



2024 LNC Credentials Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, 05/06/2024

Time: 9:00 PM (EST)

Location: Remote (Zoom)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89355448275?pwd=rEv4FwPpSVWjNhcSNf2k9j22RejHzA.1>

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 PM by Josh Hlavka (Chair, FL).

Attendance

The following members attended the Committee Meeting and were present at roll call. Quorum was achieved.¹

LNC Rep	Josh Hlavka, FL, Chair	Present at roll call
LNC Rep	Travis Bost, WV	Present at roll call
LNC Rep	Jeffrey Pittel, MI	Not present at roll call
LNC Rep	Brittany Kosin, PA	Present at roll call
LNC Rep	Jessica Tewksbury, CA	Present at roll call
LNC Alt	Scott Peterson, TX	Not present at roll call
CA Rep	Graham Brown, CA	Present at roll call
FL Rep	Fredrik Coulter, FL	Not present at roll call
NY Rep	Justin N. Carman, NY	Present at roll call
PA Rep	Alison Graham, PA, Secretary	Present at roll call
TX Rep	Billy Pierce, TX, Vice Chair	Present at roll call
CA Alt	Loren Dean, CA	Present at roll call
FL Alt	Michael Smith, FL	Present at roll call
NY Alt	Chance Haywood, NY	Present at roll call
PA Alt	Reece Smith, PA	Present at roll call
TX Alt	Vacant at this time - no appointment to this Committee received from Texas	

**Scott Peterson was added by the LNC to the Credentials Committee as the LNC Alt. Alison Graham (PA) declines to fill this position and will remain PA Primary in all votes unless she is absent, and then Reece Smith is PA Primary. In the event of an LNC Rep absence, Scott would move into that position for that meeting.*

¹ The 10 representatives are the 5 LNC Representatives, elected by the LNC subsequent to a previous application process that was handled by the LNC in addition to the 5 Representatives specifically representing the states with the largest state delegations for the 2024 Libertarian Party National Convention (California, Florida, New York, Pennsylvania, and Texas). Quorum is achieved with 6 of 10 Representatives present. In the absence of an LNC Committee Representative (Rep), the LNC Alternate (Alt) may act as one of the LNC Representatives. In the absence of a state Representative, the Alternate from that state may act as that state's representative. The alternates may only count towards quorum and vote on the Committee if the Representative they are acting on behalf of is not present at the meeting, otherwise they cannot be counted for quorum or have voting authority. However, the alternates may participate in meeting discussions without restriction, as they are officers *ex officio*.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting on 04/15/2024 was made by Billy Pierce (TX) and seconded by Graham Brown (CA).

There were no objections to approving the Minutes of the meeting on 04/15/2024. The Minutes as amended were approved.

Old Business

- Updates on delegation lists
 - Quality control process ongoing with regards to the lists
 - Verification of addresses - check to make sure addresses are not missing critical information for mail purposes (first line of street address, town, state, 5 digit zip code minimum). PO Boxes are acceptable.
 - Double-checking names and addresses on the sheet and moving forward, and trying to keep updated on all updates from those states
 - Josh Hlavka (Chair - FL) will make the main Delegate list tomorrow - all committee members doing quality control this week. Next week's meeting the Committee takes a vote to release that list.

New Business

- Discussion on hosting public meeting(s)
 - Private committee, and we do not need to give the option for others to join.
 - Billy Pierce (TX) - this is a working committee, not a political committee. Keep it private and when we decide that we need something as a resource, then we invite them to attend as a resource. There are provisions that would allow us to reach out to a resource to ask them about a particular matter. Want to make sure that we do not get distracted from the work itself. Committee of the Bylaws, not a Committee of the LNC. We need to make sure that all work is fair.
 - Alison Graham (PA) - Focus on the work, but have some meetings perhaps as a Q&A in the spirit of transparency to answer basic questions about the process
 - Graham Brown (CA) - Remain a private committee, except invite individuals as resources to avoid long delays and to obtain valuable input
 - Reece Smith (PA) - Merit to at least one public meeting so others can provide feedback, but keep the majority of the work private for productivity
 - Travis Bost (WV) - Already established precedent of some public comment in these meetings. An extra meeting that's open to the public to raise concerns or go over things of public interest
 - Alison Graham (PA) - Any inquiries should be requested to be succinct
 - Justin Carman (NY) - Shares same sentiment as Reece, but historically have always allowed at least one public meeting, as well as have some public outreach to handle any issues. We have no way for people to submit inquiries etc. on the national website (ex. no e-mail). Need to consider an additional date to open a meeting up to the public.
 - Have a general Q&A meeting to address any concerns of the public and hear them out - open to all members of the committee

