

# Libertarian Party of Virginia General State Convention Petition

December 03, 2022 – 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
The Poplar Barn at The Barns at Mattaponi Springs  
[23134 Penola Road, Ruther Glen, VA 22546](https://www.google.com/maps/place/23134+Penola+Road,+Ruther+Glen,+VA+22546)

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## Petition

The undersigned hereby petition to call a General State Convention of the Libertarian Party of Virginia on Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM at The Poplar Barn at The Barns at Mattaponi Springs ([23134 Penola Road, Ruther Glen, VA 22546](https://www.google.com/maps/place/23134+Penola+Road,+Ruther+Glen,+VA+22546)).

The General State Convention shall consider the following items of business (Constitutional Amendments<sup>2</sup> and Officer Elections) as set forth by the Agenda.

This petition is in accordance with the Libertarian Party of Virginia Constitution, Article V, Section 7 and can be found at <https://www.petitions.net/lpva-convention-2022>

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<sup>1</sup> Enclosures: Petition Signature Page (upon completion)

<sup>2</sup> Within the proposed amendments any language with a red strikethrough is to be removed (~~removed~~) and any language with a blue underline is to be added (added). It is recommended to the membership that this Agenda be printed and brought with you to the Convention for reference.

## Agenda

1. Point of order on the propriety of the SCC's actions in their 11 Sept 2022 meeting (9:45 AM - 5 min)
2. Adoption of Compiler's Resolution (9:50 AM - 10 min)
3. Proposed Amendment 01 (10:00 AM - 20 min)
4. Proposed Amendment 02 (10:20 AM - 20 min)
5. Proposed Amendment 03 (10:40 AM - 20 min)
6. Proposed Amendment 04 (11:00 AM - 20 min)
7. Proposed Amendment 05 (11:20 AM - 20 min)
8. Proposed Amendment 06 (11:40 AM - 20 min)
9. Proposed Amendment 07 (12:00 PM - 20 min)
  - a. *This item is conditional on the adoption of Proposed Amendment 06*
10. Lunch break (12:20 PM - 75 min)
11. Vote to rescind the election of Holly Ward as Chair (1:35 PM - 30 min)
  - a. *This item is conditional on the adoption of Proposed Amendment 01*
12. Vote to rescind the election of Celeste Garrett as Secretary (2:05 PM - 30 min)
  - a. *This item is conditional on the adoption of Proposed Amendment 01*
13. Filling the vacancy in the position of Chair (2:35 PM - 45 min)
  - a. *This item is conditional on the adoption of Proposed Amendment 01, Proposed Amendment 02, passage of the vote to rescind the election of Holly Ward as Chair, and that the Chair position is vacant*
14. Filling the vacancy in the position of Vice-Chair (3:20 PM - 45 min)
  - a. *This item is conditional on the adoption of Proposed Amendment 02 and that the Vice-Chair position is vacant*
15. Filling the vacancy in the position of Secretary (4:05 PM - 45 min)
  - a. *This item is conditional on the adoption of Proposed Amendment 01, Proposed Amendment 02, and passage of the vote to rescind the election of Celeste Garrett as Secretary*
16. Vote on Resolution Proposal (4:50 PM - 20 min)
17. Vote on reimbursement of costs to the convention spokesperson (5:10 - 15 min)
18. Adjourn (5:25 PM - 5 min)

## Agenda Item Details

### ***Agenda Item 1 - Point of Order***

Madame/Mister Chair, point of order. The action by the SCC to dissolve the Party is beyond the power of the SCC and is null and void.

### ***Agenda Item 2 - Compiler's Resolution***

Resolved, that the committee or officer designated to prepare the true copy of this bylaw as amended at this meeting, be authorized to correct article and section designations, spelling, punctuation, and cross-referencing and to make other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of this meeting in connection with these proposed amendments.

