

Libertarian Party of North Carolina

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

7 May 2026

In Attendance:

Ryan Brown, Chair
Bob Drach, Vice Chair
Kate Shawhan, Secretary
Bryce Acer, At large
Mac Browder, At large
Angela Humphries, At large
Nick Taylor, At large

LPNC Guest members:

Kim Acer, Fundraising Committee
Travis Groo, Fundraising Committee

Absent:

Barbara Howe, Treasurer

Call to Order:

Ryan Brown called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Chair Report:

Minutes from the April meeting were adopted.

Electronic Voting:

- None

Treasury Report:

- All necessary reports have been submitted

Committee Report:

Fundraising Committee: Kim Acer - We are in the fifth month of this six-month project. From January through March, the committee focused on assessment, project development, tracking, and launching the initiative at the 50th Convention. Since then, nine people have signed on as sustained donors, bringing us to \$189 per month and reaching 20% of our Choice Level goal.

Since the convention, two volunteers have joined the political team, and Kim has contacted nearly everyone who attended. They estimate that around 75 to 80 people are now aware of the project. The next step is to increase outreach, with Groo developing phone scripts to support those efforts. Feedback from the convention has been positive, and the committee is exploring affiliate and leadership development opportunities.

Travis Groo - Groo was tasked with speaking to affiliates about this project and believes it is an important campaign, especially as we work toward the goal of 50 candidates for 50 years. However, there is currently no visible information about the campaign on the website. He plans to resume outreach as soon as the website is in order.

If we want to successfully promote this effort, we need a central location where people can learn about the campaign, express interest in becoming one of the 50 candidates, and make donations. Before reaching out to affiliates, it would be helpful to have a dedicated campaign page with a brief description, sign-up information, and a donation link.

Ryan requested wording from the committee to complete the page. Donations can be highlighted on the homepage, with a separate page dedicated to the campaign.

Additionally, a monthly email blast focused on the 50 for 50 campaign would help keep the initiative visible and demonstrate to donors that it remains a priority. This information should also be featured prominently on the campaign page.

Bryce suggested a two week timeline to get the website in order. David Ulmer is interested in getting involved. Kim plans to remain on the project past her original commitment to stay through June.

Old Business:

- Election code review: Ryan Brown - We plan to send a letter to the state board of elections to outline the process we want to follow for the election code review to ensure it is the correct process. No one objected.

New Business:

- Region 5 formation: Ryan Brown - North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Washington DC, Delaware, and West Virginia currently make up Region 5. If Pennsylvania drops out, we won't have the required 10% of registered libertarians to make a region. South Carolina was formerly a part of region 5 and wants to rejoin; if it does, we will have enough members. The current state chairs from region 5 have signed paperwork ready to accept either South Carolina or both Pennsylvania and South Carolina depending on Pennsylvania's decision.
- We may be able to add two new candidates, one in Union county for an unexpired commissioner seat and another in a county out west who wants to run for an unexpired judgeship.
- Ryan wants to feature 2026 candidates on the website, and make the 50 candidates for 50 years campaign more prominent. We can create a volunteer tag for people who sign up on that page, and set up the donation page to tag people directly.
- Angela asked for clarification on the affiliates page; it has recently been redesigned to put counties in a clearer order but may be a work in progress.
- Bob asked what we need to do to prepare for the election season. It would help to have volunteers to reach out to candidates. It would be useful to have volunteers write policy positions for candidates to use. Kim reached out to all candidates as part of the fundraising initiative and may have some ideas. Bob suggested we encourage candidates to share their websites so that we can link to them. Ultimately, a political director would be helpful - Kim suggested Dr. Dan Eichenbaum.

The meeting was adjourned with no objection at 7:57 PM.