

Minutes – LPVA SCC Meeting – September 11, 2022

- Call to order – 7:08 PM
- Treasurer moves to amend the new business section of the agenda to the following:
 1. Welcome new CD09 Chair
 2. Select CD08 interim Chair
 3. Vice Chair vacancy election
 4. Recognize Petersburg local affiliate
 5. Pay money to the national LP to cover joint memberships
 6. Discuss social media presence
 7. Update on Constitutional Convention
 8. Discuss a resolution provided by LPVA member Tim Lewis
- Motion seconded by CD01
- CD05 objects to the motion
- Chair authorizes Treasurer to pay the national LP money to cover joint memberships • Vote to amend the agenda
 - Chair – Did not vote
 - Secretary – Yes
 - Treasurer – Yes
 - CD01 – Yes
 - CD02 – Yes
 - CD03 – Yes
 - CD04 – No
 - CD05 – No
 - CD06 – No
 - CD07 – Yes
 - CD09 – Yes
 - CD10 – Yes
 - CD11 – Yes
- Amended agenda passes 9-3
- CD02 motions to approve the previous meeting minutes
- Motion seconded by CD03
- Motion passes without objection
- Roll Call
 - Chair (Holly Ward)
 - Secretary (Celeste Garret)
 - Treasurer (Dan John)
 - CD01 - 1st Congressional District Chair (Nick Kurfees)
 - CD02 - 2nd Congressional District Chair (Hannah MacCall)
 - CD03 - 3rd Congressional District Chair (James St. John)
 - CD04 - 4th Congressional District Chair (Paul Kunberger)
 - CD05 - 5th Congressional District Chair (Brian Doss)
 - CD06 - 6th Congressional District Chair (Joe Enroughty)
 - CD07 - 7th Congressional District Chair (David Norton)

- CD09 - 9th Congressional District Chair (Austin Craig)
 - CD10 - 10th Congressional District Chair (Chris Frashure)
 - CD11 - 11th Congressional District Chair (Stevan Porter)
- Chair's report
- Secretary's report
 - Secretary makes a motion to adopt a resolution which claims to dissolve the LPVA if passed. Text of the motion is transcribed below these minutes.

- Motion seconded by CD04
- Treasurer objects to the motion
- Chair recognizes LPVA member Matt Cholko to speak on the motion
 - Matt Cholko speaks against motion
- CD11 moves to table the motion
- Motion seconded by CD09
- Secretary objects to the motion
- Vote to table the motion
 - Chair – No
 - Secretary – No
 - Treasurer – Yes
 - CD01 – Yes
 - CD02 – No
 - CD03 – Yes
 - CD04 – No
 - CD05 – No
 - CD06 – No
 - CD07 – Yes
 - CD09 – Yes
 - CD10 – No
 - CD11 – Yes
- Motion to table fails 6-7
- Vote on Garrett Motion
 - Chair – Yes
 - Secretary – Yes
 - Treasurer – No
 - CD01 – No
 - CD02 – Yes
 - CD03 – Abstain
 - CD04 – Yes
 - CD05 – Yes
 - CD06 – Yes
 - CD07 – No

- CD09 – No
 - CD10 – Yes
 - CD11 – No
- Chair rules that the motion passed 7-5-1
- CD09 appeals the ruling of the Chair on the grounds that a vote of this kind requires two thirds to pass
- Appeal seconded by Treasurer
- Vote to challenge? the ruling of the Chair
 - Chair – Did not vote
 - Secretary – No
 - Treasurer – Yes
 - CD01 – Yes
 - CD02 – No
 - CD03 – Yes
 - CD04 – No
 - CD05 – No
 - CD06 – No
 - CD07 – Yes
 - CD09 – Yes
 - CD10 – No
 - CD11 – Yes
- The Chair rules that the ruling of the Chair is upheld 6-6
- CD02 makes a motion to adjourn
- CD03 objects to the motion
- Motion seconded by the Secretary
- The Chair calls the vote to adjourn
 - Chair – Yes
 - Secretary – Yes
 - Treasurer – No
 - CD01 – No
 - CD02 – Yes
 - CD03 – No
 - CD04 – Yes
 - CD05 – Yes
 - CD06 – Yes
 - CD07 – No
 - CD09 – No
 - CD10 – Yes
 - CD11 – Indicates no but not explicitly stated, counted as Abstain by the Secretary
- The Chair rules the meeting adjourned by a vote of 7-5-1
- The Zoom call is turned off

