

MA AFL-CIO

# 2019 Constitutional Convention

## September 25-27, MGM Springfield

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## Agenda - TENTATIVE DRAFT

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 9am-1pm                    **Convention Registration Opens**
- 10am                        **Executive Council meeting (MA AFL-CIO Vice Presidents only)**
- 1pm                         **Convention Called to Order**, Steven A. Tolman, President  
Massachusetts AFL-CIO
- Pledge of Allegiance**  
**Rules of the Convention:** 2019 Rules Committee  
**Credentials Report:** Chairs of the 2019 Credentials Committee
- 1:15pm                    **Welcome**  
Jeff Jones, President, Western MA Area Labor Federation  
Fiore Grassetti, President, Pioneer Valley Labor Assembly  
*Build A Life That Works:* Video on Record Number of Women in Building Trades Unions  
Constructing MGM Springfield
- 1:30pm                    **Constitutional Amendments**
- 2pm                         **Nominations of Officers**  
President, Secretary-Treasurer, Executive Vice President from the Industrial and Service Sector, Executive Vice President from the Building Trades, Executive Vice President from the Public Sector, two Executive Vice Presidents At-Large, and up to 60 At-large Vice Presidents.
- 3pm                         **Massachusetts AFL-CIO President Steven A. Tolman**
- 3:30pm                    **Right Wing Corporate Power Analysis: Connecting the Dots and Fighting Back**  
Darlene Lombos, Executive Director, Community Labor United and Executive Vice President, Greater Boston Labor Council
- 4:15pm                    **Public Good Campaign: Having strong communities and a strong economy requires investments in jobs, education, and quality public services**  
Lee Matsueda, Co-Executive Director, Community Labor United  
Marie-Frances Rivera, President, Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center
- 5pm                         **Adjourn for the day**
- 6pm                         **Cocktail Reception in TAP Sports Bar**
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#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

7:30-9am

**Breakfast**  
*Aria Ballroom*

9am

**National AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka**

9:30am

**Sectoral Updates: What Are We Facing and How Can We Best Support Each Other?**

- Construction: Frank Callahan, President of MA Building Trades Council & E.V.P. of MA AFL-CIO
- Public Safety: Jay Colbert, VP of the Intn'l Assoc. of Fire Fighters & E.V.P. of MA AFL-CIO
- Education: Merry Najimy, Pres. of the Mass. Teachers Assoc. & Beth Kontos, Pres. American Federation of Teachers MA
- Health Care and Human Services: Filaine Deronnette, VP of Health Systems, 1199SEIU & E.V.P. of MA AFL-CIO
- Retail: Jim Carvalho, Political Director of UFCW Local 1445
- Transportation: Mike Vartabedian, Ast Directing Business Rep, District 15, IAM
- Industrial: Adam Kaszinski, President, IUE/CWA Local 201
- Public Services: Mark Bernard, Executive Director, AFSCME Council 93
- Federal Workers: Sajid Shahriar, President, AFGE 3258
- Open Mic - Tell us what's happening in your specific sector!

10:45am

**A Lawyer's Advice on Communicating with your Members and Others**

Don Siegel, Partner, Segal Roitman LLP  
Jocelyn Jones, Partner, Segal Roitman LLP

11:15am

**"The Rise of the Working Class Shareholder: Labor's Last Best Weapon": overview, book discussion and book signing**

David Webber, Author, Associate Dean, Boston University Law School

12:15pm

**Lunch**  
*Aria Ballroom*

1:30pm

**Immigration is a Working People's Issue: Combatting the Wedge, Protecting Our Brothers and Sisters, and the Labor Movement's Version of Comprehensive Immigration Reform**

Shannon Lederer, Director of Immigration Policy, National AFL-CIO

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#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26. CONTINUED

- 2:30pm **The Labor Movement and the Environment**
- Mike Cavanaugh, Labor Network for Sustainability
  - State Representative Marjorie Decker, lead sponsor of “An Act Re-Powering Massachusetts with 100% Renewable Energy”
  - Kenell Broomstein, Business Agent, IBEW 103
  - Craig Pinkham, President, Utility Workers Local 369
  - Open Mic
- 3:30pm **The Labor Movement and Housing Justice: Good Jobs & Good Homes**  
Brian Doherty, General Agent, Boston Metro Building Trades Council  
FayeRuth Fisher, Political Director, 1199SEIU
- 4pm **“Beaten Down, Worked Up - The Past, Present and Future of American Labor Movement”**: overview, book discussion and book signing with Steven Greenhouse, Author and New York Times reporter
- 5pm **Cocktail Reception**  
*The Terrace (Aria Pre-Function in case of rain)*

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 7:30-9am **Breakfast**  
*Aria Ballroom*
- 9am **Massachusetts AFL-CIO Union Candidate School**
- State Senator Paul Feeney (IBEW 2222)
  - State Representative Pete Capano (CWA 201)
  - State Representative Paul Mark (IBEW 2324)
  - Kevin Brousseau, Political Director, Massachusetts AFL-CIO
- 9:30am **You never retire from the movement: How to maintain an active retiree roster and what it can mean for campaigns**  
Massachusetts Alliance for Retired Americans, John Ratliffe, President
- 10am **Young Workers Movement: Engaging, supporting, and training a new generation of workers to organize around their issues**
- 11am **Invited guests**
- 12pm **Convention is adjourned**