### ***Agenda Item 3 - Proposed Amendment 01***

<b>Current Language</b>	<b>Amendment Changes</b>	<b>Proposed Language</b>
<p><b><u>ARTICLE III OFFICERS; ELECTIONS; DUTIES; VACANCIES</u></b></p> <p>SECTION 7. Any officer of the Party may be removed from office upon a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the entire membership of the State Central Committee. All members of the State Central Committee must be given written notice at least seven days in advance of a meeting that such a motion will be presented.</p>	<p><b><u>ARTICLE III OFFICERS; ELECTIONS; DUTIES; VACANCIES</u></b></p> <p>SECTION 7. <del>Any officer of the Party may be removed from office upon a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the entire membership of the State Central Committee. All members of the State Central Committee must be given written notice at least seven days in advance of a meeting that such a motion will be presented.</del> <u>The election of any officer of the Party may be rescinded either by:</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">A. <u>A vote of two thirds of the entire membership of the State Central Committee, provided that all members of the State Central Committee be sent written notice at least seven days in advance of a vote on the motion to rescind the election or.</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">B. <u>A two thirds vote at any convention of the Party, provided that at least twenty-one days' notice is given in advance to all Party members that the motion to rescind the election will be considered.</u></p>	<p><b><u>ARTICLE III OFFICERS; ELECTIONS; DUTIES; VACANCIES</u></b></p> <p>SECTION 7. The election of any officer of the Party may be rescinded either by:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">A. A vote of two thirds of the entire membership of the State Central Committee, provided that all members of the State Central Committee be sent written notice at least seven days in advance of a vote on the motion to rescind the election; or,</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">B. A two thirds vote at any convention of the Party, provided that at least twenty-one days' notice is given in advance to all Party members that the motion to rescind the election will be considered.</p>

## Agenda Item 4 - Proposed Amendment 02

Current Language	Amendment Changes	Proposed Language
<p><b><u>ARTICLE III OFFICERS; ELECTIONS; DUTIES; VACANCIES</u></b></p> <p>SECTION 8. Any vacancy in an elected Party office, except that of Chair, may be filled by majority vote of the entire membership of the State Central Committee. Notice of such vacancy must be provided in writing to all members of the State Central Committee at least seven (7) days in advance of a meeting at which any such vote is to be taken.</p>	<p><b><u>ARTICLE III OFFICERS; ELECTIONS; DUTIES; VACANCIES</u></b></p> <p>SECTION 8. <del>Any vacancy in an elected Party office, except that of Chair, may be filled by majority vote of the entire membership of the State Central Committee. Notice of such vacancy must be provided in writing to all members of the State Central Committee at least seven (7) days in advance of a meeting at which any such vote is to be taken.</del> <u>Any vacancy in an elected Party office, except that of Chair, may be filled by:</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><u>A. A majority vote of the entire membership of the State Central Committee, provided that written notice of such vacancy must be sent to all members of the State Central Committee at least seven (7) days in advance of the vote taken to fill the vacancy; or.</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><u>B. A majority vote at any convention of the Party, provided that at least twenty-one days' notice is given in advance to all Party members of the intent to fill the vacancy.</u></p>	<p><b><u>ARTICLE III OFFICERS; ELECTIONS; DUTIES; VACANCIES</u></b></p> <p>SECTION 8. Any vacancy in an elected Party office, except that of Chair, may be filled by:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">A. A majority vote of the entire membership of the State Central Committee, provided that written notice of such vacancy must be sent to all members of the State Central Committee at least seven (7) days in advance of the vote taken to fill the vacancy; or,</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">B. A majority vote at any convention of the Party, provided that at least twenty-one days' notice is given in advance to all Party members of the intent to fill the vacancy.</p>

## ***Agenda Item 5 - Proposed Amendment 03***

<b>Current Language</b>	<b>Amendment Changes</b>	<b>Proposed Language</b>
<p><b><u>ARTICLE IV ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTY</u></b></p> <p>SECTION 1. [Existing Language]</p> <p>A. [Existing Language]</p> <p>B. Meetings of the State Central Committee shall be held at least four (4) times in each calendar year. Additional meetings may be called by the Chair at his or her discretion. Notice of all State Central Committee meetings shall be given in writing to all State Central Committee members at least seven (7) days in advance. Meetings of the State Central Committee shall be open to all members of the Party.</p> <p>C. [Existing Language]</p>	<p><b><u>ARTICLE IV ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTY</u></b></p> <p>SECTION 1. [Existing Language]</p> <p>A. [Existing Language]</p> <p>B. Meetings of the State Central Committee shall be held at least four (4) times in each calendar year. Additional meetings may be called by the Chair <b>or upon <u>written request of a majority of the members of the State Central Committee</u> at his or her <del>discretion</del></b>. Notice of all State Central Committee meetings shall be given in writing to all State Central Committee members at least seven (7) days in advance. Meetings of the State Central Committee shall be open to all members of the Party.</p> <p>C. [Existing Language]</p>	<p><b><u>ARTICLE IV ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTY</u></b></p> <p>SECTION 1. [Existing Language]</p> <p>A. [Existing Language]</p> <p>B. Meetings of the State Central Committee shall be held at least four (4) times in each calendar year. Additional meetings may be called by the Chair or upon written request of a majority of the members of the State Central Committee. Notice of all State Central Committee meetings shall be given in writing to all State Central Committee members at least seven (7) days in advance. Meetings of the State Central Committee shall be open to all members of the Party.</p> <p>C. [Existing Language]</p>

