

Libertarian Party of North Carolina

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

1 August 2024

In Attendance:

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

Absent:

Barbara Howe, Treasurer

LPNC Guest members:

Matthew Clements, Assistant Secretary
Rob Yates, Communications Director

Call to Order:

Ryan Brown called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

Chair Report:

Thank you all for coming. Not a whole lot since our last meeting but we did have a council of state candidates live stream earlier this week. It was great to see Mike, Shannon, Bob, and Sean have a good stream. This was the guinea pig stream for candidate streams and I'm looking forward to having more of these events with the candidates going forward and into the next.

Previous Minutes:

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted without objection.

Electronic Voting:

There were no electronic votes since the last meeting.

Treasury Report:

Ryan Brown read the following Treasurer Report.

- Treasurer's Report – 8/1/2024
 - Balances (As of 8/1/2024):
 - Truist Primary - \$43,963.07
 - Truist Federal - \$190.54 (still)
 - Income (July 1-July 31, 2024)
 - Pledges \$817.50 (47 donors)
 - Operating Expenses (July 1-July 31, 2024)
 - X Corp \$8.00
 - Zoom \$15.99
 - Google \$29.99
 - Dream Host \$35.98
 - Total \$89.96
 - Bank Fees
 - PayPal \$46.43
 - Stripe \$3.74
 - Total \$50.17
 - 2025 Convention Expenses
 - Village Inn \$1000.00 (deposit for space)

Officer, Director and Committee Reports:

- Convention status was read by the chair:
 - The deposit was paid by the treasurer
 - May 16th-18th were chosen by the convention committee
 - Matthew Clements offered to help further with convention planning

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- The chair appointed James Higgins and Sean Haugh to the Bylaws Committee after soliciting advice and comments from the Executive Committee.
- Sean raised endorsing James Bledsoe, he states he is a member in good standing. Sean mentioned that James believes in good faith that the LPNC ExCom has already endorsed him. Ryan advised James may have gotten this from Dee Watson when she was political director. Ryan asked which party James is in, and he is currently running for the Veterans' Party, which does not have party status in NC. He is running for a Raleigh City Council district. Sean asked about our tracking of party members that may be running.
 - 7:19pm Sean moved to endorse James Bledsoe for Raleigh City Council,

Mac seconded - there was a short discussion, motion passed unopposed at 7:22

- Sean also brought up Shelane Etchison, Ryan checked LPN bylaws and endorsing her is not disallowed. Matthew asked if anyone asked her if she wanted to join the LPNC. Christina advised we should endorse her because we don't have a libertarian in her race. Christina reached out to her during the meeting.
 - 7:24 Sean moved to endorse Shelane Etchison, Mac seconded, there was no objection, motion passed at 7:25
- Amicus brief - Sean has been speaking to the Justice For All party about their ballot access fight with NCBOE. The LPNC intends to file an amicus brief backing their ballot access claim.
 - Sean moved to approve funding up to \$250 for filing fees on the amicus brief, Mac seconded. There were no objections, motion passed at 7:34
- Ryan brought up soliciting our members for requests for proposed spending. James brought up funding yard signs for the upcoming elections, and there will need to be discussions with the Treasurer about how federal campaign spending works. No one raised concerns over asking members for spending opportunities.

Other Business:

- None

Adjournment at 7:41 PM EDT.

Submitted by James Higgins, Secretary LPNC