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## NH Primary Source: Business executive, GOP activist Pinard heads Messner campaign finance committee

Business leaders, state Sen. Ward to help Republican US Senate candidate with funding strategy, campaign says



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**MESSNER FINANCE COMMITTEE.** Longtime business executive and Republican activist Ray Pinard is leading a group of fellow business leaders and a state senator on U.S. Senate candidate Bryant “Corky” Messner’s newly-formed campaign finance committee.

Pinard, former chairman of the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, is chairing the committee, which the campaign says will “steer campaign funding strategy for the Republican primary and beyond.”

Joining Pinard are:

- G. Frank Teas, President and CEO of Millyard Bank;
- Paul Clark and Alex Sinclair of Clark & Lavey, a benefit advisory and consulting firm;
- Neal Nicholson of Nicholson Law Firm, PLLC, and a former Goffstown police officer;
- Lawrence Melanson; former executive of Coca-Cola New England;
- Richard Botnick, Vice President of Botnick /5 Ventures Inc. and president and CEO of E&R Laundry and Dry Cleaners;
- Harold Turner, chairman emeritus at the H. L. Turner Group, Inc.;
- State Sen. Ruth Ward, R-Stoddard, a retired nurse practitioner who has served as a state senator since 2016;
- Mary Jane Beauregard, a longtime Bedford community activist and facilities management company owner.

“Each member brings a set of skills that will be critical as we work to defeat career politician Jeanne Shaheen in November,” said Messner. “I am so pleased to have them on the team.”

Messner so far has been largely self-funding his campaign, but his campaign says it is becoming more aggressive on the fundraising front.

He is facing retired Brig. Gen. Don Bolduc, Andy Martin and Gerard Beloin in a GOP primary, with the winner taking on Democratic Sen. Jeanne Shaheen in the general election.



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