



**Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Executive Committee**  
**July 7, 2022**  
Zoom call

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## **Call to Order**

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Chair Mimi Robson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

## **Roll Call**

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

### **Officers:<sup>1</sup>**

Mimi Robson, Chair  
Chris Edgar, Secretary  
Paul Vallandigham, Treasurer

### **Area Coordinators:**

Adrian F Malagon (Northern Area Coordinator)  
Matthew Ryan Butts (Central Area Coordinator)  
Tara Young (Southern Area Coordinator)

### **At Large Members:**

Gary Alvstad  
Victoria Lapacek  
Michael Lema  
Chris Minoletti  
Kalish Morrow  
Cheyne Strawn  
Elizabeth Stump  
Jessica Tewksbury  
Terry Miller (non-voting alternate)  
Graham Brown (non-voting alternate)

### **The following guests were in attendance:**

Richard Brown  
Carrie Eiler  
Mark Hinkle  
James Just  
Teri Kahn

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<sup>1</sup> Rachel Nyx, former Vice Chair, resigned prior to the meeting.

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Angela McArdle  
Kathryn McElroy  
Chris Mendes  
Steven Nekhaila  
Jeffrey Schwartz  
Emily Tilford

## **Adoption of Agenda**

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The Chair provided an agenda in writing with advance notice. The agenda provided by the Chair read as follows:

**FINAL AGENDA**  
**Libertarian Party of California**  
**Special Executive Committee Meeting**  
**July 7, 2022 – Electronic Meeting via Zoom**

**Call to Order–7:00 pm**

**Roll Call (5 minutes)**

**Public Comment (10 minutes)**

**Strategic Plan (30 minutes)**

Discussion/Motion: Adopt a Short Term Plan  
Discussion/Motion: Formal Code of Conduct or Agreement to end Party  
Infighting  
Discussion/Motion: Restoration of Morale  
Discussion/Motion: Prepare and Distribute Skills Survey  
Discussion/Motion: Campaign Manager Training Program (implementation  
and funding)

**Agility Public Relations Subscription (10 minutes)**

Discussion/Motion: Approve \$1,250 Expenditure for Agility Annual  
Subscription

**Cal Expo—State Fair (10 minutes)**

Discussion/Motion: Approve \$2,500 Expenditure

**Program Committee Plank Proposals (20 minutes)**

Motion: Delete Existing Plank I and Replace with “Defend the Guard” Plank  
Motion: Amend the Previously Adopted Plank II, “Mandates”

**Candidate Endorsement (5 minutes)**

Motion: Endorse Jeff Schwartz for Thousand Oaks City Council

**3rd Quarter Executive Committee Meeting Date (5 minutes)**

Motion: Change Date of 3rd Quarter Meeting from 09/17/22 to 09/24/2022

**Resolution (10 minutes)**

Motion: Adopt Justice and Inclusion Resolution

**Approve Meeting Minutes (5 minutes)**

Motion: Approve January 18, 2022 Executive Committee Minutes (5 minutes)

**Operating Procedures Manual (10 minutes)**

Motion: Add Additional Language to the Contract Portion of the OPM on page 14

**Adjourn**

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**Public Comment**

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None.

**Strategic Plan**

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**Main Motion:** Mr. Malagon moved, with second, to adopt the following short-term strategic plan:

1. Send out a skills survey to all of our members, current and recently lapsed, and to our various email lists.
2. Using the survey results, identify people who are willing and able to attend campaign trainings. Interview potential campaign managers who are interested in trainings.
3. Raise funds for campaign manager training for a small group of dedicated people.
4. Send those individuals to training. Get a commitment from those individuals that they will stay in the party for 2 years, and that they will offer to be a campaign manager, or train someone else to be a campaign manager.

The livestreaming of the meeting commenced at 7:40 p.m.

**Vote:** The motion passed by a roll call vote of 10-3-0-1 (Yes/No/Abstention/Not Voting), with the members voting as follows:

Mr. Edgar	Yes
Mr. Vallandigham	No
Mr. Malagon	Yes
Ms. Young	Yes
Mr. Butts	Yes
Mr. Alvstad	Yes
Ms. Lapacek	Yes
Mr. Lema	Yes
Ms. Morrow	No
Mr. Minoletti	No
Mr. Strawn	Yes
Ms. Stump	Yes
Ms. Tewksbury	Yes

The Chair did not vote.

