



LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF COLORADO

SECRETARY'S MINUTES – LPCO Meeting July 8, 2024

Video of meeting

The video for this meeting can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AfjTO-rCzng&pp=ygUSTFBDTyBib2FyZCBtZWV0aW5n>

Status of Minutes Since Last Report

DATE(S)	BODY MEETING	STATUS
20240408	Libertarian Party Board Regular Meeting	Awaiting Approval
20240513	Libertarian Party Board Regular Meeting	Awaiting Approval
20240610	Libertarian Party Board Regular Meeting	Awaiting Approval
20240624	Libertarian Party Board Special Meeting	Awaiting Approval
20240702	Libertarian Party Board Special Meeting	Awaiting Approval

Attendance

Present:

Chair (Goodman)

Vice-Chair (Gonzalez)

Treasurer (Spink)

Secretary (Buss)

Executive (Wiley)

Affiliates (Vacant)

Campaigns (Luria)

Fundraising (Marinovich)

Communications (Marinovich)

Outreach (Steinke)

Legislative (Vance)

Absent: Membership (Williams)

Vacant: Affiliates

Proxies: No Additions

Staff Volunteers: Database (Aitken), Technology (Savoy)

Affiliate Representatives: None

Committee Representatives: None outside of Board members

LNC Representatives: None

Call to Order

Goodman called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. It was held at the Independence Institute in Denver, Colorado, and virtual participation was also available.

Opportunity for public comment

Ron Tupa (D CD7) presented why we, as the Libertarian Party of Colorado, should oppose Proposition # 310 in the November election. It was well received by the members.

Approval of Agenda and minutes

A proposed agenda was prepared and published on LPedia and the state party website.

Without objection, the agenda was approved.

There were no minutes from the last stated meeting or the convention at this time; they are being worked on.

Reports

Reports from Affiliate Representatives: None

Reports from LNC Representatives:

It was reported that Region # 1 of the LNC now accounts for twenty percent of the entire membership. We were reminded to consider paying some of the out-of-pocket travel expenses for our Region 1 representative.

Reports Board: None

Reports Staff:

Database: Thanked the Treasurer for her efforts in keeping the financials current.
Technology: None

Reports Committee:

Merchandising: None
Audit: None
Convention: None

Special Orders

None

Unfinished business and general orders

None

New business with previous notice

Mises Caucus:

Lauren moved the following resolution:

Whereas, the Libertarian Party of Colorado (LPCO) Bylaws grant authority over presidential candidate nominations to the Board;

Whereas, the purpose of the LPCO, as outlined in Article II of our bylaws, is to:

- (a) provide leadership and direction for the Libertarian movement in Colorado; and
- (b) communicate the message and positions of the Party;

Whereas, LPCO members understand that these purposes are partially achieved by understanding how power actually functions in this country and using that understanding to oppose and counter-signal the regime in real time;

Whereas, the nationally nominated ticket has repeatedly failed to acknowledge the regime's true role in critical issues, such as COVID-19 masking and distancing, so-called "gender-affirming care," and the subversion of the rule of law against former President Trump, which began with intelligence agency-crafted lies about Russian collusion and has devolved into Soviet-level lawfare;

Whereas, the nationally nominated ticket has shown a consistent unwillingness to challenge the expansion of state power and has failed to provide a clear, principled libertarian alternative to current policies;

Whereas, such stances are incompatible with the psychology of individuals who understand the workings of power and seek to oppose it;

Whereas, the LPCO's electoral strategy aims to leverage our position to secure concessions that advance liberty and undermine the regime in unwinnable races while building a local bench of elected officials who can eventually win;

Whereas, nominating a candidate who cannot credibly oppose the regime is fundamentally incompatible with the values and strategy of the LPCO;

BE IT RESOLVED that the LPCO will not submit paperwork to place the Oliver/ter Maat ticket on the Colorado Presidential ballot;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LPCO will explore all available options in accordance with its existing electoral strategy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LPCO calls on the Libertarian National Committee (LNC) to either decertify the Oliver/ter Maat ticket or permit states to pursue their own electoral strategies to maximize Libertarian outcomes, as authorized by the national bylaws. Steinke seconded the motions, and it passed with a vote of the board. [20240610-00]

Affiliates Director resignation Buss moved. We accepted the resignation, which was seconded by Gonzalez, and it passed with a vote from the board. [20240610-01]

Gonzalez moved a Resolution Opposing the Implementation of Ranked-Choice Voting.

Whereas, ranked-choice voting, also known as ballot initiative 310, undermines the integrity and simplicity of the democratic process in Colorado;

Whereas, ranked-choice voting can lead to confusion among voters, as it requires them to rank candidates in order of preference, potentially disenfranchising those who are unfamiliar with the system;

Whereas, ranked-choice voting may result in the election of candidates who are not the most preferred choice of the majority, as lower-ranked votes can ultimately determine the winner;

Whereas, ranked-choice voting often necessitates complex and expensive voting systems, which could strain limited electoral resources and increase administrative burdens;

Whereas, ranked-choice voting may exacerbate political polarization by encouraging voters to select extreme candidates as their top choices, rather than compromising on more moderate options;

Whereas, ranked-choice voting could hinder minor party representation by diluting the impact of bloc voting and undermining the ability of minor party candidates to build broad coalitions;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Libertarian Party of Colorado opposes the ballot initiative and/or adoption of ranked-choice voting and urges policymakers to preserve the traditional plurality-based voting system, which is straightforward, transparent, and best reflects the electorate's will.

This resolution was seconded by Steinke, and it passed with a vote of the board. [20240610-02]

New business without previous notice

None

Announcements

A couple of affiliate meeting notices were presented.

Goodman has set the next board meeting for July 8, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. at the Independence Institute in Denver, Colorado. Virtual participation will also be available.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned without objection at 8:06 PM.

Tables and Appendices

Table of motions considered.

Motion #	Summary	Disposition
20240610-00	Oliver/ter Maat ticket	PASSED
20240610-01	Affiliates Director	PASSED
20240610-02	Ranked-Choice Voting	PASSED

Email Ballots

The following email ballots were completed since the last report.

None.

Respectfully Submitted,

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