

# **Libertarian Party of North Carolina**

## **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

**10 November 2022**

**In Attendance:**

Jonathan Hopper, Vice-Chair  
Ryan Brown, Secretary  
Kimberly Acer, At large  
Steven DiFiore, At large  
Sarah Brady, At large  
Mike Ross, Treasurer  
Brian Irving, Executive Director

**Absent:**

Joe Garcia, Chair

**LPNC Guest members:**

Andrea O'Donnell  
Angela Humphries  
Chris Clark  
Chuck Manion  
Dee Watson  
Dereck Meadows  
Erik Lindborg  
Henry Sanders  
John Underwood  
Kate Shawhan  
Kenneth Penkowski  
Kristopher Garrett  
Mac Browder  
Noah Zenger  
Rob Yates  
Robert Gaddy  
Shannon Bray  
Stephen Sumner  
Susan Hogarth  
Tom Bailey  
Travis Groo  
William Wells

***Call to Order:***

Jonathan Hopper called the meeting to order at 8:32 PM, EST.

***Chair Report:***

None submitted.

***Electronic Voting:***

Ryan Brown moves, "That the LPNC Executive Committee accept the minutes from last night's Executive Committee meeting, currently in draft status and posted in #Executive-Session for Executive Committee review." Seconded by Mike Ross.

The motion passes 6-0-0

Yes: Joe Garcia, Ryan Brown, Jonathan Hopper, Deven DiFiore, Sarah Brady, Kimberly Acer

No:

Abstain:

***Previous Minutes:***

The previous minutes were accepted without objection.

***Treasurer Report:***

Primary Checking Balance - \$31,179.43. PayPal Balance - \$431.21. Federal Checking Balance - \$190.54. Since the last meeting, there was \$0.76 spent for a stamped envelope on 11/2/2022. The 3Q+ NC SBOE report was filed. This was for the 7/1/22-10/22/22 period. The LPNC received our first Zelle donation! Mike spoke with Brad and think going for another year is best for NationBuilder as opposed to month to month

***Officer and Director Reports:***

***Secretary's Report:***

Ryan Brown, Secretary, reads his entire Secretary Report into the record as requested by Jonathan Hopper. After the report is read in full, Ryan and members of the Executive Committee discuss the report and their previous conversations about the matters addressed in the report.

***Executive Director Report.***

Attached in full below.

***Committee Reports:***

***Convention Planning Committee Report:***

We are looking at the Village Inn and the Shriners club. We have checked availability and in further discussion with them.

***Old Business:***

- NationBuilder funding - Brian Irving. Ryan Brown moves that, "We renew the

**NationBuilder subscription, for one year, for an amount not to exceed \$3,000.”**  
Second by Steven DiFiore. The motion passes without objection.

**New Business:**

- Article V. Executive Committee Section 7. Resignation of Jonathan Hopper - Joe Garcia.

At the start of this item of business, Ryan Brown makes a point of order. **“Jonathan Hopper was not elected as vice chair in accordance with our bylaws and therefore is not authorized to conduct the meeting.”** Jonathan Hopper ruled the election for vice chair was in order and he is authorized to conduct the meeting. Ryan Brown requests that the whole body vote on the point of order. After debate, the Executive Committee upheld the ruling of the chair.

Reject the ruling of the chair:

Uphold ruling of the chair: Ryan Brown, Steven DiFiore, Sarah Brady, Kimberly Acer

Abstain: Jonathan Hopper

After the point of order, Ryan Brown moves, **“to reject the resignation of Jonathan Hopper.”** Mike Ross seconds.

Brian Irving offers substitute language. Ryan Brown accepts the substitute language and moves that **“the Executive Committee reject the resignation of Jonathan Hopper effective retroactively to Aug. 4, 2022, and that all votes he has cast, and all motions and seconds he has made since then are valid and ratified.”** Mike Ross maintains his second. The motion passes without objection.

- Article V. Executive Committee Section 7. Resignation of Steven DiFiore - Joe Garcia

Ryan Brown moves that **“the Executive Committee reject the resignation of Steven DiFiore effective retroactively to Dec. 23, 2021, and that all votes he has cast, and all motions and seconds he has made since then are valid and ratified.”** Mike Ross seconds. The motion passes without objection.

- Article V. Executive Committee Section 7. Resignation of Sarah Brady - Joe Garcia

Ryan Brown moves that **“the Executive Committee reject the resignation of Sarah Brady effective retroactively to June 23, 2022, and that all votes he has cast, and all motions and seconds he has made since then are valid and ratified.”** Mike Ross seconds. The motion passes without objection.

- Filling of At-Large vacancy.

Candidates for At-Large:

Travis Groo (Present)  
Rob Yates (Present)  
Mac Browder (Present)  
Dee Watson (Present)  
Matthew P Clements  
David Adam Coatney

Each candidate who was present was given a few moments to address the Executive Committee. Due to the length of the meeting, no questions were asked of any candidate. Ryan Brown suggests we use an instant runoff voting method to fill the position. There's no objection.

Votes:

Travis Groo: Jonathan Hopper, Steven DiFiore, Sarah Brady, Kimberly Acer

Rob Yates: Ryan Brown

Mac Browder:

Dee Watson:

Matthew P Clements:

David Adam Coatney:

Travis Groo was elected to fill the vacant At-Large position with a majority of 4 votes.

- Twitter blue subscription for @LPNC at \$7.99/month. - Ryan Brown  
Ryan Brown moves, "**That the LPNC fund, on a recurring basis, up to \$10/month for a Twitter Blue subscription.**" Steven DiFiore seconds. After brief discussion, the motion passes without objection.

Adjournment at 10:35 PM EST.

Submitted, Ryan Brown, Secretary

To: LPNC Chair and Executive Committee

Subject: Executive Director Report

Nov. 10, 2022

1. Political & Public Policy. I did not connect with the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) election observers.

2. Communications. The November newsletter went out. The Communications Director and I are still perfecting the format and content.

3. Outreach. No new activity.

4. Administrative. SOP & Policy Manual review continues. I've received no input from any Executive committee members.

/s/

Brian Irving

*LPNC Executive Director*

