

**Libertarian Party of California
Executive Committee Minutes
Regular 2021 Q1 Meeting**



**13 Mar 2021
Virtual Meeting**

**Approved by the Executive Committee
Via Email Motion on 19 April 2021**

LPC Executive Committee Regular 2021 Q1 Meeting Minutes

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Virtual Meeting

Call to Order

Chair Robson called the meeting to order at 10:12am on 13 Mar 2021. The meeting was held online via Zoom due to government restrictions on in-person meetings during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic and the resultant inability to locate an in-person meeting place.

Roll Call

A quorum of the Executive Committee was present with the following voting members:

Officers:

Mimi Robson, Chair
Kenneth Brent Olsen, Vice-Chair
Paul Vallandigham, Secretary
Steven Haug, Treasurer

Area Coordinators:

Brandon Nelson, Northern Area Coordinator
Jon Prosser, Central Area Coordinator (arrived at 10:15 am)
Wendy Hewitt, Southern Area Coordinator

At-Large Members:

Eduardo Flores
Zach Foster
Angela McArdle
Kalish Morrow
Rachel Nyx
Jillian Olsen
Boomer Shannon

At-Large Alternates:

Richard Fast

Members Not Present:

Rick Dawson

At-Large Alternate Richard Fast (seated at 10:12 am)

The following guests were in attendance:

Michael Lema
Kevin Moore
Adrian F Malagon
Gary Alvstad
Joie Leigh
Tim Ferreira
David Bowers
Peter Moulds
Joe Dehn
Sarah Rivard
David Naranjo
Michael Noguera

At-Large Member Z. Foster temporarily excused himself from the meeting at 10:30.

Motion K.B. Olsen made a motion with second to remove Rick Dawson from the LPC Executive Committee [in accordance with Bylaw 12 Section 8].

There was no discussion.

Vote: The motion passed with a greater than 2/3 majority on a roll call vote of 11-0-2-1 (Y-N-EA-NV) as follows:

Voting "Yes": E. Flores, S. Haug, W. Hewitt, A. McArdle, K. Morrow, B. Nelson, J. Olsen, K.B. Olsen, J. Prosser, B. Shannon, P. Vallandigham

Voting "No": None

Expressed Abstentions: R. Fast, R. Nyx

Not Voting: M. Robson

Adoption of Agenda

A meeting agenda was distributed prior to the meeting (electronically) to all members for review. Chair Robson noted corrections to add an item for Roll Call and an item for an Election to fill the At Large seat formerly filled by R. Dawson

Motion K.B. Olsen made a motion with second to adopt the agenda as amended (below).

Vote: The motion passed with no discussion or objection.

FINAL AGENDA Libertarian Party of California Executive Committee meeting March 13, 2021 -Electronic Meeting via Zoom

Call to Order-10:00 a.m.

Roll Call (5 minutes)

Adoption of Agenda (5 minutes)

Public Comment (10 minutes-3 minutes per comment)

Election - Fill Vacant At-Large ExCom Member (10 minutes) [Amendment to Agenda]

Election - Fill Vacant Alternate At-Large ExCom Member (10 minutes)

Approval of Meeting Minutes (5 minutes)

December 12, 2020 Executive Committee Minutes

Officer's Reports

Chair's Report (10 minutes)

Vice-Chair's Report (10 minutes)
Treasurer's Report (10 minutes)
Secretary's Report (10 minutes)
Operating Procedures Manual (15 minutes)
Executive Director Report (10 minutes)
Northern Area Coordinator's Report (10 minutes)
Central Area Coordinator Report (10 minutes)
Southern Area Coordinator Report (10 minutes)
LNC Report (10 minutes)
Election – State Credentials Committee - 5 members (5 minutes)
Election- Awards Committee – 5 members (5 minutes)
Candidate Endorsements (10 minutes)
Membership Agreement with National (15 minutes)
Retention of Accountant (10 minutes)

Committee Reports

Bylaws Committee Report (10 minutes)
Platform Committee Report (10 minutes)
Staffing Ad-Hoc Committee Report (10 minutes)
Candidate Support Committee Report (10 minutes)
Communications and Marketing Committee Report (10 minutes)
Affiliate Support Committee Report (10 minutes)
Social Media Committee Report (10 minutes)
2021 Convention Committee Report (10 minutes)
Action Items (5 minutes)
1. Mimi Robson to appoint members of the Ad-Hoc Committee (with prospective members to email interest).
2. Richard Fast to follow up on AB-5.

Adjourn

Public Comment

Sarah Rivard reported that she intends to run for Los Angeles County Libertarian Party (LPLAC) Chair and requested that the LPC Executive Committee intervene [to “correct” a variety of actions she reports were taken by the current LPLAC Chair that she believes to have been inappropriate].

