

Libertarian Party of North Carolina

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

21 July 2022

In Attendance:

Joe Garcia, Chair
Ryan Brown, Secretary
Mike Ross, Treasurer
Jonathan Hopper, At large
Kimberly Acer, At large
Sarah Brady, At large
Brian Irving, Executive Director

Absent:

Reid Deal, Vice-Chair (Excused)
Steven DiFiore, At large

LPNC Guest members:

Dee Watson
Mac Browder
John Mazza
Trevor Miles

Call to Order:

Joe Garcia called the meeting to order at 8:43 PM, EST.

Chair Report:

There was the 5th Rally for Justice and Compassion with a good turn out. Instead of making off the cuff statements, the petition for body camera footage was read aloud by multiple people. Four of the six city council members apologized for what had happened to Joshua. We will continue to go back to Gastonia until the footage is released.

Previous Minutes:

After two minor edits, the previous minutes were accepted without objection.

Treasurer Report:

The State account balance is \$29,553.35. The Federal account balance is \$190.54. The PayPal account balance is \$806.46. There have been no new or canceled donors since the last meeting.

Officer Reports:

Executive Director Report: Brian submitted a statement about the NC State Board of Elections regarding the Green Party's attempt to become a recognized party in North Carolina. Brian also spoke to the media about the story.

Volunteers are continuing to join the LPNC. An LPNC Slack channel for staff has been created. Staff had their first meeting this week.

The G-Drive file structure has been updated and permissions have been changed to reflect current LPNC structure.

The LPNC has created a working committee for Messaging. This consists of Sarah Brady, Erik Raudsep, Phil Jacobson, and Brian Irving.

More details in the full report attached below.

Committee Reports:

Convention Planning Committee Report: Ryan Brown, as a member of the Convention Planning Committee, informed the executive committee that the committee was in agreement to pursue a preliminary contract with the Marriott Hotel in Greensboro, by the airport, for the weekend of April 14th-17th, 2023. There was no objection to getting a preliminary contract from the Executive Committee and Zac Lentz will follow up with the hotel.

Electronic Voting:

There were no electronic votes since the last meeting.

Old Business:

Issue paper policy: Brian and Sarah were working on the issue paper policy and will bring it to the next meeting. The policy will be posted to Slack for discussion.

Affiliate Team funding policy: Brian is working with Kimberly Acer. They were discussing a yearly funding amount approved by the Executive Committee. Mike Ross informs the Executive Committee that the non convention revenue is around \$1,000 per month and he believes a yearly budget will be better than a monthly budget. Kimberly has put together a high level budget but would like to speak to Brian and Mike more before updating the funding that is given to the Affiliate Team.

Messaging Team: Covered by the Executive Director's report.

EC Motion Discussion Channel: Ryan Brown updates the Executive Committee that when he made the motion, he misunderstood the documents from Slack. A read only Slack channel is not available under the free Slack package and to

upgrade would be infeasible. The Executive Committee will do the work in the existing Executive Public channel and add a disclaimer that the threads are only for Executive Committee members to comment on or interact with.

New Business:

Slack replacement: There is a general discussion around the need to replace Slack in the future. With changes to Slack, the LPNC may be forced to go to another platform in the near future. There is discussion around Slack, Discord, MatterMost, and BaseCamp. No decisions were made but the members of the Executive Committee are interested in possible replacements, if needed.

Gastonia Police Shooting: Gastonia Police Department had an officer involved shooting where the suspect died. Mike Ross is urging caution in this specific example but points out the North Carolina state law that does not allow for automatic release or release if a suspect requests body camera footage. Mike believes this is a change worth pursuing however the LPNC can. Mac Browder, Coalitions Coordinator, informs the Executive Committee that this is one of his top priorities. This should also include language around record retention for body camera footage.

Adjournment at 9:26 PM EST.

Submitted, Ryan Brown, Secretary

Executive Directors Report in full.

To: LPNC Chair and Executive Committee

Subject: Executive Director Report

July 21, 2022

1. **Green Party Lawsuit.** The Green Party filed a lawsuit to overturn the NCSBE's decision not to certify their ballot access petitions. Their attorney, Oliver Hall, who's also worked for the Libertarian Party on ballot access cases, asked me to submit a declaration in support of their petition. I did.

Related to this, I spoke both to the Carolina Journal and WTKF (Lockwood Phillips) about the LPNC experience with petitioning.

2. **Recruiting.** We continue to recruit volunteers to populate the LPNC organization. My priority remains recruiting Communications and IT directors. We held our first staff meeting on July 18. It's an ongoing process to update, and write job descriptions. The staff Slack channel is up and running.

3. **G-Drive File Plan.** Revised plan implemented. We granted viewer access to all staff members. Directors and coordinators/managers have editor access. We'll upgrade staff member access as needed.

4. **LPNC Messaging.** We've formed a working committee to create a LPNC theme. It includes Sarah Brady (Political Director), Erik Raudsep (Outreach Director), Phil Jabson (Messaging committee), and myself as acting Communications Director.

5. Policies in development

- a. NDAs. In development, to assign the responsibility to the Secretary.
- b. Issue Papers
- c. Affiliate Team Funding
- d. Zoom Scheduling

6. Ongoing/backburner to-dos

- a. SOP & Policy Manual. Working with the Chair to revise and update.
- b. Voting System Source Code Review. Ongoing coordination with the Chair at others on the LPNC response to the proposed rules.

In liberty,

Brian Irving
LPNC Executive Director