

Libertarian Party of Virginia

2026 Convention Minutes

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Convention Date: 28 February 2026



Location:

Best Western Plus Waynesboro Inn & Suites Conference Center
09 Apple Tree Lane, Waynesboro, VA 22980, USA

Convention Secretary / Recorder: William Ogle



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1 Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Credentials Committee Report
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the Party Constitution
5. Speech about Libertarian Outreach on College Campuses by Dr. Lark
6. Nomination and Endorsement of Candidates for Statewide Offices
7. Speeches by Congressional Candidates Hailey Dollar and Taner Lopez
8. Lunch
9. Election of Party Officers
10. Election of Delegates to the National Libertarian Party Convention
11. Resolutions
12. Other Business



2 Minutes

Time	Topic or Action	By (Name)	Seconded By (Name)	Nominee (Name)	Result	Comments (e.g. Nominee Accepted)
9:48 AM	Call to Order	Jennifer Leatherbury				Credentialing took longer than expected. Great line of speakers today. Reminder of the after party. Also in attendance are members of other political parties. Thanks to the convention committee, this is a great space. Parliamentarian is John Seebeck, from Alabama. Brief speech on libertarian principles and how the LP/LPVA offers a different path compared to the major parties. Quote and reference from Andor fiction series based on Star Wars.
9:55 AM	Credentials Committee Report	James St John				Reported that we have 32 credentialed members. Working on one more.
9:56 AM	Adoption of the Agenda					
9:56 AM	Motion to Approve Agenda	Jason Bruce	Daniel John		Passed by Majority Voice Vote	



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9:57 AM	Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the Party Constitution					
9:57 AM	Other	Nicholas Olenik			Ruled Out of Order	Proposing amendment. Topic is candidate endorsement approach. Jason Bruce provided comments in response. Nicholas wants to be able for LPVA to endorse specific policies of candidates from other political parties. Lawrence Millen offered comments in support of Olenik's desire. Matt Cholko commented that we need specific language and this discussion should be stopped. Dave Crance supported this based on interpretation of the bylaws and constitution. James Lark supported this. Ruled out of order by the Chair.



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10:05 AM	Speech about Libertarian Outreach on College Campuses by Dr. Lark	James Lark				Ms. Leatherbury gave introduction prior to this time stamp. Dr. Lark offered his support to campus outreach efforts. Dr. Lark left time for Q&A. There were 6 questions or comments from the audience. He gave his email address to the audience: jwlark@virginia.edu .
10:51 AM	Other	James Lark				Speech completed.
10:52 AM	Nomination and Endorsement of Candidates for Statewide Offices					No nominations.
10:52 AM	Speeches by Congressional Candidates Hailey Dollar and Taner Lopez	Jennifer Leatherbury				Intro remarks by J. Leatherbury
10:54 AM	Speeches by Congressional Candidates Hailey Dollar and Taner Lopez	Taner Lopez				Mr. Lopez starts speech.



Time	Topic or Action	By (Name)	Seconded By (Name)	Nominee (Name)	Result	Comments (e.g. Nominee Accepted)
11:15 AM	Speeches by Congressional Candidates Hailey Dollar and Taner Lopez	Taner Lopez				Mr. Lopez finishes speech. J. Leatherbury gave him his official letter of nomination.
11:17 AM	Speeches by Congressional Candidates Hailey Dollar and Taner Lopez	Jennifer Leatherbury				Intro remarks by J. Leatherbury
11:19 AM	Speeches by Congressional Candidates Hailey Dollar and Taner Lopez	Hailey Dollar				Ms. Dollar starts speech.
11:29 AM	Speeches by Congressional Candidates Hailey Dollar and Taner Lopez	Hailey Dollar				Ms. Dollar finishes speech. Running for US Congress in VA 3rd Congressional District. She answered a question by Nick Dunbar.
11:31 AM	Other	Jennifer Leatherbury				Reading list of people that want to be LNC delegates. Soliciting other names if people are interested.
11:34 AM	Made Motion	Paul Bracco	David Norton		Passed by Majority Voice Vote	Motion to change agenda to move all remaining items after lunch up by 30 minutes.

