



LPC Executive Committee Minutes

EXECUTIVE SESSION-Part 1

18 Jan 2020

Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center
300 South Court, Visalia, CA 92391

The LPC Executive Committee entered Executive Session and was called to order at 11:47 am on 18 Jan 2020.

Members present:

H. Robson, Chair
K. B. Olsen, Vice-Chair
P. Vallandigham, Secretary
S. Haug, Treasurer
B. Nelson, Northern Area Coord.
J. Prosser, Central Area Coord.
W. Hewitt, Southern Area Coord.

K. Morrow, At Large
C. Hamm, At Large
B. Shannon, At Large
K. Shaw, At Large
J. Quintero, At Large
J. Olsen, Alternate At Large
R. Johnson, Alternate At Large

Members not present:

R. Dawson, At Large
R. Lau, At Large
J. Smith, At Large

Guests present:

Angela McArdle, LPLAC Chair
Matthew Barnes, via telephone

The purpose of the closed session was to discuss a motion made in Open Session by K. Shaw and seconded by C. Hamm to suspend the membership of Matthew Barnes for cause.

Prior to entering into Executive Session the Chair contacted Mr. Barnes via telephone and he was present during the full session.

Mr. Shaw spoke to his motion for suspension and offered evidence (also emailed to all members of the Executive Committee on 17 Jan 2020, 7:24 pm, and attached to these minutes).

Ms. McArdle presented evidence regarding Mr. Barnes' disruptive behavior at Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County regional meetings, County meetings including the 2017 County Convention, past emails sent to the then-LPC Secretary, Mimi Robson in 2017, and personal interactions with Mr. Barnes that she felt were threatening and an attempt to intimidate her and others.

Dr. Olsen presented an instance at the 2019 LPC Convention where Mr. Barnes made threats against him and the party that he was going to sue for defamation and harassment.

Mr. Hamm discussed the emails received by the ExCom from Mr. Barnes that would be a direct violation of Bylaw 5, Section 5A, "Intentionally involving, or threatening to involve, legal authorities in any non-civil dispute against the Party or one of its affiliates." In the emails received by the ExCom, Mr. Barnes used specific language from the California Penal Code as his authority in his threats against the Party and specific officers.

Mr. Vallandigham presented instances of Mr. Barnes' behavior during a 2018 political campaign that were manipulative and disruptive to the efficient functioning of the campaign.

Ms. Hewitt reported witnessing Mr. Barnes intimidating members on several occasions.

Mr. Barnes was given an opportunity to be heard and spoke to the evidence presented, made statements regarding the possible suspension of his membership, and asked questions of the members that spoke.

The 18 Jan 2020 Executive Session of the LPC Executive Committee was adjourned at 12:15 pm for lunch.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul K. Vallandigham
Secretary, Libertarian Party of California

Approved at the 14 March 2020 Executive Committee Meeting to be made public as part of the 18 Jan 2020 Open Session Minutes.

Mimi Robson

From: DarkenHmK . <darkenhmk@gmail.com> on behalf of DarkenHmK .

Sent: Friday, January 17, 2020 7:24 PM

To: Mimi Robson; Kenneth Olsen; Steven Haug; Paul Vallandigham; Brandon Nelson; Jon

Prosser; Wendy Hewitt; Boomer Shannon; Chuck HAMM; Rick Dawson; Jason Quintero;

Kalish Morrow; Jillian Olsen

Subject: Motion to revoke Matthew Barnes membership

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Attached to this email, you will find my arguments for the motion I intend to introduce at our meeting.

I have struggled to draw up a full outline of Barnes' offenses, but did my very best to offer an organized and thorough outline of his most recent history with my limited free time.

I will offer oral arguments, as well as physical evidence during the meeting.

MOTION, ARGUMENTS AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sQdAGAxB35hRlpJi16kf8Z19rhyWkBdVgsBlx1S1KQ/edit?usp=sharing>

HISTORY SPREADSHEET OF BARNES' OFFENSES, WITH RELEVANT BYLAWS CITED

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WfIXMuOZAaakP6T_tvIMdIya0alaoOiNmC1xlxj4m3E/edit?usp=sharing

AUDIO FILES:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-162398515>

-Kevin Shaw

At-Large Representative



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EXECUTIVE SESSION-Part 2

18 Jan 2020

Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center
300 South Court, Visalia, CA 92391

The LPC Executive Committee entered Executive Session and was called to order at 1:35 pm on 18 Jan 2020.

Members present:

H. Robson, Chair
K. B. Olsen, Vice-Chair
P. Vallandigham, Secretary
S. Haug, Treasurer
B. Nelson, Northern Area Coord.
J. Prosser, Central Area Coord.
W. Hewitt, Southern Area Coord.

K. Morrow, At Large
C. Hamm, At Large
B. Shannon, At Large
K. Shaw, At Large
J. Quintero, At Large
J. Olsen, Alternate At Large
R. Johnson, Alternate At Large

Members not present:

R. Dawson, At Large
R. Lau, At Large
J. Smith, At Large

Guests present:

Angela McArdle, LPLAC Chair
Matthew Barnes, via telephone

The purpose of the closed session was to discuss a motion made in Open Session by K. Shaw and seconded by C. Hamm to suspend the membership of Matthew Barnes for cause.

Executive Session was re-entered to allow Mr. Barnes additional time to speak and be heard, with a time certain of 10 minutes.

Mr. Barnes was given an opportunity to be heard and asked that two additional Central Committee members be allowed to speak; Judge Jim Gray and Vincent Li.

Time having expired; the 18 Jan 2020 Executive Session of the LPC Executive Committee was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul K. Vallandigham
Secretary, Libertarian Party of California

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