

Libertarian Party of North Carolina

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

5 December 2024

In Attendance:

Ryan Brown, Chair
Sean Haugh, Vice Chair
James Higgins, Secretary
Angela Humphries, At large
Mac Browder, At large
Nick Taylor, At large
Christina Aragues, At large
Matthew Clements, Assistant Secretary

LPNC Guest members:

Kate Shawhan
Stephen Sumner, Judicial Committee

Absent:

Mike Ross, Assistant Treasurer
Barbara Howe, Treasurer

Call to Order:

Ryan Brown called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

Chair Report:

Ryan gave the following Chair's Report at 7:04pm

Our last meeting was just after the recent election. Since then we've had time to dig into the numbers. Our candidates set numerous records for vote totals in the state. 858k people voted for a Libertarian in a partisan race. This is far and away a record for North Carolina. Over 1 million people voted for a Libertarian or a LPNC member, another record. The 858k number is an improvement over the 400k mark in 2020. This has gotten us much press, put us on the radar of both major parties, and been a great marketing item to reach people in the state.

We're hoping to use this momentum going forward into a much more favorable 2025 election season. This is where the majority of the winnable races are held. We are looking to win 10 local elections in 2025. To that end, Eric Parker has joined as Candidates Coordinator. He's been active both as a candidate and has supported many candidates himself both in North Carolina

and Florida. He's going to be a great addition to the team and is excited to get started working on the 2025 campaigns.

We've also added Larry Johnson as Digital Marketing Manager in the communications department, which is something Rob created just for Larry. Larry is super excited to help LPNC and our candidates going forward. He's got excellent web development and IT skills.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes for the November meeting were accepted with no objection at 7:07pm

Electronic Voting:

- On 12 Nov, in the LPNC official chat app, Mac Browder motioned "I move that the LPNC issue a public statement of support for Thomas Massie as Secretary of Agriculture or any other high profile position in the Trump administration."
 - James Higgins seconded
 - Motion failed with 3 Aye, 4 Nay votes

Treasury Report:

The chair read the following Treasury Report at 7:08pm, all references to "I" are Barbara:

Current funds available in the LPNC account: \$37,608.72

Funds available in the Federal account: \$1,190.54 (This is a new balance. I made a \$1000 contribution to this account to cover something we wanted to do for the Feldman campaign. As far as I know, that expenditure was never made.)

I submitted the FEC 30 day post election report today.

End of year reports for the NCBOE and the FEC will be due January 31, 2025 after the end of the year.

We still have an unactivated debit card. Ryan, it might be you? (Ryan added that this card is his, and he will remedy this)

The Nationbuilder payment is on a debit card that is not in my possession. Ending in 1158. Do we know who might have this card?

I made a purchase of checks for \$40.95. I went to get checks for the two Wake County expenditures (\$500 ad \$2000). Truist doesn't do counter checks and they charge \$5 for money orders and \$10 for certified checks. I made an executive decision that we should have some checks.

Officer, Director and Committee Reports:

- No other officer, director or committee reports were given.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

- Mac would like to propose a change in EC meeting schedule due to his new class schedule where he will be going to class directly from work Mondays - Thursdays beginning in February 2025. After 8:30 Thursdays or after 5 on Friday nights were pitched.
 - Several people weighed in, 9pm was a bit late for two people.
 - Mac Browder moved to "Move the meeting to the first Friday of every month at 7 o'clock, starting in February." Sean Haugh seconded, no one objected, motion passed.
- Sean Haugh would like to discuss acceptable use policy for our chat platform. Ryan provided links to drafts from several EC members. Sean spoke to the issue of empowering moderators to moderate the official LPNC platforms.
 - Christina registered some concern over the wording and limiting people's speech.
 - Several EC members shared distaste for needing a policy but see the need due to recent unprofessional and harassing comments in the Mattermost platform.
 - Final wording of the policy was read by the Chair followed by a roll call vote:

"LPNC Communications Platforms Usage Policy.

Purpose: To ensure a collaborative and respectful environment where everyone involved in the party feels welcome and free to participate.

Where this policy applies: Any public or private forum, social media account, or communications platform established or maintained by the LPNC to facilitate communications and collaboration between members, associates, and candidates of the LPNC. It applies to all actions after this policy has been adopted and noticed. (December 6, 2024)

Policy: LPNC reserves the right to moderate the actions of users on their platforms. Harassment, abuse, personal attacks, or persistent derogatory commentary may result in corrective action.

The administrators or moderators of these platforms may temporarily mute, ban, or remove any users deemed to be engaged in this activity. Repeated violations will result in permanent removal. By participating in these communities, users agree to adhere to these guidelines. Should a user be subjected to moderation, they may appeal to the Executive Committee and the Executive Committee must confirm the moderation action."

Roll Call Vote: Ryan Brown: Aye, Sean Haugh: Aye, Christina Aragues:
Nay, Nick Taylor: Aye, Angela Humphries: Aye, Mac Browder: Aye, James
Higgins: Aye. Motion passed 6:1 with no abstentions.

Adjournment at 7:30pm EDT.

Submitted by James Higgins, Secretary LPNC