- **Wednesday, 05/15/2024, 9 PM (EST), first half of meeting for non-LNC members (state chairs, average members, etc.), also hear from any parties to submitted challenges**
- LPMI Challenge
 - Billy Pierce reviewed the relevant documents. Only information in the Google Drive is what was submitted to the committee. Not further investigation. They have appealed to their JC, and that appeal is pending. Best to allow that JC some time to resolve the issue before national has to step in via the Credentials Committee / make a finding. Potentially give them a deadline.
 - Alison Graham (PA) - The Michigan JC needs to make a call - if not resolved by the end of the week of 05/12/2024, we will have to come to a decision based on a practical reality of this committee being less than a week at this point to the National Convention.
 - Travis Bost (WV) - Their hearing is supposed to be on Thursday, 05/09/2024
 - Wait on the JC ruling on 05/09/2024 - ask them to send the recap as to the status ASAP once the meeting is over. Look to discuss on Monday, 05/13/2024.
- LPMO Challenge - Thomas Knapp
 - Thomas Knapp is a resident of the state of Florida, and is a registered LPF member and voter.
 - The person who brought this forward did not want their name attached. Unless this is officially submitted by an individual formally, the matter is not being considered further
- Justin Carman (NY) - no indication of where to send challenges, etc.
 - Setup a form to be able to send in a challenge.
 - Have to have standing to submit a challenge - no anonymous challenges
 - Standing would entail being an LP member or member of a state affiliate, or otherwise hold delegate status or alternate status in a state. Standing is with regards to the National Convention.
 - They have to keep the matter brief and provide supporting information.
 - Don't deliberate with a live audience - hear out the challenge, and then meet as a committee to come to a decision. Majority / minority reports may be needed, but might not be necessary.
- Travis Bost (WV) - Motion to invite Caryn Ann to the meeting prior to adjournment so she may speak. Seconded by Graham Brown (CA)
 - Billy Pierce (TX) - LPMO was already discussed
 - Reece Smith (PA) - in favor of Caryn Ann joining the meeting
 - Chance Haywood (NY) - If she has something to say, then submit the information in writing for the committee to consider
 - Justin Carman (NY) - motion to amend that she may speak for 5 minutes. Travis Bost (WV) seconds the motion to amend. Objection made by Billy Pierce (TX). Justin Carman (NY) speaks to it - will spend more time deliberating this matter rather than. Jessica Tewksbury (CA) - consistency with allowing people to attend or not. Billy Pierce (TX) - her contention is we are a committee of the LNC because they appoint members to us. We are a committee of the Bylaws, and if we allow Caryn Ann to attend, then it sets precedent. Alison Graham (PA) - should not speak on question of LPMO as that was already discussed. Graham Brown (CA) - okay in having Caryn Ann be invited. Brittany Kosin (PA) - if we've agreed that our meetings aren't public, if we let her in before adjournment, then we are having a public meeting. Can speak either post-adjournment or at the public meeting on 05/15.

- Billy Pierce (TX) - Called the question - seconded - motion to call the question requires a 2/3 vote. No objection on 5 minute amendment to the motion. One opposition to the 5 minute.
- Billy Pierce (TX) - Calls the main motion - seconded. Needs a 2/3 vote to call the question. Question has been called, no objection to calling the question.
- Voting on the Motion - Motion to allow Caryn Ann Harlos to speak to the Committee for no more than 5 minutes before adjournment of this meeting.

LNC Rep	Josh Hlavka, FL, Chair	Abstain
LNC Rep	Travis Bost, WV	Yay
LNC Rep	Brittany Kosin, PA	Nay
LNC Rep	Jessica Tewksbury, CA	Nay
CA Rep	Graham Brown, CA	Yay
NY Rep	Justin N. Carman, NY	Yay
PA Rep	Alison Graham, PA, Secretary	Nay
TX Rep	Billy Pierce, TX, Vice Chair	Nay
CA Alt	Loren Dean, CA	
FL Alt	Michael Smith, FL	
NY Alt	Chance Haywood, NY	
PA Alt	Reece Smith, PA	

Notice of Next Meeting

The next 2024 LNC Credentials Committee meeting is on Monday, 05/13/2024 at 9:00 PM (EST) on Zoom.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Billy Pierce (TX) at 10:40 PM. Seconded. 1 objection by Travis Bost (WV). The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 PM (EST).

Respectfully Submitted,

Alison D. Graham, M.A.
2024 LNC Credentials Committee Secretary