Election – Fill Vacant At-Large Executive Committee Member Seat

Chair Robson opened nominations to fill the At-Large seat formerly held by Rick Dawson. The following nominations were made and were accepted by each of the nominees:

- A. McArdle nominated Adrian Malagon.
- K. B. Olsen nominated Cheyne Strawn.
- J. Prosser nominated Kevin Moore.

Hearing no other volunteers, nominations were closed.

Motion K. Morrow made a motion with second to allow each nominee to speak for 3 minutes in support of their nomination.

The motion passed with no discussion or objection.

Point of Information: K. Moore requested to speak. Without objection, Mr. Moore inquired about the term of office for the election under consideration. Chair Robson advised that the term of office will end at the conclusion of the upcoming LPC convention in May 2021, when a number of elections will be held for LPC Ex Comm positions with expiring terms.

Candidates Malagon, Strawn and Moore each spoke in support of their candidacies.

Time having expired,

Motion M. Robson made a motion with second to extend time on this item for 5 minutes.

The motion passed with no discussion or objection.

Election Results: Votes on the election for At-Large member were cast and recorded via E-Ballot as follows:

Malagon	4
Strawn	6
Moore	4
NOTA	0

Cheyne Strawn was elected to fill the empty At-Large member seat and was seated at 10:42am.

Election – Fill Vacant At-Large Alternate Exec. Comm. Member Seat

Chair Robson opened nominations to fill the At-Large Second Alternate seat formerly held by Dawn Brosius. The following nominations were made and were accepted by each of the nominees:

K. B. Olsen nominated Kevin Moore.

A. McArdle nominated Adrian Malagon.

Hearing no other volunteers, nominations were closed.

Election Results: Votes on the election for At-Large Second Alternate member were cast and recorded via E-Ballot as follows:

Moore 8
Malagon 6
NOTA 1

Kevin Moore was elected to fill the empty At-Large Second Alternate seat.

Approval of Minutes

Draft minutes for the 12 Dec 2020 LPC Executive Committee meeting were provided in advance of this meeting for review.

Motion A. McArdle made a motion with second to accept the minutes for the 12 Dec 2020 Executive Committee meeting as presented.

The motion passed with no discussion or objection.

Chair's Report

Chair Robson did not submit a written report in advance, but did provide a brief verbal report. Highlights included:

- New joint national/state membership agreement program proposal
- Proposed hiring of an accountant to do all FPPC, FEC and regular bookkeeping (e.g., payables, receivables, etc.) for LPC
- LP National Candidate Recruiter Cara Schulz will be doing a leadership/candidate training seminar at the Long Beach Marriott on Aug 14 & 15, 2021 with a Casino Night fundraiser for the LPC CSC
- Our interim Executive Director, Tim Ferreira, is doing an outstanding job
- Our Treasurer, Steve Haug, is relocating to Idaho and will not be running for the Treasurer position at the upcoming convention in May. He will remain in the position until a replacement is elected at that time.

The Chair offered to field questions. There were no questions.

Vice Chair's Report

Vice Chair Olsen submitted a written report in advance and offered to field questions. There were no questions.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Haug submitted a written report in advance, provided a verbal report and offered to field questions. There were no questions.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Vallandigham submitted a written report in advance, provided a verbal report and offered to field questions. There were no questions.

Operating Procedures Manual

Operating Procedures Manual (OPM) No amendments or additions were made.

Executive Director's Report

Interim Executive Director Ferreira submitted a written report in advance, provided a verbal report and offered to field questions. There were no questions.

Northern Area Coordinator's Report

Northern Area Coordinator Nelson submitted a written report in advance, provided a verbal report and offered to field questions. There were no questions.

Central Area Coordinator's Report

Central Area Coordinator Prosser submitted a written report in advance, provided a verbal report and offered to field questions. There were no questions.

Southern Area Coordinator's Report

Southern Area Coordinator Hewitt submitted a written report in advance, provided a verbal report and offered to field questions. There were no questions.

LNC Report

LNC Alternate T. Ferreira submitted a written report in advance, provided a verbal report and fielded questions.

At-Large Z. Foster returned to the meeting at 11:20am, at which time At-Large First Alternate R. Fast was unseated.

Election – State Credentials Committee – 5 members

Chair Robson opened nominations to fill the 5 seats on the Credentials Committee for the upcoming LPC 2021 Convention. The following nominations were made and were accepted by each of the nominees:

J. Prosser nominated Julian Sprague, Gino Celillo and Susan Aquino.

K.B. Olsen nominated Cheyne Strawn.

Z. Foster nominated himself.

Hearing no other nominations, nominations were closed.

