

Libertarian Party of California Executive Committee Minutes



12 Sep 2020
3rd Quarter Meeting
Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center
300 South Court
Visalia California 93291

Approved by the LPC Executive Committee on December 12, 2020

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Call to Order

Chair Robson called the meeting to order at 10:13 am on 12 Sep 2020.

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

Members Not Present:

Rick Dawson
Angela McArdle
Boomer Shannon
Joshua Smith

Area Coordinators:

Brandon Nelson, Northern Area
Coordinator
Jon Prosser, Central Area Coordinator
Wendy Hewitt, Southern Area
Coordinator

The following guests were in attendance:

Elizabeth Stump
Julian Sprague

At-Large Members:

Eduardo Flores
Rachel Johnson
Kalish Morrow
Jillian Olsen

At-Large Alternates:

Richard Fast (seated at 10:16 am)
Dawn Brosius (seated at 10:16 am)

Adoption of Agenda

A meeting agenda was distributed to all members via email prior to the meeting for review.

Motion B. Nelson moved with second to adopt the agenda as presented (below).

Vote The motion passed without objection or discussion.

FINAL AGENDA
Libertarian Party of California
Executive Committee meeting
September 12, 2020 -Visalia, California

Call to Order-10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Adoption of Agenda (5 minutes)

Public Comment (10 minutes-3 minutes per comment)

Approval of Meeting Minutes (15 minutes)

June 13, 2020 2nd Quarter Executive Committee Minutes

June 20, 2020 Special Executive Committee Minutes

Officer's Reports

Chair's Report (15 minutes)

Vice-Chair's Report (10 minutes)

Treasurer's Report (10 minutes)

Secretary's Report (10 minutes)

Operating Procedures Manual (15 minutes)

Northern Area Coordinator's Report (10 minutes)

Central Area Coordinator Report (10 minutes)

Southern Area Coordinator Report (10 minutes)

Break for Lunch (time certain noon)

2021 Convention (20 minutes)

November 2020 Election (10 minutes)

Newsom Recall (10 minutes)

California Ballot Proposition Consideration (20 minutes)

Candidate Endorsements (15 minutes)

Committee Reports

Bylaws Committee Report (10 minutes)

Candidate Support Committee Report (10 minutes)

Volunteer Coordination Committee Report (10 minutes)

Communications and Marketing Committee Report (10 minutes)

Social Media Committee Report (10 minutes)

Membership Committee Report (10 minutes)

LNC Report (10 minutes)
New Business (5 minutes)
Set Next Meeting- South (5 minutes)
Action Items (10 minutes)

- 1) B. Nelson: resolution & press release regarding the Gavin Newsom recall
- 2) R. Fast & R. Johnson: resolution & press release on the ballot initiative for statewide decriminalization of psilocybin or all enthiogenic substances, depending on the wording of the initiative and the potential for getting that initiative on the Nov 2020 ballot
- 3) Starchild: S. Haug in modifying the membership renewal letters
- 4) M. Robson: add R. Fast and D. Brosius to the Volunteer Committee
- 5) P. Vallandigham will on-board the new Volunteer Committee members
- 6) M. Robson: provide USPS stamps to S. Haug

Adjourn

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

13 Jun 2020 2nd Quarter Minutes

A spelling error of J. Prosser's name was identified and corrected.

Motion J. Prosser moved with second to approve the 13 Jun 2020 2nd Quarter minutes as corrected.

Vote The motion passed without discussion or objection.

14 Mar 2020 Special Executive Committee Minutes

No potential corrections were identified

Motion: B. Nelson moved with second to approve the 14 Mar 2020 Special Executive Committee Minutes.

Vote The motion passed without discussion or objection.

Officer Reports

Chair's Report

M. Robson submitted a written report (Appendix A) in advance, provided an oral report and offered to field questions. In response to the fundraising and membership recruiting challenges that COVID-related restrictions have

created, she challenged every Executive Committee member to pledge to recruit donors and/or members.

