

Call to Order

The first meeting of the 2026-2030 Judicial Committee was called to order at 7:04 pm EDT on Sunday, May 31.

The following members were in attendance:

- Pat Dixon
- Mary Gingell
- Sam Goldstein
- Ken Moellman
- Dr. Chuck Moulton
- Geoff Neale
- Avens O'Brien (interim chair)

Reports

Avens O'Brien and Ken Moellman had been elected to the Judicial Committee at the 2026 Libertarian National Convention. None of the other candidates received more than 50% of the vote, leaving 5 vacancies on the Judicial Committee. Because she received the most votes, Ms. O'Brien is interim chair.

Committee members Avens O'Brien and Ken Moellman filled the 5 vacancies with Geoff Neale, Sam Goldstein, Pat Dixon, Dr. Chuck Moulton, and Mary Gingell – none of whom were among the candidates for Judicial Committee in convention this year who were "disapproved" by convention delegates. This was done by email ballot under Bylaw 13 on Sunday, May 31 shortly before this meeting, which was co-sponsored by both Ms. O'Brien and Mr. Moellman, with "Aye" votes from both Ms. O'Brien and Mr. Moellman.

New Business

Ken Moellman was elected as Judicial Committee chair, Avens O'Brien was elected as Judicial Committee vice-chair, and Dr. Chuck Moulton was elected as Judicial Committee secretary without objection.

The committee discussed the LPNH disaffiliation procedurally likely to come before the committee soon. No member of this committee has any disaffiliation appeal from LPNH. Secretary Moulton will reach out to the previous Judicial Committee – particularly, to Mike Seebeck – to see if they received anything.

Mr. Goldstein moved that Secretary Moulton respond to John McGovern of Pennsylvania, who had emailed the JC about LPNH disaffiliation and intellectual property, telling him this is not a valid appeal and directing him how to file a proper appeal. The committee decided this does not need a motion.

The committee discussed the JC rules of appellate procedure, which must be submitted to the LNC in the first 90 days of the term and are valid unless denied by 2/3 of the LNC.

Chair Moellman showed the committee a Google doc with rules changes he suggests.

The committee discussed the merits of various procedural rules and the timing of when we should have them ready given bylaws deadlines and possible forthcoming appeals. The committee decided it needs more time to deliberate on these rules.

Vice-Chair O'Brien moved to task Chair Moellman with getting a JC agenda item for the June 7th LNC meeting, notifying the LNC that the Judicial Committee has filled vacancies and adopted rules of appellate procedure. The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Neale suggested we all look over the proposed JC rules and note what sections we object to so we can focus on those.

Vice-Chair O'Brien suggested we schedule a follow up meeting later rather than at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:03 pm EDT.

Action Items

- 1) Secretary Moulton to reach out to the previous Judicial Committee asking them for any relevant documents -- particularly about the LPNH disaffiliation.
- 2) Secretary Moulton to respond to John McGovern of Pennsylvania's email about the LPNH disaffiliation IP issue.
- 3) Chair Moellman to request an agenda item for the June 7th LNC meeting on JC issues.
- 4) Everyone to look over the JC rules in Chair Moellman's google doc and make a note of which provisions they object to or want to change.