

Libertarian Party of California Executive Committee Meeting Minutes



September 25, 2021

Courtyard by Marriott Old Town
2435 Jefferson Street
San Diego, CA 92110

**Approved by the Executive Committee at the 4th Quarter Executive Committee
Meeting held in Fresno, CA on December 11, 2021**



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LPC Executive Committee Minutes

September 25, 2021
3rd Quarter Meeting
Courtyard by Marriott Old Town
2435 Jefferson Street
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Call to Order

Chair Robson called the meeting to order at 10:06 am PDT.

Roll Call

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

Officers:

Mimi Robson, Chair
Rachel Nyx, Vice-Chair
Jillian Olsen, Secretary

Area Coordinators:

Tara Young, Southern Area
Coordinator

At-Large Members:

Wendy Hewitt
Angela McArdle
Adrian Malagon
Kenneth Brent Olsen
Elizabeth Stump
Jessica Tewksbury

At-Large Alternates:

Michael Lema (seated at 10:09)

Members Not Present:

Paul Vallandigham, Treasurer
Jia Christopher, Northern Area
Jon Prosser, Central Area Coordinator
Kalish Morrow, At Large Member
Cheyne Strawn, At Large Member
Matthew Butts, At Large Alternate

Executive Director:

Tim Ferreira

The following guests were in attendance:

Joshua Clark
Gary Alvstad
Gene Trospen
David Naranjo
Victoria Lapacek
Jeff Hewitt

Adoption of Agenda

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

Motion: Ms. McArdle moved to adopt the agenda as presented with second. Motion passed with no objection.

FINAL AGENDA
Libertarian Party of California
Executive Committee meeting
September 25, 2021 –San Diego, California

Call to Order–10:00 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda (5 minutes)

Public Comment (10 minutes–3 minutes per comment)

Approval of Meeting Minutes (15 minutes)

 2021 Convention Minutes

 June 26, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting 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 (5 minutes)

Northern Area Coordinator’s Report (10 minutes)

Central Area Coordinator Report (10 minutes)

Southern Area Coordinator Report (10 minutes)

Executive Director Report (10 minutes)

Break for Lunch

Election – Credentials Committee (5 members–15 minutes)

Election – Awards Committee (5 members–15 minutes)

Committee Reports

 Bylaws Committee Report (10 minutes)

 Program Committee Report (10 minutes)

 Candidate Support Committee Report (10 minutes)

 Communications and Marketing Committee Report (10 minutes)

 Social Media Committee Report (10 minutes)

 Membership Committee Report (10 minutes)

 Affiliate Support Committee Report (10 minutes)

 Convention Committee Report (10 minutes)

 Historical Preservation Committee Report (5 minutes)

LNC Report (10 minutes)

New Business (5 minutes)

Set Next Meeting –Central or Northern (10 minutes)

Action Items (10 minutes)

Adjourn

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Approval of 2021 Convention Minutes

Motion: Ms. Nyx moved to approve the minutes with second. Motion passed with no objections.

Approval of June 26, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion: Ms. Hewitt moved to approve the minutes with second. Motion passed with no objections.

Officer's Reports

Chair's Report

Chair Robson submitted a written report in advance and fielded questions.

Vice Chair's Report

Ms. Nyx submitted a written report in advance and fielded questions.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Vallandigham submitted a written report in advance and fielded questions over the phone.

Secretary's Report

Ms. Olsen submitted a written report in advance and fielded questions.

Operating Procedures Manual (OPM)

No amendments or additions were made.

Motion: Chair Robson moved to suspend the rules to amend the agenda to move the Northern Area Coordinator's Report after the Executive Director's Report with second. Motion passed without objection.

Central Area Coordinator's Report

Mr. Prosser submitted a written report in advance but was not present at the meeting to give an oral report or field questions.

Southern Area Coordinator's Report

Ms. Young submitted a written report in advance and fielded questions.

Executive Director Report

Mr. Ferreira did not submit a written report in advance. He sent an email at the start of his report and read it as follows:

I spent the first two months of Q3 closing out my consulting business obligations so I can focus full time on Libertarian efforts. As of September 1, 2021, I have dedicated 40 hours a week to liberty. As you will hear in the LNC report, most of the first week of that was on LNC work. Most of the second week was on recall election work. This past week I was able to focus fully on LPC ED work.

I have created an online tracker to show what activities have been assigned to me and their priority. I'm also establishing a standing open zoom meeting every Tuesday and Thursday from 11am to noon. If members have questions, suggestions, or any other concerns this is an informal time to answer these questions. For those that can't meet midday, I will also schedule occasional evening meetings when the rest of the committees are not meeting. Speaking of the calendar, I will be working with each committee and county to get regular and special meetings on the calendar going forward.

What would you all like to see in these reports in the future? I can provide stats and metrics. I can provide event updates and future calendar dates. I can provide status updates on projects. Most of this is currently reported by other officers and committees and so if I start providing them here, it could reduce the workload on others.

Mr. Ferreira fielded questions.

The Chair asked that a full written report be submitted after the meeting.

Motion: Ms. Stump moved to take a 15 minute recess, with second. Motion passed without objection.

Recess: 11:02 am

Back in Session: 11:17 am

Northern Area Coordinator's Report

Ms. Christopher submitted a written report in advance and fielded questions over the phone.

Election–Credentials Committee

The Chair opened nominations for the Credentials Committee.

Kat McElroy was nominated Angela McArdle.

Joshua Clark was nominated by Tara Young

Gary Alvstad was nominated by Michael Lema

Cheyne Strawn was nominated by Kenneth Olsen

Adrian Malagon was nominated by Jessica Tewksbury

Scott Lieberman was nominated by Kenneth Olsen

Rodgir Cohen was nominated by Kenneth Olsen

Susan Aquino was nominated by Wendy Hewitt

The Chair appointed TJ Ferreira and David Naranjo as tellers to collect ballots. Each member can vote for no more than five nominees.

