

# Libertarian Party of North Carolina

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

**13 October 2022**

**In Attendance:**

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

**Absent:**

**LPNC Guest members:**

Mac Browder  
Dee Watson

***Call to Order:***

Joe Garcia called the meeting to order at 8:33 PM, EST.

***Chair Report:***

Rob Yates has sent out the first newsletter of our new season of newsletters. This will be a vehicle to keep members informed and fundraise as LPNC members will be able to see we are active.

**Electronic Voting:**

Jonathan Hopper moves **“that the LPNC allocate up to \$400 for Brad Hessel to purchase WSPQ (World's Smallest Political Quiz) materials for LPNC use during in-person events like the NC State Fair and others.”**

**The motion passed 6-0-0.**

**Yes:** Ryan Brown, Joe Garcia, Sarah Brady, Kimberly Acer, Jonathan Hopper, Steven DiFiore.

**No:**

**Abstain:**

***Previous Minutes:***

The previous minutes were accepted without objection.

***Treasurer Report:***

Primary Checking Balance - \$30,313.59. PayPal Balance - \$517.11. Federal Checking Balance - \$190.54.

***Officer and Director Reports:***

***Executive Director Report.***

The Republican General Council previously asked us to participate in the case of Holmes vs Moore election case. Brian has not heard anything from the Republican or Green parties. The case has been heard at the state Supreme Court. This is considered a dead issue. The newsletter has already been mentioned and the item of the Veterans and Constitution Party ballot access petitions will be brought up later. Brian has been reviewing the Policy Manual and SOP and has been making some edits and would like the Executive Committee review.

Brian has not been able to have any communications with Erik Raudsep, the LPNC Outreach Director. The Affiliate team has also not heard anything from Erik. Brian is unable to get a reply to messages or emails sent to Erik.

Brian had a question about the fact that the Strategic Planning Committee had been meeting without public notice. He is wondering why that would happen after a month of public discussion surrounding “secret” meetings. The committee had several meetings without public notice and Brian was wondering why. Mac Browder, the chair of the Strategic Planning committee, tried to explain why the committee was meeting how it was but Brian was only interested in a response from the Executive Committee.

The Executive Director’s report is attached in full below.

***Committee Reports:***

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

- Constitution/Veterans Party ballot petition signatures at LPNC fair booth. - Joe/Brian/Dee

The Constitution Party had asked Brian Irving if they could have someone collecting signatures for them at the state fair. Brad Hessel has said that the booth area was too small for that to be feasible. Joe believed a compromise solution would be to allow the Veterans and Constitution Parties to have clipboards at the state fair to collect signatures.

Steven DiFiore moves, **“to allow the Constitution Party and the Veterans Party to**

**have sign-up sheets for ballot access at the Libertarian Party of North Carolina Booth at the State Fair.”** Seconded by Ryan Brown

**The motion passes without objection.**

- LPNC Fair Booth funding - Ryan

Ryan Brown explains that he heard that the LPNC funded the state fair both while on a Wake County Executive Committee meeting but was unable to find any record or vote allocating any funding toward the fair. At a previous meeting in May, Brad Hessel had come to the LPNC Executive Committee and informed the Executive Committee that he would come back with a budget for approval.

Brian Irving believes “this is a ridiculous conversation” since we would have already had to send in an application on behalf of the LPNC and would have already had to pay the Department of Agriculture earlier this year. Mike Ross says that we paid on September 6th. Brian believes that since the LPNC has already paid the fee, the Executive Committee has already made a decision even if the Executive Committee did not have a formal vote.

Jonathan Hopper also recalled the meeting where Brad had said he would bring back a budget for proposal. Jonathan reached out to Brad to see if he had a budget for the fair but Brad had not replied by the time of the meeting.

Ryan reiterates his desire that the LPNC have a vote whenever we spend money. Brian asks Ryan if he has gone back through meeting recordings and minutes to search for allocated spending. Joe believes the LPNC did have a vote, but if not, we should have a vote and do things right. Joe also went through previous meetings and did not find any record of a vote occurring.

Kimberly Acer reminds everyone that while online voting is good, since we are currently using Slack, the messages are deleted after 90 days. This could be an issue with the record going forward.

