July 10, 2023, LPCO Board Meeting Minutes

STATUS

APPROVED BY BOARD

LEGEND: <u>text to be inserted</u>, <u>text to be deleted</u>, unchanged existing text, substantive final main motions.

All main substantive motions will be set off by **bold and italics in green font** (with related subsidiary and incidental motions set off by highlighted italics) and will be assigned a motion number comprising the date and a sequential number to be recorded in the Secretary's Main Motion/Ballot Tally record located at <u>https://tinyurl.com/LPCO-2022-MOTIONS</u>

Points of Order and substantive objections will be indicated in **BOLD RED TEXT**.

All vote results, challenges, and rulings will be set off by **BOLD ITALICS**.

The video for this meeting can be found at: https://www.youtube.com/live/bhtPYrwDh9g?feature=share

OPENING CEREMONY

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Chair (Goodman) Vice-Chair (Gonzalez) Secretary (Buchkovich) Treasurer (Hendrickson) Affiliates (Burgeson) Campaigns (Luria) Communications (Marinovich) Outreach (Steinke) Fundraising (King) Membership (Lockamy) Legislative (Vance)

Absent: None

Vacant: None

Proxies: None

Staff Volunteers: David Aitken (Database), John Angle (Technology), Justin Savoy (Technology), Reyd Dotson (Technology)

Affiliate Representatives: Wayne Harlos, Joe DiBiasio, Kyle Furey, John Hjersman, Reyd Dotson, John Angle

Committee Representatives: None outside of Board members

LNC Representatives: Caryn Ann Harlos (Secretary)

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Goodman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The meeting location was the Independence Institute, Denver, Colorado. Virtual participation was also available.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

- Frank Atwood
- Caryn Ann Harlos

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

WITHOUT OBJECTION, the agenda was approved after amendments.

APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES

WITHOUT OBJECTION, *Ms. Goodman moved to approve the June minutes.* [20230710-00]

REPORTS

REPORTS FROM AFFILIATE REPRESENTATIVES

Kyle Furey spoke for Denver. Wayne Harlos spoke for Douglas. Joe DiBiasio spoke for Arapahoe. Murl Hendrickson spoke for Jefferson. Erin King spoke for Larimer/Weld.

REPORTS FROM LNC REPRESENTATIVES

Secretary Caryn Ann Harlos gave a report.

BOARD REPORTS

All board reports are submitted ahead of time and will be published on the state website and LPedia. This section will be expanded if any board members wish to modify or expand their report at the time of meeting.

Ms. Goodman gave a brief update on applications for style committee.

Mr. Hendrickson gave an update on the SoS filing situation and audit committee situation.

Mr. Burgeson gave a brief update.

Mr. Marinovich gave a brief update.

STAFF REPORTS

Database Manager Mr. Aitken gave a brief report.

Technology Director Mr. Savoy noted he purchased a mobile hotspot. WITHOUT OBJECTION, Mr Buchkovich moved to allocate \$381 for the mobile hotspot. [20230710-01]

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Please see attached video for committee reports. *Merchandising Committee* Mr. Luria gave an update on the merch store. *Audit Committee* Vacant

SPECIAL ORDERS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

None

NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE

Candidate Pledge

There was a discussion about the pledge the board is going to encourage Republican candidates to sign.

Voter Gravity/Election Plan

Mr. Luria outlined the basics of our election season plan.

WITHOUT OBJECTION, *Mr. Buchkovich moved to allocate \$9000 to purchase the Voter Gravity software and hire a Political Director to maximize its utility throughout the 2024 election season.* [20230710-02]

Style Committee

There was a brief discussion around retaining the services of an attorney. **Audit Committee**

The board discussed hiring a bookkeeper to help with double entry bookkeeping. **Convention Committee**

WITHOUT OBJECTION, *Mr. Buchkovich moved to appoint Ms. King as Convention Committee Chair.* [20230710-03]

Revised convention minutes

WITHOUT OBJECTION, *Mr. Buchkovich moved to approve the revised convention minutes.* [20230710-04]

Prop HH Discussion

WITHOUT OBJECTION, Mr. Buchkovich moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) in Colorado provides a crucial check on government expansion by requiring tax increases to be approved by voters and establishes an automatic increase formula for the government budget based on inflation and population growth;

WHEREAS, Proposition HH seeks to leverage TABOR rebates to decrease expected property tax increases, and yet, this reduction is expected to be minimal while property taxes will remain drastically high;

WHEREAS, Proposition HH introduces an automatic government growth provision which allows the state government to grow 1% faster annually than the increases specified by TABOR, leading to an exponential increase in government size due to a compounding effect;

WHEREAS, these alterations present a potential threat to the economic liberties of Coloradans, as the proposed legislation could lead to increased taxation, a reduction in income tax rebates, and future fiscal uncertainties; WHEREAS, the complexity and opaque nature of the measure, including new categories of exemptions, the creation of new crimes regarding reporting, and disparate treatment of cities and counties, further obfuscate its potential impacts on taxpayers;

WHEREAS, there are viable and preferable alternatives to address the surge in property tax, such as local governments lowering their tax rates proportionally to assessment increases, or calling for a special legislative session to reduce the assessment rates or limit the rate of property tax increases;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Libertarian Party of Colorado expresses its strong opposition to Proposition HH as it contradicts the principles of limited government, fiscal responsibility, and individual liberty;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Libertarian Party of Colorado urges lawmakers to explore alternative solutions that are transparent, respectful of taxpayer rights, and in line with fiscal responsibility to address the issue of rising property taxes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Libertarian Party of Colorado calls upon its members and all Colorado citizens to reject Proposition HH and to demand greater transparency and accountability in tax legislation. [20230710-05]

WITHOUT OBJECTION, *Ms. King moved to allocate \$1500 for the necessary permitting for an Anti-Proposition HH BBQ.* [20230710-06] Discussion of Delta County Funds

There was a discussion on what to do with our funds allocated for Delta County.

NEW BUSINESS WITHOUT PREVIOUS NOTICE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Caryn Ann Harlos -Frank Atwood -Justin Savoy

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection at 8:48 PM.

TABLES AND APPENDICES

TABLE OF MOTIONS CONSIDERED

MOTION #	SUMMARY	DISPOSITION
20230710-00	Approve June minutes	PASSED
20230710-01	Mobile Hotspot	PASSED
20230710-02	Voter Gravity and Political Director	PASSED
20230710-03	Convention Committee Chair	PASSED
20230710-04	Revised Convention Minutes	PASSED
20230710-05	Anti-endorsement of Prop HH	PASSED
20230710-06	Prop HH fundraising event	PASSED