

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

IN THE MATTER OF: MODERATE PARTY OF RHODE ISLAND

ORDER

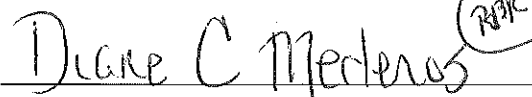
This matter was heard before the Board of Elections on February 5, 2019 concerning the status of the Moderate Party of Rhode Island ("Moderate Party") as a recognized political party under the laws of the State of Rhode Island.

An organization maintains its recognized status as a political party by either nominating a candidate for governor, who receives at least 5% of the entire votes cast in the general election for governor in the preceding general election, or nominates a candidate for president of the United States, who receives at least 5% of the entire votes cast in the state for president. R.I. Gen. Laws § 17-1-2(9).

In the last general election held on November 6, 2018, the Moderate Party nominated William Gilbert as its candidate for the office of governor. Mr. Gilbert received 2.7% of the entire votes cast in the state for governor. Since the Moderate Party did not receive at least 5% of the entire votes cast in the general election for governor, it is hereby ORDERED:

Effective February 5, 2019, the Moderate Party of Rhode Island is hereby removed as a recognized political party in the State of Rhode Island.

So ORDERED, this 5th day of February, 2019.



Diane C. Mederos, Chairwoman