



HARRIS COUNTY LIBERTARIAN PARTY

CONVENTION MINUTES

BILLY PIERCE, COUNTY SECRETARY & TEMPORARY CONVENTION SECRETARY

March 12th, 2022

Informal convention training was held, led by Treasurer Paul Bilyeu, at 11:15 am.

Call to Order scheduled for 11:30 am.

Called to Order at 11:32 am

Acting County Chair Jacob Harper is temporary chair

Noted that proposed agenda is in wrong order, need credentialing before voting for convention officers.

Credentials

Joe White (148) from Credentialling speaks on delegate count, etc.

44 voting delegates present of 49 elected.

Majority is 23, 2/3 majority is 30.

Neal Dikeman (973) moves to accept credentials. Unsicker seconds. Motion passes.

Convention Officers

Neal Dikeman moves Jacob Harper be convention chair. C. Ford seconds.

Nathan Watts nominates Bob Townsend as convention chair. Unsicker seconds.

Sharp moves to close nominations. No objections. Passes.

Scheirman moves for Opavote, approval voting for contested elections and votes. Second by Unsicker.

W Bilyeu (314) point of procedure, chair should recognize floor speakers.

N Watts moves to amend "Use Opavote approval voting for contested elections and votes, for public and party offices, and show of hands and approval voting for convention offices." Second by W Bilyeu

Lee Sharp moves to amend "...For public and party offices with multiple more than two candidates only" (3)

W Bilyeu point of procedure we can't go more than two deep.

Nathan Watts seconds. Neal Dikeman calls pending questions. Seconded by Paul Bilyeu.

Motion: "Use Opavote approval voting for contested elections and votes, for public and party offices with more than two named candidates only, and show of hands and approval voting for convention offices."

Lee Sharp amendment passes

Watts amendment passes

Motion Passes.

Body has elected to "Use Opavote approval voting for contested elections and votes, for public and party offices with more than two named candidates only, and show of hands and approval voting for convention offices."

Neal Dikeman point of order – County bylaws dictate voting method and that the previous motion is out of order.

Watts motions to proceed to voting permanent convention officers and debate voting method after that.

Hannah Kennedy Point of Information regarding affiliations and timing. Chair rules. Ruling of chair not challenged.

Bogue seconds Watts motion.

Unsicker calls question.

Dikeman point of order. Regarding motion to vote.

Lee Sharp motion to allow candidates to speak 30 seconds. Motion passes.

Jacob Harper speaks.

Bob Townsend Speaks.

W Bilyeu point of procedure count show of hands.

Scheirman point of order Harper should step down during vote.

Paul Bilyeu administers the vote by show of hands.

Harper 19 votes.

Townsend 21 votes.

Bob Townsend is elected Convention Chair (VUID 1120191579)

Scheirman nominates Billy Pierce as convention secretary. Many Seconds.

Nominations closed. No objections.

Billy Pierce is elected convention secretary. (VUID 1034793035)

Scott Ford point of information requests moment of silence for lost members including Jeff Daiell.

Moment of silence observed for Jeff Daiell's tireless dedication and work for the Libertarian Party.

County Executive Committee Elections

Nominations for County Treasurer.

Harper nominates P. Bilyeu. Seconded. No other nominations.

Watts Point of Order – do our bylaws allow approval voting for election of County Party Officers?

Brought up County bylaws, displayed for body.

Move to table discussion until it is applicable (Sharp), seconded by Kinman (643).

No objection. Passes.

County Treasurer – vote by show of hands. Paul wins, with two NOTA votes recorded.

Paul Bilyeu is elected Harris County Libertarian Party Treasurer. (VUID 1126692892)

County Secretary –

Scott Ford Nominates Christy Ford, Scheirman seconds. C Ford Accepts.

Joe White 148 nominates Amanda Gibbs, Pierce seconds. Gibbs accepts.

Pierce moves to close nominations, Bogue seconds.

Dikeman moves for each candidate 1 minute to speak, seconded by Watts.

No objections.

Christy Ford Speaks.

Amanda Gibbs Speaks.