Time	Topic or Action	By (Name)	Seconded By (Name)	Nominee (Name)	Result	Comments (e.g. Nominee Accepted)
1:23 PM	Post-Lunch Call to Order	Jennifer Leatherbury				Update: 34 credentialed members now.
1:23 PM	Election of Party Officers	Jason Bruce				
	Nomination for Chair	Robert Hirsh	David Crance	Jennifer Leatherbury		Nominee accepted.
	Motion to close nominations	James Lark			Passed by Majority Voice Vote	
	Election of Chair				Passed by Majority Voice Vote	
	Nomination for Vice Chair	Daniel John		Jason Bruce		Nominee accepted.
	Motion to close nominations	James Lark			Passed by Majority Voice Vote	
	Election of Vice Chair				Passed by Majority Voice Vote	
	Nomination for Treasurer	Jason Bruce		Daniel John		Nominee accepted.
	Motion to close nominations	Jason Bruce	James St John		Passed by Majority Voice Vote	
	Nomination for Secretary	James St John		Dean D Davison		Nominee accepted.
	Motion to close nominations	James Lark	Jason Bruce		Passed by Majority Voice Vote	
1:30 PM	Other					Completed officer elections



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1:30 PM	Election of Delegates to the National Libertarian Party Convention	Jennifer Leatherbury				33 candidates for LNC delegates.
1:41 PM	Made Motion	Paul Bracco	Donald (Robbie) Pinkleton		Passed by Majority Voice Vote	Move to suspend the rules and elect the slate by acclimation.
1:43 PM	Made Motion	James Lark			Passed by Majority Voice Vote	Move to name Jennifer Leatherbury as Chair of Delegation. A second to the motion is not needed for nominations.
1:44 PM	Resolutions	Jennifer Leatherbury				
	Made Motion	Michael Bartley				Introduced Anti-War Resolution. Several members offered comments.
	Motion to Amend Prior Motion	Michael Bartley	Donald (Robbie) Pinkleton			New lines 5 and 6 based on changes offered by Hailey Dollar.
	Motion to Close Debate	David Norton	Jason Bruce			
	Vote on Motion to Close Debate	Jennifer Leatherbury			Passed by Majority Voice Vote	Close debate on amending original motion.
	Motion to Close Debate	David Norton	David Crance			Close debate on amended resolution.
	Vote on Motion	Jennifer Leatherbury			Passed by Majority Voice Vote	Passed by majority standing vote. Passed as amended.



Time	Topic or Action	By (Name)	Seconded By (Name)	Nominee (Name)	Result	Comments (e.g. Nominee Accepted)
	Made Motion	Taner Lopez	William Ogle			Introduced resolution. Several members offered comments.
	Motion to Close Debate	James Lark	Michael Baker		Passed by Majority Voice Vote	
	Vote on Motion to Close Debate				Passed by Majority Voice Vote	
	Vote on Motion	Jennifer Leatherbury			Defeated by Majority Voice Vote	Mr. Lopez' resolution did not pass. Prof. Lark offered supportive comments afterwards and advice for Mr. Lopez in the future.
2:43 PM	Resolutions					Completed discussion and voting for resolutions.
2:44 PM	Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the Party Constitution	Nicholas Olenik				Include Candidates for Non-Partisan Offices in Endorsement Rules; Maintain Pledge Requirements. Matt Cholko spoke against it. Dave Crance spoke against it. Robbie Pinkleton spoke in favor. Nick Olenik spoke in favor. Another member spoke in favor. Lawrence Millen spoke in favor. Others spoke.



Time	Topic or Action	By (Name)	Seconded By (Name)	Nominee (Name)	Result	Comments (e.g. Nominee Accepted)
	Motion to Close Debate	Jason Bruce	Michael Baker			Move to close debate
~3:00PM	Vote on Proposed Constitutional Amendment	Jennifer Leatherbury			Passed by 2/3 Standing Vote	Mr. Olenik's constitutional amendment passed. Time is estimated.
3:04 PM	Motion to Adjourn	Paul Bracco	Daniel John		Passed with No Dissention	Adjourned.

Appendix A: Delegate Roster

The following list of candidates to be LPVA delegates to the 2026 Libertarian National Convention (LNC) were approved via acclimation:

	First Name	Last Name
1	Michael	Bartley
2	Paul	Bracco
3	Rebecca	Bracco
4	Matt	Cholko
5	Dave	Crance
6	Milio	Curcio
7	Philip	Dale
8	Brian	Dunbar
9	Dominick	Dunbar
10	Thomas	Fleming
11	Steve	Herway
12	Brian	Hiner
13	Robert	Hirsh
14	Dan	John
15	Nick	Kurfees
16	James	Lark
17	Jennifer	Leatherbury
18	Tim	Lewis
19	Jax	Lewis
20	Taner	Lopez
21	Lawrence	Millen
22	David	Norton
23	Calvin	Ogle
24	Willian	Ogle
25	Nicholas	Olenik
26	Martin	Overstrom
27	James	RePass
28	Kerri	Schmidt
29	James	St. John
30	Albert	Veldhuyzen
31	Joseph	Veldhuyzen
32	Andrew	Watkins