## ***Agenda Item 6 - Proposed Amendment 04***

<b>Current Language</b>	<b>Amendment Changes</b>	<b>Proposed Language</b>
<p><b><u>ARTICLE IV ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTY</u></b></p> <p>SECTION 1. [Existing Language]</p> <p>A. [Existing Language]</p> <p>B. [Existing Language]</p> <p>C. [Existing Language]</p> <p>D. [Existing Language]</p> <p>E. [Existing Language]</p>	<p><b><u>ARTICLE IV ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTY</u></b></p> <p>SECTION 1. [Existing Language]</p> <p>A. [Existing Language]</p> <p>B. [Existing Language]</p> <p>C. [Existing Language]</p> <p>D. [Existing Language]</p> <p>E. [Existing Language]</p> <p><b><u>F. Voting by email shall be permitted for the State Central Committee. The procedure for email voting shall be included in the Bylaws.</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>ARTICLE IV ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTY</u></b></p> <p>SECTION 1. [Existing Language]</p> <p>A. [Existing Language]</p> <p>B. [Existing Language]</p> <p>C. [Existing Language]</p> <p>D. [Existing Language]</p> <p>E. [Existing Language]</p> <p>F. Voting by email shall be permitted for the State Central Committee. The procedure for email voting shall be included in the Bylaws.</p>

## Agenda Item 7 - Proposed Amendment 05

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<p><b><u>ARTICLE VIII LEGAL AND PARLIAMENTARY GUIDELINES FOR THE PARTY</u></b></p> <p>SECTION 1. The Party shall be guided by the provisions of the "Virginia Election Laws as Amended to April 5th, 1974" and such subsequent amendments to said laws as may, from time to time, be enacted.</p> <p>SECTION 2. In areas not specifically enumerated by this Constitution, nor in the law referred to in Section 1 of this Article, nor in the Bylaws of the Party, the Party and all its bodies shall be governed by a current, SCC approved, copy of "Robert's Rules of Order".</p> <p>SECTION 3. The State Central Committee shall adopt and amend Bylaws to this Constitution by a two thirds majority vote.</p>	<p><b><u>ARTICLE VIII LEGAL AND PARLIAMENTARY GUIDELINES FOR THE PARTY</u></b></p> <p>SECTION 1. The Party shall be guided by the provisions of the "Virginia Election Laws as Amended to April 5th, 1974" and such subsequent amendments to said laws as may, from time to time, be enacted.</p> <p>SECTION 2. <u>The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Party in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the law referenced in Section 1, the bylaws of the national Libertarian Party, this Constitution, the Bylaws of the Party, and any special rules of order the Party may adopt.</u> <del>In areas not specifically enumerated by this Constitution, nor in the law referred to in Section 1 of this Article, nor in the Bylaws of the Party, the Party and all its bodies shall be governed by a current, SCC approved, copy of "Robert's Rules of Order".</del></p> <p>SECTION 3. The State Central Committee shall adopt and amend Bylaws to this Constitution by a two thirds majority vote.</p>	<p><b><u>ARTICLE VIII LEGAL AND PARLIAMENTARY GUIDELINES FOR THE PARTY</u></b></p> <p>SECTION 1. The Party shall be guided by the provisions of the "Virginia Election Laws as Amended to April 5th, 1974" and such subsequent amendments to said laws as may, from time to time, be enacted.</p> <p>SECTION 2. The rules contained in the current edition of <i>Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised</i> shall govern the Party in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the law referenced in Section 1, the bylaws of the national Libertarian Party, this Constitution, the Bylaws of the Party, and any special rules of order the Party may adopt.</p> <p>SECTION 3. The State Central Committee shall adopt and amend Bylaws to this Constitution by a two thirds majority vote.</p>