Vice Chair's Report

K. B. Olsen submitted a written report (Appendix B) in advance, provided an oral report and offered to field questions. He challenged every Executive Committee member and every LPC member to volunteer in the campaign of a Libertarian candidate in their locality.

Treasurer's Report

S. Haug submitted a written report (Appendix C) in advance, provided an oral report and offered to field questions.

Time having expired,

Motion R. Fast moved with second to extend time on this item for 2 minutes.

The motion passed without objection.

Secretary's Report

P. Vallandigham submitted a written report (Appendix D) in advance, provided a brief oral report and fielded questions.

Operating Procedures Manual (OPM)

Motion M. Robson moved with second to amend the OPM to adopt a new Standing Rule authorizing separate Candidate Support Committees for candidates governed by FPPC (California) regulations and candidates governed by FEC (federal) regulations in order to comply with both sets of regulations, said committees to be populated by the same members. The amendment is as follows:

Candidate Support Committees

Per Bylaw 16 the LPC shall establish at least one campaign fund which funds shall be allocated to candidates of the Libertarian Party.

FPPC Candidate Support Committee

The Libertarian Party of California FPPC Candidate Support Committee (LPC FPPC CSC) shall be formed to raise money to support qualified Libertarian candidates in California and/or support campaign publicity not specifically promoting an individual candidacy.

The Treasurer of this Committee shall not be an officer of the LPC, shall serve a term contemporaneous with the term of the Treasurer of the LPC, and shall be the Assistant Treasurer of the LPC FPPC Committee.

The members of the LPC CSC and the Treasurer shall be appointed by the Chair. The Candidate Support Committee shall consist of seven members.

The Candidate Support Committee shall be charged with:

- 1) Determining which non-federal candidates to support
- 2) Review the unrestricted account records for accuracy and assist the LPC's treasurer with timely filing of Fair Political Practice Commission (FPPC) reports.

FEC Candidate Support Committee

The Libertarian Party of California FEC Candidate Support Committee (LPC FEC CSC) shall be formed to raise money to support qualified Libertarian federal candidates in California and/or support campaign publicity not specifically promoting an individual candidacy.

The members of this committee shall be the same members as the LPC FPPC CSC.

The FEC Candidate Support Committee shall be charged with:

- 1) Determining which federal candidates to support
- 2) Review the account records for accuracy and assist the LPC's treasurer with timely filing of Federal Elections Commission (FEC) reports.

B. Nelson called the question. No objection was heard.

Vote The motion passed on a raised hand counted vote of 12-0 (Y-N).

Northern Area Coordinator's Report

B. Nelson submitted a written report (Appendix E) in advance, provided an oral report and fielded questions. A highlight of the report was that in Alameda County the number of LP registered voters has surpassed the number of Green Party registered voters.

Central Area Coordinator's Report

J. Prosser submitted a written report (Appendix F) in advance, provided an oral report and fielded questions. A highlight of the report is that Fresno and Merced Counties have now been successfully reorganized.

Southern Area Coordinator's Report

W. Hewitt submitted a written report (Appendix G) in advance, provided an oral report and offered to field questions.

Motion R. Fast moved with second to extend time on this item for 2 minutes.

Vote The motion passed without objection.

Discussion followed.

Motion R. Johnson moved with second to extend time on this item for 2 minutes.

Vote The motion passed without objection.

Discussion followed.

Motion P. Vallandigham moved with second to extend time on this item for 2 minutes.

Vote The motion passed without objection.

Discussion followed.

2021 Convention

M. Robson discussed the status of the contract arrangement with the venue in Concord that had been previously proposed for the 2021 convention. In light of the lack of communication from that venue and the willingness of Central Valley businesses and local governments to accommodate events during COVID restrictions, she proposed moving the 2021 convention to May 7-9, 2021 at the Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center.