Watts 356 moves to for Q&A 5 minutes total. Seconded by Dikeman. 1 objection.

Vote by show of hands.

For: 17

Against: 16

Motion passes.

Q&A proceeds.

W Bilyeu point of information regarding people voting twice.

As this is an election, Opavote Elections lock the vote once you've voted from your email.

Scott Ford point of information – how long should it take? Paul Bilyeu and Billy Pierce speak.

Opavote for county secretary.

C Ford: 16

Gibbs: 27

Amanda Gibbs elected Harris County Libertarian Party Secretary (VUID 61360699)

Nominations for Vice Chair:

Scheirman nominates Unsicker, Seconded by Ramos.

Dikeman nominates Christy Ford. Seconded by S. Ford.

Kurtz nominates Dikeman, Dikeman declines

Harper nominates Townsend, Townsend declines.

Scheirman moves candidates speak for 1 minute each and 4 minute total Q&A total.

Motion passes.

Unsicker Speaks.

Christy Ford Speaks.

Q&A 4 minutes.

Chair calls for 5 minute recess for vote.

Back in convention 12:52 pm

Results:

Unsicker 15

Christy Ford 26

NOTA 2

Christy Ford is elected Harris County Libertarian Party Vice-Chair (VUID 75662536)

Nominations Open for Chair

Scheirman nominates Billy Pierce, Unsicker Seconds

Ash moves to close nominations, seconded by Harper.

S Ford moves for candidate to speak, and someone to speak for NOTA

Speak 1 minute, 2 for Q&A

Against prevails, motion fails.

Vote is called: Show of Hands – 1 NOTA, all others vote yes.

Billy Pierce is elected Harris County Libertarian Party Chair (VUID 1034793035)

No speech is given in the interest of time.

Nominations for Public Office:

HD 149, Texas House of Representatives

Dikeman nominates Braxton Bogue HD 149, Texas House of Representatives. Seconded by Unsicker.

Motion S Ford, to have candidates stand and speak for 2 minutes. Seconded by Dikeman.

Motion passes.

Braxton Bogue speaks.

Pierce motions for 2 minute Q&A, Scheirman seconds. Motion passes.

W Bilyeu point of order.

Braxton Bogue Speaks, answers questions. Opavote for Election.

Results:

For 37

NOTA 4

Braxton Bogue is the Libertarian Party Nominee for HD 149, Texas House of Representatives. (VUID 2127000320)

Dikeman makes a motion:

The following nominations:

- HD 133: James Harren
- CD 18 Phil Kurtz
- HD 137 Lee Sharp
- HD 148 Shohn Trojacek
- HD 134 Carol Unsicker

Further move nominations from the floor be opened for the above districts, further move that after those nominations, all nominations be closed for all offices, and each nominated candidate be given 1 minute to speak and 2 minutes for Q&A, and a single electronic ballot be used for each candidate and NOTA. Aaron Ramos (605) seconds.

Unsicker Motion to amend: 2 minutes for speaking. Dikeman seconds. Passes.

Dikeman makes the following nominations:

- HD 133: James Harren
- CD 18 Phil Kurtz
- HD 137 Lee Sharp
- HD 148 Shohn Trojacek
- HD 134 Carol Unsicker

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Point of Information: James Miley, is HD 18 in Harris County? Secretary Corrects minutes and motion. Vote on motion by show of hands. Motion passes, 1 against.

Vote on motion by show of hands. Motion passes, 1 against.

Floor open for nominations for HD 133.

Lee Sharp speaks for James Harren, who is not present.

Phil Kurtz speaks.

Lee Sharp speaks.

Shohn Trojacek speaks.

Carol Unsicker speaks.

Pierce moves to close nominations, seconded by Aaron Ramos.

Passes.

Opavote ballots issued at 1:41pm.

Pierce moves for 10 minute recess. Kinman seconds. Passes.