### **Agility Public Relations Subscription**

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**Main Motion:** Ms. Robson moved, with second, to approve a \$1,250 expenditure on a subscription to the Agility public relations software.

**Motion to Extend Time:** Mr. Malagon moved, with second, to extend time for ten minutes. The motion passed without objection.

Steven Nekhaila joined the meeting at 8:06 p.m. and discussed the Agility software with the Committee.

**Vote:** The motion to approve a \$1,250 expenditure on a subscription to the Agility public relations software passed by a roll call vote of 13-0-0-1 (Yes/No/Abstention/Not Voting), with the members voting as follows:

Mr. Edgar	Yes
Mr. Vallandigham	Yes
Mr. Malagon	Yes
Ms. Young	Yes
Mr. Butts	Yes
Mr. Alvstad	Yes
Ms. Lapacek	Yes
Mr. Lema	Yes
Ms. Morrow	Yes
Mr. Minoletti	Yes
Mr. Strawn	Yes
Ms. Stump	Yes
Ms. Tewksbury	Yes

The Chair did not vote.

## Cal Expo—State Fair

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**Main Motion:** Mr. Malagon moved, with second, to approve a \$2,500 expenditure on the California State Fair, to be paid out of the funds received from the LPCA’s fundraiser for the fair, and with any necessary, additional funds to be paid from the Northern Area Coordinator budget, followed by the Central Area Coordinator budget.

**Vote:** The motion passed by a roll call vote of 13-0-0-1 (Yes/No/Abstention/Not Voting), with the members voting as follows:

Ms. Tewksbury	Yes
Ms. Stump	Yes
Mr. Strawn	Yes
Mr. Minoletti	Yes
Ms. Morrow	Yes
Mr. Lema	Yes
Ms. Lapacek	Yes
Mr. Alvstad	Yes
Mr. Butts	Yes
Ms. Young	Yes
Mr. Malagon	Yes
Mr. Vallandigham	Yes
Mr. Edgar	Yes

The Chair did not vote.

## Program Committee Plank Proposals

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The main motions referred to below regarding the LPCA Program shall be numbered for ease of reference.

**Main Motion #1:** Adrian F Malagon moved, with second, to delete Plank 1 of the LPCA Program and replace it with the following:

### Defend the Guard

Each state maintains a reserve military force of part-time soldiers and airmen to serve during emergencies such as natural disasters and riots. Known as the National Guard, these troops are also used to augment the active duty military when the nation is at war.

Though not having declared war since 1942, the US military has become increasingly engaged in overseas combat operations without clear goals or definitions of success resulting in several prolonged operations that have cost millions of lives and trillions of dollars.

Since the attacks on New York City and the Pentagon in 2001, Congress has authorized several unaccountable military operations absent a formal declaration of war that have resulted in the deployment of state national guard troops to augment combat operations. Many guardsmen have served on several deployments in short time spans that have disrupted their families, careers, and lives beyond the reasonable burden of part time service in conflicts that have objectively produced more risk than benefit to American interests.

By using National Guard forces outside of a formally declared war, Congress is enabling the Executive Branch to engage in prolonged, unsustainable imperial wars that are destabilizing entire geographic regions around the world and further endangering American lives.

The Libertarian Party of California supports:

- The prohibition of the deployment of California National Guard forces overseas without a formal declaration of war.
- The prohibition of the deployment of California National Guard forces to combat operations or theater support missions without a formal declaration of war.

**Motion to Amend:** Kalish Morrow moved, with second, to amend Motion #1 in the following manner:

1. Amend the third paragraph of Motion #1 to read as follows:

Since the attacks on New York City ~~and~~, the Pentagon ~~and Flight 93~~ in 2001, Congress has authorized several unaccountable military operations absent a formal declaration of war that have resulted in the deployment of state ~~national guard~~ **National Guard** troops to augment combat operations. Many guardsmen have served on several deployments in short time spans that have disrupted their families, careers, and lives beyond the reasonable burden of part time service in

conflicts that have objectively produced more risk than benefit to American interests.