Break for Lunch The meeting was recessed at 12:00 noon and resumed at 1:07 pm.

2021 Convention (cont'd.)

Discussion continued.

Motion B. Nelson moved with second to tentatively accept the proposal from the Visalia Marriot at the Convention Center for holding the 2021 LPC convention on either the weekend of 14-16 May 2021 (preferred) or 7-9 May 2021, giving authority to the Chair to negotiate and sign the contract.

Vote The motion passed on a roll call vote of 12-0-0-1 (Y-N-EA-NV) as follows:

D. Brosius	Yes
R. Fast	Yes
E. Flores	Yes
S. Haug	Yes
W. Hewitt	Yes
R. Johnson	Yes
K. Morrow	Yes
B. Nelson	Yes
J. Olsen	Yes
K.B. Olsen	Yes
J. Prosser	Yes
P. Vallandigham	Yes
M. Robson	Did Not Vote

November 2020 Election

Chair Robson called Dave Schrader to allow him to discuss via telephone the Jo Jorgensen campaign and the need for volunteers. He provided information on how to become a volunteer and reported that meme testing was in progress.

Motion E. Flores moved with second to extend time on this item for 5 minutes.

The motion passed without objection. Discussion followed.

Newsom Recall

Motion W. Hewitt moved with second to print 1,000 flyers supporting the Newsom recall campaign.

Vote The motion passed on a roll call vote of 11-0-1-1 (Y-N-EA-NV) as follows:

P. Vallandigham	Yes
J. Prosser	Yes
K.B. Olsen	Yes
J. Olsen	Yes
B. Nelson	Yes
K. Morrow	Yes
R. Johnson	Yes
W. Hewitt	Yes
S. Haug	Yes
E. Flores	Yes
R. Fast	Expressly Abstained

D. Brosius Yes
M. Robson Did Not Vote

Time having expired,

Motion M. Robson moved with second to extend time on this item for 5 minutes.

The motion passed without objection. Discussion followed.

Time having expired,

Motion K.B. Olsen moved with second to extend time on this item for 2 minutes.

The motion passed without objection. Discussion followed.

Motion B. Nelson moved with second to endorse the Newsom recall campaign organized by Orrin Heatlie.

Vote The motion passed on a roll call vote of 10-0-2-1 (Y-N-EA-NV) as follows:

D. Brosius Yes
R. Fast Expressly Abstained
E. Flores Yes
S. Haug Yes
W. Hewitt Yes
R. Johnson Expressly Abstained
K. Morrow Yes
B. Nelson Yes
J. Olsen Yes
K.B. Olsen Yes
J. Prosser Yes
P. Vallandigham Yes
M. Robson Did Not Vote

California Ballot Propositions Consideration

Proposition 19 (Change in Property Tax Law): Chair Robson called David Wolf to allow him to speak in favor of Proposition 19.

Discussion ensued.

Time having expired,

Motion B. Nelson moved with second to extend time on this item for 20 minutes.

The motion passed without objection. Discussion followed.

Motion R. Fast moved with second to oppose Proposition 19.

Vote The motion passed on a raised hand counted vote of 10-1-1 (Y-N-EA), with S. Haug expressly abstaining.

Proposition 14 (Bond Measure Funding Stem Cell Research): Chair Robson read an email into the record from Joe Dehn on behalf of himself and the Santa Clara County LP.

Motion J. Prosser moved with second to oppose Proposition 14.

Vote The motion passed on a raised hand counted vote of 12-0 (Y-N).

Proposition 15 (Repeals Prop 13 Protection for Commercial Properties): Chair Robson read an email into the record from Joe Dehn on behalf of himself and the Santa Clara County LP.

Motion K. Morrow moved with second to oppose Proposition 15.

Vote The motion passed on a raised hand counted vote of 12-0 (Y-N).

Proposition 16 (Reinstates Affirmative Action): Chair Robson read an email from Joe Dehn/Santa Clara County LP into the record.