**Proviso:** *This amendment shall not go into effect until the final adjournment of this meeting.*

## Agenda Item 8 - Proposed Amendment 06

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<p><b><u>ARTICLE VIII LEGAL AND PARLIAMETARY GUIDELINES FOR THE PARTY</u></b></p> <p>SECTION 1. [[Existing Language]]</p> <p>SECTION 2. [[Existing Language]]</p> <p>SECTION 3. [[Existing Language]]</p>	<p><b><u>ARTICLE VIII LEGAL AND PARLIAMETARY GUIDELINES FOR THE PARTY</u></b></p> <p>SECTION 1. [[Existing Language]]</p> <p><b><u>SECTION 2. The Party may only be dissolved with a four-fifths vote at a Regular State Convention, provided that at least ninety days' written notice has been sent to all Party members.</u></b></p> <p>SECTION <del>2</del>3. [[Existing Language]]</p> <p>SECTION <del>3</del>4. [[Existing Language]]</p>	<p><b><u>ARTICLE VIII LEGAL AND PARLIAMETARY GUIDELINES FOR THE PARTY</u></b></p> <p>SECTION 1. [[Existing Language]]</p> <p>SECTION 2. The Party may only be dissolved with a four-fifths vote at a Regular State Convention, provided that at least ninety days' written notice has been sent to all Party members.</p> <p>SECTION 3. [[Existing Language]]</p> <p>SECTION 4. [[Existing Language]]</p>

## Agenda Item 9 - Proposed Amendment 07

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<p><b><u>ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION</u></b></p> <p>This Constitution may be amended at any Regular State Convention of the Party by a two thirds vote.</p>	<p><b><u>ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION</u></b></p> <p><del>This Constitution may be amended at any Regular State Convention of the Party by a two thirds vote.</del></p> <p><b><u>SECTION 1. Except as provided in Section 2 of this Article, this Constitution may be amended at any State Convention of the Party by two thirds of all votes cast, provided that at least 21 days' written notice of the text of the amendment has been sent to all Party members.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>SECTION 2. Article I, Section 2, Article VIII, Section 2, Article IX and Article X may be amended only at a Regular Convention of this Party by four fifths of all votes cast, provided that at least ninety days written notice of the text of the amendment has been sent to all Party members.</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION</u></b></p> <p>SECTION 1. Except as provided in Section 2 of this Article, this Constitution may be amended at any State Convention of the Party by two thirds of all votes cast, provided that at least 21 days' written notice of the text of the amendment has been sent to all Party members.</p> <p>SECTION 2. Article I, Section 2, Article VIII, Section 2, Article IX and Article X may be amended only at a Regular Convention of this Party by four fifths of all votes cast, provided that at least ninety days written notice of the text of the amendment has been sent to all Party members.</p>

**Proviso:** This amendment shall not go into effect until the final adjournment of this meeting.

## ***Agenda Item 16 - Resolution Proposal***

Whereas there is significant controversy regarding the actions taken by the State Central Committee at a meeting which was held on September 11, 2022;

Whereas current and former members of the State Central Committee as well as members of the Libertarian Party of Virginia have made disputed claims regarding the contents of and actions taken during the September 11, 2022 meeting;

Whereas the meeting was recorded by the Secretary;

Whereas the Constitution of the Libertarian Party of Virginia requires the Secretary to take and distribute minutes of all State Central Committee meetings;

Whereas there have been no minutes provided by the Secretary; now, therefore, be it

Ordered, that we, the members of the Libertarian Party of Virginia demand that Celeste Garrett, former Secretary of the Libertarian Party of Virginia, release the recording of the September 11, 2022 State Central Committee meeting to the State Central Committee; be it further

Ordered, that members of the State Central Committee shall publish the recording in a publicly available form at the earliest opportunity once it has been received.

Accepted by Spokesperson

Name: Jason S. Bruce

Date: 02 October 2022

Signature: Jason S. Bruce