2. Capitalize all instances of the words “Guardsmen,” “Airmen” and “Soldiers” throughout Motion #1.

**Vote:** The amendment passed by a roll call vote of 13-0-0-1 (Yes/No/Abstention/Not Voting), with the members voting as follows:

Mr. Edgar	Yes
Mr. Vallandigham	Yes
Mr. Malagon	Yes
Ms. Young	Yes
Mr. Butts	Yes
Mr. Alvstad	Yes
Ms. Lapacek	Yes
Mr. Lema	Yes
Ms. Morrow	Yes
Mr. Minoletti	Yes
Mr. Strawn	Yes
Ms. Stump	Yes
Ms. Tewksbury	Yes

The Chair did not vote.

**Motion to Amend:** Ms. Robson moved, with second, to amend the two bullet point items listed in Motion #1 to read as follows:

- Calling on state lawmakers to pass legislation barring the deployment of state National Guard in support of combat operations overseas absent a formal declaration of war from the United States Congress.
- Calling on California’s elected Congress and state representatives, as well as the Governor, to insist that National Guard troops cannot be deployed without a formal declaration of war or proper use of the War Powers Resolution of 1973.

**Motion to Extend Time:** Mr. Vallandigham moved, with second, to extend time for five minutes. The motion passed without objection.

**Vote:** The amendment passed by a roll call vote of 12-2-0-0 (Yes/No/Abstention/Not Voting), with the members voting as follows:

Mr. Edgar	Yes
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Mr. Vallandigham	Yes
Mr. Malagon	No
Ms. Young	Yes
Mr. Butts	Yes
Mr. Alvstad	Yes
Ms. Lapacek	Yes
Mr. Lema	Yes
Ms. Morrow	Yes
Mr. Minoletti	Yes
Mr. Strawn	Yes
Ms. Stump	Yes
Ms. Tewksbury	No
Ms. Robson	Yes

**Vote:** The Committee proceeded to a vote on the main motion as amended. The amended motion passed by a roll call vote of 14-0-0-0 (Yes/No/Abstention/Not Voting), with the members voting as follows:

Mr. Edgar	Yes
Mr. Vallandigham	Yes
Mr. Malagon	Yes
Ms. Young	Yes
Mr. Butts	Yes
Mr. Alvstad	Yes
Ms. Lapacek	Yes
Mr. Lema	Yes
Ms. Morrow	Yes
Mr. Minoletti	Yes
Mr. Strawn	Yes
Ms. Stump	Yes
Ms. Tewksbury	Yes
Ms. Robson	Yes

**Motion to Extend Time:** Mr. Malagon moved, with second, to extend time by five minutes. The motion passed without objection.

**Main Motion #2:** Mr. Malagon moved, with second, to amend the previously adopted Plank 2 in the LPCA Program as follows:

**Mandates**

The Governor and State of California, along with Local and Federal government agencies, have gone far beyond ~~merely~~ overstepping their

bounds in their intervention into- the lives, prosperity, and civil liberties of the people of California.

Privacy-~~and~~, choice, ~~along with~~-self ownership, and ~~bodily~~**body** autonomy are fundamental and- indisputable rights with universal inheritance. Dismantling the War on Covid and returning humanity to the residents of California ~~is~~**has been** one of the greatest-~~tasks~~ **challenges** facing every neighborhood and every single resident.

~~Both-~~ While the people of California have moved on, the State of Emergency is still in effect while state and local agencies and bodies continue to abuse their authority and neglect their responsibilities to the people they are supposed to represent.

Elected Libertarians-~~and members of~~, the Libertarian Party of California, and its Local Affiliates have- and will continue to fight ~~to stop~~**against** the remaining discrimination, segregation,- coercion, and complete mismanagement of the pandemic by State and County- Officials- ~~and to stop this dangerous and destructive encroachment from ever happening again.~~

The Libertarian Party of California:

- Supports ~~Ending~~**Preventing** The Children's Covid Vaccine Mandate
- Supports ~~Ending~~**Preventing** Local and State School Indoor/Outdoor Masking Mandates
- Supports ~~Ending~~**Preventing** Local and State Vaccine/Testing Mandates
- Supports Initiatives Like Medical Freedom LA To Overturn Mandates
- Advocates Libertarian Principles and Opinions to the Public and the Legislature

**Motion to Amend:** Mr. Vallandigham moved to amend the text proposed by Motion #2 to uncapitalize the word "The" in the first bullet point item and the word "To" in the fourth bullet point item.