Motion K. B. Olsen moved with second to oppose Proposition 16.

Vote The motion passed on a raised hand counted vote of 12-0 (Y-N).

Proposition 17 (Restores Voting Rights of Felons on Parole)

Motion K. B. Olsen moved with second to support Proposition 17.

Vote The motion passed on a raised hand counted vote of 11-0 (Y-N).

Proposition 18 (Allows 17-year-olds who turn 18 by the time of the general election to vote in the primary election)

Motion B. Nelson moved with second to support Proposition 18.

Vote The motion passed on a raised hand counted vote of 12-0 (Y-N).

Proposition 20 (Restricts parole for non-violent offenders, makes more offenses “wobblers”)

Motion E. Flores moved with second to oppose Proposition 20. Discussion followed.

Vote The motion passed on a raised hand counted vote of 12-0 (Y-N).
Time having expired,

Motion W. Hewitt moved with second to extend time on this item (ballot measures) for 15 minutes.
The motion passed without objection. Discussion followed.

Proposition 21 (Expands/mandates local government residential property rent control authority)

Motion R. Johnson moved with second to oppose Proposition 21.
B. Nelson called the question. R. Fast objected.

Vote The motion to call the question passed on a raised hand counted vote of 11-1 (Y-N).

Vote The motion to oppose Proposition 21 passed on a raised hand counted vote of 10-0-2 (Y-N-EA), with W. Hewitt and R. Fast expressly abstaining.

Proposition 22 (exempting Lyft, Uber and other independent contractor service providers from the provisions of AB 5)

Support for this proposition along with an associated press release was previously approved by the Executive Committee in an email ballot on 23 Aug 2020.

Proposition 23 (Imposes increased regulatory requirements [occupational licensing] on kidney dialysis facilities) Chair Robson read an email into the record from Joe Dehn on behalf of himself and the Santa Clara County LP.

Motion K.B. Olsen moved with second to oppose Proposition 23.
Discussion followed.

Vote The motion passed on a raised hand counted vote of 11-0 (Y-N).

Proposition 24 (Increases regulation of businesses [via formation of a new state agency] gathering personal information) Chair Robson read an email into the record from Joe Dehn on behalf of himself and the Santa Clara County LP.

Motion B. Nelson moved with second to oppose Proposition 24.

Vote The motion passed on a raised hand counted vote of 12-0 (Y-N).

Proposition 25 (Reduces the effect of the current cash bail system on the accused in criminal cases, sets up a bureaucracy to determine pre-trial disposition of defendants)

Motion B. Nelson moved with second to support Proposition 25.

Motion R. Fast offered a substitute motion with second to take no position on Proposition 25.

Vote Substitution of the motion made by R. Fast passed on a voice vote, thus making it the main motion.

Vote The motion to take no position on Proposition 25 failed to achieve a 2/3 majority on a raised hand counted vote of 8-2 (Y-N). The effect of the vote was that the LPC expressed no position on Proposition 25.

Time having expired,

Motion B. Nelson moved with second to extend time on this item (ballot measures) for 3 minutes.

Vote The motion to extend time passed on a voice vote.

Motion D. Brosius moved with second to reconsider taking a position on Proposition 25.

Vote The motion to reconsider taking a position on Proposition 25 failed to achieve a majority of all members on a raised hand counted vote of 4-2 (Y-N). The effect of the vote was that the LPC expressed no position on Proposition 25.

Motion M. Robson moved with second to suspend the rules to amend the agenda by moving the LNC report to the next item on the agenda, followed immediately thereafter by the Membership Committee report.

Vote The motion passed on a raised hand counted vote of 11-0 (Y-N).