Appendix B: Approved Amendment Proposal

Amendment Title: ***Include Candidates for Non-Partisan Offices in Endorsement Rules; Maintain Pledge Requirements***

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>ARTICLE VI ENDORSEMENTS BY THE PARTY</p> <p>The Party, its District and Local Committees, shall be empowered to nominate, support, endorse, contribute to, or otherwise assist Libertarian candidates for public office. Such powers may also be applied to independent candidates provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>They certify in writing that they do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals and</i> b) <i>That the National, State, District, or Local Libertarian Party organization does not have a candidate for such public office.</i> 	<p>ARTICLE VI ENDORSEMENTS BY THE PARTY</p> <p>The Party, its District and Local Committees, shall be empowered to nominate, support, endorse, contribute to, or otherwise assist Libertarian candidates for public office. Such powers may also be applied to independent candidates <u>or candidates for non-partisan offices</u> provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>They certify in writing that they do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals and</i> b) <i>That the National, State, District, or Local Libertarian Party organization does not have a candidate for such public office.</i> 	<p>ARTICLE VI ENDORSEMENTS BY THE PARTY</p> <p>The Party, its District and Local Committees, shall be empowered to nominate, support, endorse, contribute to, or otherwise assist Libertarian candidates for public office. Such powers may also be applied to independent candidates or candidates for non-partisan offices provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>They certify in writing that they do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals and</i> b) <i>That the National, State, District, or Local Libertarian Party organization does not have a candidate for such public office.</i>

Appendix C: Approved Resolution

The following resolution was approved.

Resolution:

1. All aggressive wars are abhorrent, morally wrong, and criminal.
2. The February 28, 2026 attack on Iran is an aggressive war.
3. This war was not authorized by Congress, so it is also illegal.
4. These attacks kill people with malice aforethought, therefore are murder.
5. Pursuant to Article I, Sections 1 and 8 of the United States Constitution, which vest in Congress the exclusive authority to declare war, and Article II, Section 4, which provides for impeachment of civil officers for high crimes and misdemeanors, we call upon the House of Representatives to investigate whether the President and the Secretary of War/Defense have exceeded constitutional authority by initiating hostilities without congressional authorization. If the House determines that constitutional violations have occurred, we call for the initiation of impeachment proceedings in accordance with constitutional procedures.
6. Consistent with the Constitution's separation of powers and the principle that no person is above the law, we affirm that, following removal from office (if impeachment and conviction occur), any former officeholder may be subject to investigation and prosecution under applicable federal law. Any such proceedings must respect due process rights under the Fifth and Sixth Amendments and be adjudicated in accordance with established legal standards.

Appendix D: Resolution by Mr. Lopez

The following resolution was proposed but failed by majority voice vote:

Resolution:

1. The Libertarian Party of Virginia stands for a Constitutional Amendment to remove the war powers from Congress, in order to remove the power of war from the central government, and giving it back to individuals.

Appendix E: Officer Roster

E.1 Outgoing

Outgoing		
Role	Name	Email
Chair	Jennifer Leatherbury	chair@lpva.org
Vice Chair	Jason Bruce	vicechair@lpva.org
Secretary	Tina Millner	secretary@lpva.org
Treasurer	Dan John	treasurer@lpva.org
CD01	Nick Kurfees	cd01@lpva.org
CD02	Nicholas Olenik	cd02@lpva.org
CD03	James St. John	cd03@lpva.org
CD04	Donald Pinkleton, Jr	cd04@lpva.org
CD05	Adam Plaskey	cd05@lpva.org
CD06	Brian Hiner	cd06@lpva.org
CD07	Timothy Lewis	cd07@lpva.org
CD08	Logan Hoy	cd08@lpva.org
CD09	Andrew Kimbel	cd09@lpva.org
CD10	James RePass	cd10@lpva.org
CD11	Paul Bracco	cd11@lpva.org

E.2 Incoming

Incoming		
Role	Name	Email
Chair	Jennifer Leatherbury	chair@lpva.org
Vice Chair	Jason Bruce	vicechair@lpva.org
Secretary	Dean Davison	secretary@lpva.org
Treasurer	Dan John	treasurer@lpva.org
CD01	Nick Kurfees	cd01@lpva.org
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CD03	James St. John	cd03@lpva.org
CD04	Donald Pinkleton, Jr	cd04@lpva.org
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