These Minutes Accepted by Unanimous vote
of the LPVA SCC on 18 December 2022

Jason S. Bruce

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Secretary, Libertarian Party of Virginia

Garrett's Motion:

Whereas, it is the proper function of the Libertarian Party of Virginia to serve as a vehicle for Libertarians to engage in the political process in the Commonwealth of Virginia;

Whereas, the Libertarian Party of Virginia is an affiliate of and standard bearer for the national Libertarian Party in Virginia;

Whereas, the stated purposes of the Libertarian Party per the party's National bylaws are:

1. functioning as a libertarian political entity separate and distinct from all other political parties or movements;
2. electing Libertarians to public office to move public policy in a libertarian direction;
3. chartering affiliate parties throughout the United States and promoting their growth and activities;
4. nominating candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States, and supporting Party and affiliate party candidates for political office; and
5. entering into public information activities;

Whereas, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Virginia provide for no additional purposes for the state party beyond these;

Whereas, the Libertarian Party of Virginia failed to run any candidates for statewide office last cycle; failing even to convene a nominating convention for statewide offices;

Whereas, the Libertarian Party of Virginia's failure to nominate statewide candidates also represents a failure to seek and attempt to retain ballot access;

Whereas, the Libertarian Party of Virginia has similarly failed to recruit even a single candidate this election cycle to represent the Libertarian Party for local office, all prospective candidates having either bowed out or changed party affiliation in recent months;

Whereas, the Libertarian Party of Virginia's repeated failure to serve its purpose derives, among other sources, from significant institutional and organizational defects;

Whereas, the Libertarian Party of Virginia, in the face of strenuous objections from internal and external forces, including the national secretary, failed to hold the convention called for to remedy those defects;

Whereas, the Libertarian Party of Virginia has been powerless to prevent widespread member resignations that have left some of our county affiliates shells of their prior strength, and has taken no meaningful action as long-standing affiliates have withered and become inactive;

Whereas, the voice of the national party has been used to so thoroughly damage and denigrate the name and reputation of the Libertarian Party that the Libertarian Party of Virginia can no longer engage effectively in productive public information activities;

Whereas, statements from the national party, including those endorsing thinly-veiled antisemitism, explicitly welcoming bigotry into the party, reversing the LP's 50-year legacy of support for LGBTQ+ rights, and openly denouncing women's suffrage, the civil rights act, and democracy itself, has rendered the national image of the party functionally indistinct from other alt-right parties and movements;

Whereas recent statements endorsed by the national Libertarian Party, that are antithetical to our core principles including restrictions of voting rights of citizens, specifically women, reversing the LP's 50 year history of support of non-discrimination and freedom of LGBTQ citizens, repeal of the Civil Rights Act and other statements condoning bigotry, even representative democracy itself."

"Whereas, the Libertarian Party of Virginia holds dear the principles of individual liberty, contained in the founding documents of our nation and the right to abolish such institution as have become destructive of that liberty. Therefore, it is self-evident that the Libertarian Party of Virginia must dissolve itself, so as not to condone or support the principles now espoused by the national Libertarian Party which we believe to be destructive of Liberty and to all fundamental principles that we hold dear."

Be it resolved, *pursuant to provisions of the Code of Virginia section 13.1-903 et. seq.* that the Libertarian Party of Virginia is hereby immediately and fully dissolved, and shall cease all official functions, including all expenditures and receipt of contributions as provided in Article 13 and such other actions as may be required to effectuate the same.

Be it further resolved, that the Treasurer is directed to immediately close any and all open financial accounts, refund members for any prepaid dues, and, after having transacted such refunds, contribute the amount of such financial balances as may remain to the Libertarian National Committee's Ballot Access fund; or such other means as to comply with the Code of Virginia.

Be it further resolved, that the Treasurer is directed to file necessary final reports with the FEC and the Commonwealth of Virginia, including the State Corporation Commission as required, the Chair is directed to provide notice of dissolution to the Libertarian National Committee, and relevant party officers are directed to deactivate all public-facing communication sites and platforms.

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Celeste Garrett
LPVA Secretary