LNC Report

LNC Region 4 Alternate Representative T. J. Ferreira submitted a written report (Appendix H) in advance, provided an oral report via telephone and fielded questions.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee Report

George Reis provided an oral report via telephone and offered to field questions. He thanked S. Haug for generating 436 letters to lapsed members that resulted in 50 renewals and increased revenue and reported on a No Party Preference voter email campaign test run.

Candidate Endorsements

Motion J. Prosser moved with second to endorse Michael Noguera for Atwater City Council.

Vote The motion passed on a raised hand vote of 13-0 (Y-N).

Motion E. Flores moved with second to endorse Scott Schmidt for Los Rios Community College Area 7 Trustee. Discussion followed.

B. Nelson called the question. There was no objection.

Vote The motion passed on a raised hand vote of 10-0-2 (Y-N-EA), with R. Fast and B. Nelson expressly abstaining.

Motion R. Fast moved with second to extend time on this item (candidate endorsements) for 15 minutes.

Vote The motion to extend time passed without objection.

Chair Robson reported the following candidates are also seeking endorsement for the following offices:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Office</u>
Susan Marie Weber	Palm Desert City Council District 1
Mackenzie Chang	Fullerton City Council
Chris Ganiere	Orange County Municipal Water District
Misty Jenson	Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District
Sam Ulloa	Rancho Santiago Community College District
Wendy Hewitt	Calimesa City Council
Eric Gonzalez	Ceres City Council District 4
John Alpay	San Juan Capistrano City Council District 5

Discussion followed.

Motion B. Nelson moved with second to endorse the above nine candidates as a slate.

Vote The motion passed on a raised hand counted vote of 13-0 (unanimous).

Committee Reports (cont'd.)

Bylaws Committee Report

R. Johnson submitted a written report (Appendix I) in advance, provided an oral report and fielded questions.

Candidate Support Committee Report

M. Robson submitted a written report (Appendix J) in advance, provided an oral report and fielded questions.

Volunteer Coordination Committee Report

A written report was not submitted. P. Vallandigham reported that problems related to committee members receiving emails from the state and national LP have been resolved. W. Hewitt reported that inquiries are down compared to previous quarters and the new format of information provided from the national LP is less useful than the previous format.

Communications and Marketing Committee Report

P. Moulds submitted a written report (Appendix K) in advance. E. Stump provided an oral report on behalf of P. Moulds and offered to field questions.

Social Media Committee Report

A. McArdle submitted a written report (Appendix L) in advance, provided an oral report via telephone and offered to field questions.

New Business

R. Fast asked about the potential for a ballot initiative repealing AB 5. He and E. Flores volunteered to form an ad hoc committee to research the possibility.

E. Flores departed the meeting at 4:39 pm.

Set Next Meeting

Motion R. Johnson moved with second to set the next LPC Executive Committee meeting for 12 Dec 2020 at the Long Beach Marriott.

Vote The motion passed on a voice vote.

Action Items

Follow-up on the following action items from the 2nd Quarter Executive Committee was reported:

- 1) B. Nelson will assist the Communications & Marketing Committee to develop a resolution & press release regarding the Gavin Newsom recall.
- 2) R. Fast & R. Johnson will complete within 2 weeks following this meeting a resolution & press release on the ballot initiative for statewide decriminalization of psilocybin or all enthiogenic substances, depending on the wording of the initiative and the potential for getting that initiative on the Nov 2020 ballot.
- 3) Starchild and S. Haug were to collaborate to modify the membership renewal letters. This task has been completed.
- 4) M. Robson will add R. Fast and D. Brosius to the Volunteer Committee and ensure they have access to the relevant email lists.
- 5) P. Vallandigham will on-board the new Volunteer Committee members.
- 6) M. Robson will provide USPS stamps to S. Haug.

Action Items for next meeting:

- 1) R. Fast and E. Flores will research a potential ballot initiative to repeal AB 5.

Adjournment

Motion B. Nelson moved with second to adjourn.

Vote The motion passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul K. Vallandigham, Secretary
Libertarian Party of California

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