legislature, our firm commitment to fully protect the academic freedom of all of our members, including our members’ right to speak as citizens in public debate without fear of retribution in their workplaces, and to protect our schools, colleges, and their libraries from those who would seek to limit learning and censor library materials

SUBMITTER’S RATIONALE:

With the aim of building greater unity, we believe we can all find agreement in the principle – captured in our Resolutions (e.g. E1) – that our members deserve academic freedom inside our schools and colleges, and that our members can and should act according to their conscience when speaking as citizens, and should not suffer consequences at work. We also believe we can unite around a commitment to protect our libraries and teaching materials from those organizations who seek to undermine educator autonomy and professionalism.

DUES IMPACT:

SUBMITTER’S COST & STAFF TIME ESTIMATE:

MTA COST & STAFF TIME ESTIMATE (For MTA use only):

MTA Cost Estimate: \$0
MTA Staff Time Estimate: 5 hours