Motion A. McArdle made a motion with second to accept all 5 nominees by acclamation as a slate.

The motion passed with no discussion or objection.

Election Results: Julian Sprague, Gino Celillo, Susan Aquino, Cheyne Strawn and Zach Foster were elected to the 5 seats on the LPC 2021 Convention Credentials Committee.

Election – Awards Committee – 5 members

Chair Robson opened nominations to fill the 5 seats on the Awards Committee for the upcoming LPC 2021 Convention. The following nominations were made and were accepted by each of the nominees except Mr. Fast:

- A. McArdle nominated Rachel Nyx.
- E. Flores nominated himself.
- A. McArdle nominated Wendy Hewitt.
- K.B. Olsen nominated Richard Fast (**Mr. Fast declined the nomination**).
- R. Nyx nominated Angela McArdle.
- K.B. Olsen nominated Adrian Malagon

Motion P. Vallandigham made a motion with second to accept all 5 nominees by acclimation as a slate.

The motion passed with no discussion or objection.

Election Results: Rachel Nyx, Eduardo Flores, Wendy Hewitt, Angela McArdle and Adrian Malagon were elected to the 5 seats on the LPC 2021 Convention Awards Committee.

Candidate Endorsements

Motion P. Vallandigham made a motion with second for the LPC Executive Committee to endorse Riverside County Supervisor Jeff Hewitt for Governor of California.

Supervisor Hewitt spoke on his candidacy.

Discussion ensued. A. McArdle noted that in the past, endorsements of gubernatorial candidates by the body at LPC Conventions have been made and might be made at the 2021 convention and we ought to be mindful of this and sensitive to the feelings of others. Chair Robson responded that the body at the convention will need to re-affirm this endorsement or endorse another candidate.

Vote: The motion passed with a greater than 2/3 majority on a roll call vote of 14-0-1-0 (Y-N-EA-NV) as follows:

Voting “Yes”: E. Flores, Z. Foster, S. Haug, W. Hewitt, A. McArdle, K. Morrow, B. Nelson, R. Nyx, J. Olsen, K.B. Olsen, J. Prosser, M. Robson, C. Strawn, P. Vallandigham

Voting “No”: None

Expressed Abstentions: B. Shannon

Not Voting: None

Jeff Hewitt was endorsed by the LPC Executive Committee for Governor of California.

Membership Agreement with National

Chair Robson reported on a proposal to implement a joint national/state party membership program agreement [per LPC Bylaw 5 Section 1.B.] that was passed by the LNC. Discussion ensued.

Time having expired,

Motion R. Nyx made a motion with second to extend time on this item for 5 minutes.

The motion passed without objection.

Discussion continued.

Motion K.B. Olsen made a motion with second to authorize participation in the proposed joint national/state party membership agreement program for the purpose of satisfying the dues requirement.

Discussion continued.

The motion passed with no objection.

Retention of Accountant

Chair Robson presented a proposal to hire an accountant to do all FPPC, FEC and regular bookkeeping for the LPC at a rate of no more than \$1,500.00 per month. She noted that our current Treasurer (a retiree) has spent many hours of volunteer time every month performing these tasks, but our next Treasurer might not have the time to do so. At the last Executive Committee meeting it was agreed that we would hire an accountant to do FPPC and FEC reporting and to hire the accountant to handle all of our needs wouldn't cost much more than just taking care of compliance. The Chair explained why it would be important to hire the accountant prior to the new Treasurer taking office and that the LPC Treasurer would then oversee the work of the accountant and sign off on it, much like the national LP Treasurer.

Motion K.B. Olsen made a motion with second to approve an expenditure of no more than \$1,500.00 per month for accountant services dealing

with all FPPC/FEC compliance and regular bookkeeping matters for the LPC.

Vote: The motion passed with a greater than 2/3 majority on a roll call vote of 14-0-0-1 (Y-N-EA-NV) as follows:

Voting "Yes": E. Flores, Z. Foster, S. Haug, W. Hewitt, A. McArdle, K. Morrow, B. Nelson, R. Nyx, J. Olsen, K.B. Olsen, J. Prosser, B. Shannon, C. Strawn, P. Vallandigham

Voting "No": None

Expressed Abstentions: None

Not Voting: M. Robson

Committee Reports

Bylaws

Bylaws Committee Chair Rachel Nyx submitted a written report in advance, provided a verbal report and offered to field questions. There were no questions.

Platform

Platform Committee Chair Joe Dehn submitted a written report in advance, provided a verbal report and fielded questions.

Staffing Ad-Hoc

Staffing Ad-Hoc Committee Acting Chair Mimi Robson provided a verbal report, displayed a written LPC Interim Executive Director job description and fielded questions. Discussion followed.