Vote:	Susan Aquino	10
	Joshua Clark	9
	Gary Alvstad	7
	Kat McElroy	6
	Rogir Cohen	6
	Scott Lieberman	5
	Adrian Malagon	5
	Cheyne Strawn	4

Susan Aquino, Joshua Clark, Gary Alvstad, Kat McElroy, and Rogir Cohen were elected to the Credentials Committee.

Election–Awards Committee

The Chair opened nominations for the Awards Committee.

Victoria Lapacek was nominated Michael Lema

Loren Dean was nominated by Angela McArdle

Adrian Malagon was nominated by Tara Young

Angela McArdle was nominated by Rachel Nyx

Rachel Nyx was nominated by Angela McArdle

Elizabeth Stump was nominated by Kenneth Olsen

Angela McArdle withdrew her name from consideration.

Motion: Ms. Nyx moved that the five nominees be elected as a slate with second. Motion passed without objection.

Vote: The Credentials Committee was elected by voice vote.

Victoria Lapacek, Loren Dean, Adrian Malagon, Elizabeth Stump and Rachel Nyx were elected to the Awards Committee.

Break for Lunch 12:00 pm

Back in Session at 1:40 pm

Committee Reports

Bylaws Committee

The Chair of the Bylaws Committee, Rachel Nyx, submitted a written report in advance and fielded questions.

Program Committee

Jessica Tewksbury submitted a written report in advance and fielded questions.

Candidate Support Committee

The Chair of the Candidate Support Committee, Mimi Robson, submitted a written report in advance and fielded questions.

Communications and Marketing Committee Report

The Interim Chair of the Communications and Marketing Committee Chair, Elizabeth Stump, submitted a written report in advance.

Motion: Mr. Lema moved to extend time by 3 minutes with second. Motion passed without objection.

Motion: Mr. Lema moved to extend time by 2 minutes with second. Motion passed without objection.

Social Media Committee Report

The Chair of the Social Media Committee, Angela McArdle, submitted a report in advance and fielded questions.

Motion: Mr. Malagon moved to extend time by 5 minutes with second. Motion passed without objection.

Membership Committee Report

The Co-Chair of the Membership Committee, Mark Hinkle, submitted a report in advance but was not present to field questions.

Affiliate Support Committee Report

The Chair of the Affiliate Support Committee, Kevin Moore, submitted a report in advance but was not present to field questions.

2022 Convention Committee Report

The Chair of the Convention Committee, Daniel Hayes, submitted a report in advance but was not present to field questions.

Historical Preservation Committee Report

The Chair of the Historical Committee, Joe Dehn, submitted a report in advance but was not present to field questions.

LNC Report

LNC Region 4 Alternate, Mr. Ferreira, did not submit a written report in advance. He sent an email at the start of his report and read it as follows:

Supervisor Hewitt has been occupied with his campaign for most of Q3 and therefore I will be providing the report as I was basically the acting representative for most of Q2.

When the LPC EC met last on June 26 in Folsom, the LNC was in the middle of figuring some things out. On June 5th, the LNC had our Q2 meeting in Chicago, IL and everything seemed great. Then the following weekend events unfolded in New Hampshire that resulted in three members of the LNC resigning - including the chair resigning over the next week. By July 12th the LNC had elected a new chair and by Aug 2 we had replaced all the other vacancies on the LNC from the two other retirements and from Whitney Bilyeu vacating the Region 7 Representative position when she won the chair seat.

Throughout the summer, the LNC was hosting regional trainings for affiliate leadership and candidates. In August, I personally attended one in Utah and another in Long Beach. Many other CA leaders attended the Long Beach session and we are working together to build some trainings for those that couldn't make it.

At the end of August, the LNC hosted a celebration in Colorado to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the party's formation. It was a great event and many feel like we shouldn't wait 50 years to do it again.

At the Q3 LNC meeting over Labor Day weekend (September 4-5) in Louisville, KY.

During this meeting the LNC heard the report of the investigatory committee. The report provides a timeline and some recommendations regarding the New Hampshire events. This report is publicly available.

Also during the meeting, we made some budget changes to reflect actual expenditures and we filled some committee vacancies. We also approved a new budget item of \$15k to the CRM project to remedy existing constraints in hardware.

The final action during this meeting was suspending Secretary Harlos for cause. She has appealed this with the Judicial Committee and by the end of October we will know the outcome of that appeal.

In other news, the Affiliate Support Committee has exceeded their fundraising goal of \$15k and therefore they were able to provide more Affiliate in a Box Scholarships than originally planned. A new program "Fall into Liberty" is being drafted to promote local activism.

Mr. Ferreira fielded questions.

New Business

Motion: Ms. Nyx moved to suspend the rules to amend the agenda to make New Business a 15 minute agenda item with second. Motion passed with no objection.

Ms. McArdle made a presentation of putting together a "Strategic Plan" for the Libertarian Party of California to be more successful.

Motion: Mr. Lema moved to extend time by 10 minutes with second. The motion passed with no objection.

Motion: Mr. Lema moved to extend time by 2 minutes with second. The motion passed with no objection.

Announcement: Mises Caucus is hosting a fundraiser with a short movie presentation and a silent auction to be held at 5:00 pm. All money raised will go to the Candidate Support Committee.

Set Next Meeting

Motion: Dr. Olsen moved that the next meeting be held in Fresno on December 11, 2021 with second. Motion passed with a raised hand vote.

Action Items

Creation of a strategic planning committee

Adjournment

Motion: Ms. Nyx moved that we adjourn with second. Motion passed with no objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 pm.