Mike Ross reads off the expenses for the fair and did not see a deposit that was made earlier during the year. The totality of the expenditures were spent on September 6th and there were no other fair related expenditures in 2021.

Jonathan Hopper moves “**to fund an LPNC booth for the 2022 NC State Fair. \$1100 for the booth +\$371 for insurance.**” Seconded by Ryan Brown

**The motion passes without objection.**

- LPNC Tabling at Capital City Gun Show in Raleigh on December 17th and/or 18th. - Ryan/Mac.

Ryan and Mac present the times, dates, and prices for the table at the Capital City Gun show in Raleigh on December 17th and 18th. Mac was tasked with finding out if the gun show would allow political parties.

Ryan Brown moves **“to allocate \$100 in order to have an LPNC table at the Capital City Gun Show on December 17th and/or 18th, 2022, assuming they allow political parties to participate as political parties.”** Seconded by Steven DiFiore.

**The motion passes without objection.**

- LPNC Email blast notification about member led beach trip. - Ryan

Ryan Brown moves **“to instruct the IT team to send out an email blast containing details of the member-led beach trip in November, open to all the members of the LPNC.”** Seconded by Jonathan Hopper

LPNC Email blast notification about member led beach trip. - Ryan

Jonathan Hopper makes the friendly amendment to change “member led” to “Mises Caucus member-led.” It is accepted by Ryan.

The new motion is “to instruct the IT team to send out an email blast containing details of the Mises Caucus member-led beach trip in November, open to all the members of the LPNC.” Jonathan Hopper maintains his second.

Brian wishes the motion to be reworded slightly. The new motion is “to send out an email blast containing details of the Mises Caucus member-led beach trip in November, open to all the members of the LPNC using the LPNC email service.” Jonathan Hopper maintains his second.

Brian points out the lack of discussion. Ryan rewords his motion again to say to move “to send out an email blast containing details of the Mises Caucus member-led beach trip in November, open to all the members of the LPNC using the LPNC email service with a disclaimer that this is a member led beach trip and not an officially sanctioned LPNC event.” Jonathan Hopper maintains his second.

**The motion passes 3-2-1.**

**Yes:** Joe Garcia, Ryan Brown, Kimberly Acer.

**No:** Jonathan Hopper, Steven DiFiore.

**Abstain:** Sarah Brady

- Proposal on Policy Proposals - Ryan

Before the meeting, Ryan Brown had prepared a proposed policy on policy proposals. Jonathan Hopper wishes to change all references of five days to seven days, throughout the policy. Steven DiFiore points out this change will align with the online voting policy the LPNC has.

Ryan removes the last two sections of the policy as they were not meant to be included

and did not affect the policy.

Ryan Brown moves that "the LPNC adopt the policy on policy proposals as proposed by Ryan Brown." Seconded by Steven DiFiore.

**After debate, the motion passed.** Ryan Brown voted no. Jonathan Hopper abstained. The rest of the Executive Committee did not object.

- Joe Garcia, in his talk with communications director Rob Yates, was made aware of the Adobe Program DreamWeaver. Due to the lack of notice on this topic, the item was tabled until later.
- The LPNC will accept nominations for the vacant Vice Chair position after October 17th until the next Executive Committee meeting on October 27th.

Adjournment at 10:09 PM EST.

Submitted, Ryan Brown, Secretary

**Executive Director's report in full.**

To: LPNC Chair and Executive Committee

Subject: Executive Director Report

Oct. 13, 2022

1. Republican amicus curiae brief, Holmes vs. Moore. I've heard nothing from them or the Greens and have not bothered to follow up. The case has already been argued before the State Supreme Court, so I think this is a dead issue.
2. Constitution and Veterans Parties Petitions. I request a motion to allow them to have their petitions for ballot access available at our state fair booth.
3. SOP & Policy Manual. I've completed an initial review and edit of the manual produced by Joe Garcia and Reid Deal (may he rest in peace). Some areas need a further rewrite, including the process for appointing staff members and updating the job descriptions. Kim Acer is working on an affiliate organizing document, which should also be incorporated into this manual. These sections should be updated after the Executive Committee reviews and approves these first edits.
4. Communications. The first edition of the revived newsletter went out Tuesday.
5. Other. I have not had any communication from the Outreach Director since he was appointed. He's not responded to several emails and messages.

Brian Irving  
*LPNC Executive Director*