Motion E. Flores made a motion with second to accept the Interim Executive Director job description as presented.

Vote: The motion passed with no discussion or objection.

Motion M. Robson made a motion with second to suspend the rules to amend the agenda to add a 10 minute item after the 2021 Convention Committee report to discuss the 2022 Convention.

Vote: The motion passed with no discussion or objection.

At-Large Alternate R. Fast asked to be recognized and was recognized without objection. He requested that a seated Executive Committee member make a motion to add a 5-minute agenda item on a student membership option to the agenda.

Motion B. Nelson made a motion with second to suspend the rules to add a 5-minute item after the 2022 Convention item to discuss a student membership option.

Vote: The motion passed with no discussion or objection.

Candidate Support

Candidate Support Committee Chair Mimi Robson provided a verbal report and offered to field questions. No questions were offered.

Communications and Marketing

Communications and Marketing Committee Chair Peter Moulds submitted a written report in advance, provided a verbal report and fielded questions.

Time having expired,

Motion J. Prosser made a motion with second to extend time on this item for 1 minute.

The motion passed without objection.

Discussion continued.

Affiliate Support

Affiliate Support Committee Chair Kevin Moore submitted a written report in advance, provided a verbal report and offered to field questions. No questions were offered.

Social Media

Social Media Committee Chair Angela McArdle submitted a written report in advance, provided a verbal report and offered to field questions. No questions were offered. P. Vallandigham's suggestion for greater branding coordination between the Social Media and Communications & Marketing committees (based on A. McArdle's remark on needing better branding) was supported by J. Prosser and Chair Robson.

2021 Convention

2021 Convention Committee Chair K.B. Olsen submitted a written report in advance, provided a verbal report and offered to field questions. No questions were offered.

2022 Convention

Chair Robson reported on a proposal to hold the 2022 LPC Convention at the Long Beach Marriott on the weekend of Feb 18-20, 2022.

Motion K.B. Olsen made a motion with second to accept the proposal to hold the 2022 LPC Convention at the Long Beach Marriott on the weekend of Feb 18-20, 2022.

Vote: The motion passed with a greater than 2/3 majority on a roll call vote of 14-0-0-1 (Y-N-EA-NV) as follows:

Voting "Yes": E. Flores, Z. Foster, S. Haug, W. Hewitt, A. McArdle, K. Morrow, B. Nelson, R. Nyx, J. Olsen, K.B. Olsen, J. Prosser, B. Shannon, C. Strawn, P. Vallandigham

Voting "No": None

Expressed Abstentions: None

Not Voting: M. Robson

Point of Order raised by B. Nelson that the joint membership proposal should have been voted via roll call, not voice vote.

Ruling The Chair ruled that a roll call vote, though not required, would be taken on the motion authorizing joint national/state party membership.

Motion K.B. Olsen made a motion with second (earlier in the agenda) to authorize participation in the proposed joint national/state party membership agreement program for the purpose of satisfying the dues requirement.

Vote: The motion passed with a simple majority on a roll call vote of 9-0-5-1 (Y-N-EA-NV) as follows:

Voting "Yes": E. Flores, S. Haug, W. Hewitt, K. Morrow, J. Olsen, K.B. Olsen, B. Shannon, C. Strawn, P. Vallandigham

Voting "No": None

Expressed Abstentions: Z. Foster, A. McArdle, B. Nelson, R. Nyx, J. Prosser

Not Voting: M. Robson

Student Membership Proposal

R. Fast presented, without objection, a proposal to add a Student Membership option at a rate of \$10 per year. Discussion ensued.

Time having expired,

Motion J. Prosser made a motion with second to extend time on this item for 4 minutes.

The motion passed with no objection.

Discussion followed.

Motion B. Nelson made a motion with second to add a student membership option at a rate of \$10 per year with details for a method of verification of current student status to be determined by the Chair and the Executive Director.

Vote: The motion passed with a simple majority on a roll call vote of 8-3-3-1 (Y-N-EA-NV) as follows:

Voting "Yes": E. Flores, Z. Foster, K. Morrow, B. Nelson, J. Olsen, J. Prosser, C. Strawn, P. Vallandigham

Voting "No": A. McArdle, K.B. Olsen, B. Shannon

Expressed Abstentions: S. Haug, R. Nyx, W. Hewitt

Not Voting: M. Robson

Action Items (from previous meeting)

1. Chair Robson has appointed members to the Staffing Ad-Hoc Committee.
2. R. Fast reported there has been no interest in a ballot initiative to repeal AB 5 expressed by those he communicated with.
3. There are no new action items to report on at the May 16, 2021 Executive Committee meeting.

Adjournment

Motion B. Nelson made a motion with second to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul K. Vallandigham, Secretary
Libertarian Party of California