



# T LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF COLORADO

## **SECRETARY'S MINUTES – LPCO Meeting June 10, 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**

<b>DATE(S)</b>	<b>BODY MEETING</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
20240408	Libertarian Party Board Regular Meeting	Awaiting Approval
20240513	Libertarian Party Board Regular 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.

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

**Email Ballots**

*The following email ballots were completed since the last report.*

None.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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