Back in Convention 1:52pm

Results:

HD 133: Harren 38

NOTA 5

CD 18: Kurtz 39

NOTA 4

HD137: Sharp 40

NOTA 3

HD148: Trojacek 37

NOTA 6

HD 134: Unsicker 39

NOTA 4

The following are Libertarian Party Nominees:

- HD 133: James Harren (VUID 1112469714)
- CD 18 Phil Kurtz (VUID 1117114461)
- HD 137 Lee Sharp (VUID 1033893671)
- HD 148 SHOHN TROJACEK (VUID 1000470875)
- HD 134 Carol Unsicker (VUID 1103015469)

Motion: Dikeman. Allow 2 minutes for speakers from Mark Ash, Roy Erikson, and Rhett Smith.
Second by Scott Ford.

Amendment: Add 2 minutes for Q&A (Lee Sharp, second by C. Ford)

Vote by hands, amendment passes.

Allow 2 minutes for speakers from Mark Ash, Roy Erikson, and Rhett Smith followed by 2 minutes Q&A.

Vote by hands, motion passes.

Mark Ash, candidate for Texas Attorney General Speaks.

Kevin Lange moves to extend time for Ash. No objection. Passes.

Neal Dikeman speaks for Roy Erikson.

Rhett Smith, candidate for State Board of Education District 8 speaks.

Pierce Point of Inquiry regarding requirements for delegates to district convention, do they need to live in the district? Answer: state law is silent, no requirement.

Election of District Convention Delegates

Dikeman moves to nominate the following as delegates to the district convention:

Roy Eriksen to District 8, Rhett Smith SBOE 8 convention, plus the CEC, plus all credentialed and authorized persons who are delegates to the county convention who also live in those Districts.
Scott Ford Seconds.

N Watts proposes substitute motion:

All credentialed delegates to this county convention, plus the Candidates Rhett Smith and Roy Eriksen are nominated to the District Conventions for CD 8, CD 22, SBOE 7, and SBOE 8. Christy Ford seconds.

Dikeman withdraws his motion. Watts Motion passes.

Dikeman motions to close nominations, P Bilyeu seconds. Motion passes.

Dikeman moves to elect all nominees to district conventions by acclimation.

Point of Order W. Bilyeu.

Dikeman withdraws motion.

Dikeman motions: to elect all nominees to district conventions. Seconded by Joe White 148.

No objection. Motion passes.

All credentialed delegates to this county convention, plus the Candidates Rhett Smith and Roy Eriksen are elected as delegates to the District Conventions for CD 8, CD 22, SBOE 7, and SBOE 8.

Election of Delegates to State Convention 2:18 pm

Pierce Point of Info: Harris County gets 36 delegates and 36 alternates.

Kevin Lange moves to nominate all 39 county delegates present and listen for those who refuse.

Lange withdraws motion and instead nominates all 39 county delegates who are present at 2:11 pm.

Chair rules for 5 minutes recess for secretary to populate list. No objection.

The list of nominees, with highlighted names being those not physically present at the time of the vote:

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| 1. Aaron Ramos | 14. Jacob Harper | 27. Nathan Watts |
| 2. Amanda Gibbs | 15. James Riley | 28. Neal Dikeman |
| 3. Amy Pierce | 16. Jennifer Haubein | 29. Paul Bilyeu |
| 4. Billy Pierce | 17. Jodi Cole | 30. Phil Kurtz |
| 5. Bobie Townsend | 18. Joe White | 31. Rhett Smith |
| 6. Carol Unsicker | 19. Jonathan Alvey | 32. Richard Trojacek |
| 7. Carter Cole | 20. Joshua Crosby | 33. Roy Erikson |
| 8. Christina Ford | 21. Karen Dikeman | 34. Scott Ford |
| 9. David Needham | 22. Kevin Lange | 35. Sergio Garcia |
| 10. Drake Rentrop | 23. Mark Ash | 36. Vicky Kurtz |
| 11. Elliott Scheirman | 24. Matthew Gibbs | 37. Whitney Bilyeu |
| 12. Fredrick Z.
Stafford | 25. Maxwell
Paderewski | 38. William Cody
Sain |
| 13. Hannah Kennedy | 26. Nathan Kinman | 39. William Lange |

Dikeman Motion to close nominations and create ballot, S Ford seconds.