**Vote:** The amendment failed by a roll call vote of 6-7-0-1 (Yes/No/Abstention/Not Voting), with the members voting as follows:

Mr. Edgar	Yes
Mr. Vallandigham	Yes
Mr. Malagon	No
Ms. Young	Yes
Mr. Butts	No
Mr. Alvstad	No
Ms. Lapacek	No
Mr. Lema	No

Ms. Morrow	Yes
Mr. Minoletti	Yes
Mr. Strawn	Yes
Ms. Stump	No
Ms. Tewksbury	No

The Chair did not vote.

**Vote:** The Committee proceeded to a vote on the main motion. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 11-2-0-1 (Yes/No/Abstention/Not Voting), with the members voting as follows:

Mr. Edgar	Yes
Mr. Vallandigham	Yes
Mr. Malagon	Yes
Ms. Young	Yes
Mr. Butts	Yes
Mr. Alvstad	Yes
Ms. Lapacek	Yes
Mr. Lema	Yes
Ms. Morrow	No
Mr. Minoletti	No
Mr. Strawn	Yes
Ms. Stump	Yes
Ms. Tewksbury	Yes

The Chair did not vote.

## Candidate Endorsement

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Jeffrey Schwartz addressed the Committee regarding his candidacy for Thousand Oaks City Council.

Ms. Robson moved, with second, to endorse Mr. Schwartz's candidacy.

**Vote:** The motion passed by a roll call vote of 14-0-0-0 (Yes/No/Abstention/Not Voting), with the members voting as follows:

Mr. Edgar	Yes
Mr. Vallandigham	Yes
Mr. Malagon	Yes
Ms. Young	Yes
Mr. Butts	Yes
Mr. Alvstad	Yes

Ms. Lapacek	Yes
Mr. Lema	Yes
Ms. Morrow	Yes
Mr. Minoletti	Yes
Mr. Strawn	Yes
Ms. Stump	Yes
Ms. Tewksbury	Yes
Ms. Robson	Yes

The Chair voted Yes for the purpose of making the vote unanimous.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Executive Committee Meeting Date**

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Ms. Robson moved, with second, to change the date of the third quarter meeting of the Executive Committee to September 24, 2022.

**Motion to Extend Time:** Mr. Malagon moved, with second, to extend time by five minutes. The motion passed without objection.

**Motion to Enter Executive Session:** Mr. Malagon moved, with second, to enter executive session, on the ground that the Committee's discussion could concern sensitive donor-related information.

**Vote:** The motion to enter executive session failed by a roll call vote of 9-5-0-0 (Yes/No/Abstention/Not Voting), with the members voting as follows:

Mr. Edgar	Yes
Mr. Vallandigham	No
Mr. Malagon	Yes
Ms. Young	Yes
Mr. Butts	Yes
Mr. Alvstad	Yes
Ms. Lapacek	Yes
Mr. Lema	Yes
Ms. Morrow	No
Mr. Minoletti	No
Mr. Strawn	No
Ms. Stump	Yes
Ms. Tewksbury	Yes
Ms. Robson	No

**Motion to Extend Time:** Mr. Malagon moved, with second, to extend time by five minutes. The motion passed without objection.

**Motion to Extend Time:** Mr. Malagon moved, with second, to extend time by two minutes. The motion passed without objection.

**Motion to Extend Time:** Mr. Malagon moved, with second, to extend time by three minutes.

**Vote:** The motion to extend time passed by a roll call vote of 11-2-0-1 (Yes/No/Abstention/Not Voting), with the members voting as follows:

Mr. Edgar	Yes
Mr. Vallandigham	No
Mr. Malagon	Yes
Ms. Young	Yes
Mr. Butts	Yes
Mr. Alvstad	Yes
Ms. Lapacek	Yes
Mr. Lema	Yes
Ms. Morrow	No
Mr. Minoletti	Yes
Mr. Strawn	Yes
Ms. Stump	Yes
Ms. Tewksbury	Yes

The Chair did not vote.

**Motion to Extend Time:** Mr. Malagon moved, with second, to extend time by five minutes. The motion passed without objection.