Dikeman motions to create ballot in Opavote using approval voting. Christy Ford seconds.

N Watts point of information regarding NOTA, on individual nominees or group NOTA?

Dikeman motions to add NOTA as a candidate on the ballot.

Joe White point of information regarding how the approval voting works with NOTA.

Kurtz point of information regarding the nature of NOTA.

Dikeman withdraws motion on NOTA and asks for a ruling from the chair.

Chair rules that ballots be created reflecting for/against(NOTA) for each candidate.

2:58 Ballot is being prepared in Opavote, using For/Against(NOTA) for each candidate.

Precautions/warnings given to body regarding voting both for and against the same candidate.

Results:

Name	For	Against
Bobie Townsend	37	0
Jacob Harper	37	0
Mark Ash	37	0
Armanda Gibbs	37	1
Nathan Watts	36	0
Christy Ford	36	1
Phil Kurtz	36	1
Rhett Smith	35	1
Jodi Cole	34	1
Matthew Gibbs	34	1
Nathan Kinman	34	2
Scott Ford	34	3
Joe White	33	2
Paul Bilyeu	33	2
Shohn Trojacek	33	2
Neal Dikeman	33	4
Aaron Ramos	32	1
Carter Cole	31	0
Sergio Garcia	31	1
William Lange	31	1
Karen Dikeman	31	4
Frederick Zac Stafford	30	0
Kevin Lange	30	0
Hannah Kennedy	30	4
Amy Pierce	30	5
Billy Pierce	30	7
Carol Unsicker	30	9
Vicky Kurtz	29	4
Jennifer Haubein	28	1
Maxwell Padewski	28	3
Joshua Crosby	27	4
Drake Rentrop	26	1
William Cody Sain	26	1
David Needham	26	2
Whitney Bilyeu	26	11
Roy Erikson	25	7
James Riley	24	2
Jonathan Alvey	24	5
Elliott Scheirman	15	22

Elected

Delegates are:

1. Aaron Ramos
2. Amanda Gibbs
3. Amy Pierce
4. Billy Pierce
5. Bobie Townsend
6. Carol Unsicker
7. Carter Cole
8. Christina Ford
9. David Needham
10. Drake Rentrop
11. Fredrick Z. Stafford
12. Hannah Kennedy
13. Jacob Harper
14. Jennifer Haubein
15. Jodi Cole
16. Joe White
17. Joshua Crosby
18. Karen Dikeman
19. Kevin Lange 30
20. Mark Ash 37
21. Matthew Gibbs
22. Maxwell Paderewski
23. Nathan Kinman
24. Nathan Watts
25. Neal Dikeman

26. Paul Bilyeu
27. Phil Kurtz
28. Rhett Smith
29. Richard Trojacek
30. Roy Erikson
31. Scott Ford
32. Sergio Garcia
33. Vicky Kurtz
34. Whitney Bilyeu
35. William Cody Sain
36. William Lange

Sharp moves to add James Riley and Jonathan Alvey and Kelsey Trojacek as Alternates. Harper seconds. Motion passes.

Pierce makes motion to make alternates in the order listed above. Motion passes.

James Riley and Jonathan Alvey and Kelsey Trojacek are Alternate Delegates, in that order.

Nominations closed for alternates at 3:19 pm.

Bylaws:

Bylaws Committee chair Billy Pierce asks body to allow for a special convention to review and revise bylaws rather than vote on revised bylaws currently posted.

Dikeman motions to **table agenda item Bylaws and direct CEC to schedule and convene special convention with single agenda item: County Bylaws.** Seconded by C. Ford.

Show of Hands vote. Motion passes.

Dikeman Motion to direct **CEC to, before next special convention, do develop and produce a voting procedure for the approval of the body.** Scott Ford second. Motion passes.

J Harper motions to adjourn. Motion passes.

Convention Adjourned at 3:32 pm.

Doors to facility will be locked at 4:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



Billy Pierce - Harris County 2022 County Convention Secretary

Accepted:



Bob Townsend – Harris County 2022 County Convention Chair