**Motion to Call the Question:** Mr. Vallandigham moved to call the question.

**Vote:** The motion to call the question failed by a roll call vote of 3-9-1-1 (Yes/No/Abstention/Not Voting), with the members voting as follows:

Mr. Edgar	No
Mr. Vallandigham	Yes
Mr. Malagon	No
Ms. Young	No
Mr. Butts	No
Mr. Alvstad	No
Ms. Lapacek	No
Mr. Lema	No
Ms. Morrow	Yes
Mr. Minoletti	Yes
Mr. Strawn	Abstain
Ms. Stump	No

Ms. Tewksbury No

The Chair did not vote.

**Vote:** The Committee proceeded to a vote on the main motion. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 13-0-0-1 (Yes/No/Abstention/Not Voting), with the members voting as follows:

Mr. Edgar	Yes
Mr. Vallandigham	Yes
Mr. Malagon	Yes
Ms. Young	Yes
Mr. Butts	Yes
Mr. Alvstad	Yes
Ms. Lapacek	Yes
Mr. Lema	Yes
Ms. Morrow	Yes
Mr. Minoletti	Yes
Mr. Strawn	Yes
Ms. Stump	Yes
Ms. Tewksbury	Yes

The Chair did not vote.

## Resolution

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**Main Motion:** Mr. Minoletti moved, with second, to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, The Libertarian Party of California (LPCA) has a long tradition of advocacy for justice, inclusion, and recognition of dignity of all individuals;

**WHEREAS**, LPCA is committed to defending the rights of all individuals regardless of color, culture, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender, or any immutable characteristic;

**WHEREAS**, LPCA unequivocally supports an individual's freedom of expression and recognizes that some individuals will use that freedom to espouse views that are objectionable to others;

**WHEREAS**, LPCA rejects any interpretation of its Statement of Principles that disparages the rights of any person because of their immutable characteristics;

**WHEREAS**, LPCA accepts a commonly understood definition of "bigotry" to be the intolerance and dislike of lifestyles or identities different than one's own;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, LPCA condemns bigotry as irrational and repugnant; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, LPCA does not welcome any individual as a Member or Candidate who expresses hate in their hearts for anyone based on immutable characteristics; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, LPCA unites behind the inclusion of all individuals who adhere to a lifestyle of nonaggression and stands in steadfast dedication to the defense of their natural right of Life, Liberty, and Property.

**Motion to Call the Question:** Mr. Malagon moved, with second, to call the question. The motion passed without objection.

**Vote:** The Committee proceeded to a vote on the main motion. The motion failed by a roll call vote of 5-9-0-0 (Yes/No/Abstention/Not Voting), with the members voting as follows:

Mr. Edgar	No
Mr. Vallandigham	Yes
Mr. Malagon	No
Ms. Young	No
Mr. Butts	No
Mr. Alvstad	No
Ms. Lapacek	No
Mr. Lema	No
Ms. Morrow	Yes
Mr. Minoletti	Yes
Mr. Strawn	Yes
Ms. Stump	No
Ms. Tewksbury	No
Ms. Robson	Yes

## Approve Meeting Minutes

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**Main Motion:** Ms. Robson moved, with second, to approve the draft minutes of the June 18, 2022 meeting of the Executive Committee. The motion passed without objection.

## Operating Procedures Manual

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**Main Motion:** Mr. Malagon moved, with second, to add the following language to page 14 of the Operating Procedures Manual, at the end of the “Contracts” section:

All contracts binding upon the LPCA shall be made accessible to the Executive Committee in a designated folder available online.

**Vote:** The motion passed by a roll call vote of 13-0-0-1 (Yes/No/Abstention/Not Voting), with the members voting as follows:

Mr. Edgar	Yes
Mr. Vallandigham	Yes
Mr. Malagon	Yes
Ms. Young	Yes
Mr. Butts	Yes
Mr. Alvstad	Yes
Ms. Lapacek	Yes
Mr. Lema	Yes
Ms. Morrow	Yes
Mr. Minoletti	Yes
Mr. Strawn	Yes
Ms. Stump	Yes
Ms. Tewksbury	Yes

The Chair did not vote.

## **Adjournment**

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There being no further business, the Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

The Executive Committee approved the foregoing minutes via email motion on July 19, 2022.