



Minutes
Libertarian Party of Florida
Executive Committee Meeting
Saturday August 18, 2018
Phone conference/Rosen Plaza meeting
2:00 PM/Eastern 1:00 PM/Central
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Began Recording.
Announced recording.

1. Call to order

2. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests (Marcos will do this in Brandi's absence)

1	Marcos Miralles, Chair	P
2	Omar Recuero, Vice Chair	P (late)
3	Fredrik Coulter, Treasurer	A (unexcused)
4	Brandi Hicks, Secretary	A (excused)
5	Steven Nekhaila, At Large 1	P
6	Chris Rose, At Large 2	P
7	Greg Peele, At Large 3	P
8	Spenser Garber, Region 1	P
9	Mari Morell, Region 2	P
10	Joshua Folsom, Region 3	A (unexcused)
11	Ryan Ramsey, Region 4	P (late)
12	Michael Cassidy, Region 5	A (unexcused)
13	Mark Rodriguez, Region 6	P
14	J Mark Barfield, Region 7	P
15	Brandon Kneeld, Region 8	A (excused)
16	George Lebovitz, Region 9	P

17	Char-Lez Braden, Region 10	P
18	Shawn Elliott, Region 11	A (unexcused)
19	John Shuey, Region 12	P
20	Suzanne Gilmore, Region 13	P
21	Martha Bueno, Region 14	A (unexcused)

Secretary Brandi Hicks appointed Ryan Ramsey to be her voting proxy. However, Representative Ramsey was not present at the time of meeting start to accept the designation.

Invited Guests:

- Victoria Paige Lee
- Philippe Cadorette
- Angela Kunz
- Chaz Sanders
- Mariaalexandra Garcia
- Zach Detwiler
- Ariel Salazar
- Marc Golob
- Celicia Slafter
- Ken Moellman
- Andy Burns

3. Determination of Quorum (a majority of its seated members per By-Laws Art. III, Sect.4C as amended 05/06/2017.) (11 when all EC positions are filled.)

12 Members were present at time of quorum call. Quorum was obtained.

4. Election of the Secretary pro-tempore for the remainder of the meeting.

Marcos Miralles opened nominations for Secretary pro-tempore for the meeting duration in the absence of Secretary Hicks.

Marcos Miralles nominated Greg Peele.

Marcos Miralles closed nominations.

Greg Peele was elected as Secretary pro-tempore by unanimous consent.

5. Approval of Agenda

Motion by G. Peele to amend Motion 581 to renumber to Motion 574 (an identical motion postponed from previous meeting) and move to old business. Seconded by S. Gilmore.

The motion to amend the agenda passed by unanimous consent.

Motion by M. Miralles to approve agenda as amended. The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

6. Approval of July 15, 2018 EC Meeting Minutes

S. Gilmore presents grammatical corrections to change in Section 5 the phrase “Motion made my M. Miralles” to “Motion made by M. Miralles” and to change all instances of the word “Yay” to “Aye” in disposition of motions.

Motion by M. Miralles to approve minutes as amended. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

7. LNC Report: Steven Nekhaila/Victoria Paige Lee

Steven Nekhaila presented the LNC report.

8. Invited guests - Ken Moellman and Andy Burns. Discuss, explain, and answer questions on The Libertarian National Committee's CiviCRM cost sharing program.

Ken Moellman and Andy Burns were not present on the call at this point on the agenda.

9. Officers Reports or Comments

a. Secretary's Report: Brandi Hicks – None Given

b. Treasurer's Report: Fredrik Coulter – None Given

c. Chair Report: Marcos Miralles – Report presented. Presented list of current LPF candidates and confirmed that the LPF has the most elected officials of any state party.

- Motion to confirm Platform Committee to be comprised of the following members: Steven Nekhaila (chair), Dennis Misigoy (secretary), Davie Parrish, Kevin O’Neill, Celicia Slafter. The Platform Committee was confirmed by unanimous consent.

d. Vice-Chair Report: Omar Recuero – Report presented. Provided update on new affiliation strategy. Identified local Civic Center in Hollywood and similar organizations as activism targets.

10. Directors at Large and Region Reports

Steven Nekhaila, At Large 1 – Report presented.

Chris Rose, At Large 2 – Report presented.

Greg Peele, At Large 3 – Report presented.

Spenser Garber, Region 1 – Report presented.
Mari Morell, Region 2 – Report presented.
Josh Folsom, Region 3 – Not present.
Ryan Ramsey, Region 4 – Not present at this point in the agenda.
Michael Cassidy, Region 5 – Not present.
Mark Rodriguez, Region 6 – Report present.
J Mark Barfield, Region 7 – Report present.
Brandon Kneeld, Region 8 – Not present.
George Lebovitz, Region 9 – Report presented.
Char-Lez Braden, Region 10 – Report presented.
Shawn Elliott, Region 11 – Not present.
John Shuey, Region 12 – Report presented.
Suzanne Gilmore, Region 13 – Report presented.
Martha Bueno, Region 14 – Not present.

11. Committee Reports

- Rules - Philippe Cadorette – Report presented.
- Platform - Steven Nekhaila – Report presented.
- Membership - Angela Kunz – Report presented.
- Communications - Chaz Sanders – Report presented.
- Candidates - Marialexandra Garcia – Not present.
- Convention - Zach Detwiler – Report presented.

Motion by M. Miralles to recess for 15 minutes after the end of committee reports. Seconded by C. Rose. The motion to recess passed by unanimous consent.

- Legislative Action - Ariel Salazar – Not present.
- Fundraising - Marc Golob – Report presented.

The Executive Committee recessed at 4:58pm.

The meeting was called to order at 5:13pm.

12. Unfinished Business

Motion No.: 566 (postponed from July)

Title: Motion to Provide Process for stopping Recurring Donations

Mover: Suzanne Gilmore

Text: I move that the LPF Treasurer and Communications Committee develop a process for fully processing stop requests of recurring donations within 5 business days and to temporarily suspend accepting recurring donations until such process is in place and functioning.

Description: While the LPF clearly desires and prefers recurring donations over one-time donations, we have had recurring problems over a period of years with stopping such donations when the donor requests. It has been stated that the process is complex with many moving parts. However, it is unfair for the LPF to ask donors to give monthly unless, at the same time, we can honestly assure them of their ability to stop such donations at their will. It appears to be fairly normal to take several months for the LPF to process stop requests. As this type problem has continued for more than a year without resolution, it would be dishonest, disrespectful, and counter-productive to continue to request or accept recurring donations until we can do so in good faith. Five business days appears to be a reasonable and normal time-frame for a transaction of this nature to be processed.

Here is a link to an article about Hillary Clinton's never-ending recurring donations for her presidential campaign: www.latimes.com/business/lazarus/la-fi-lazarus-hillary-donations-20161202-story.html. It illustrates how not expeditiously handling recurring donation stoppages can backfire on the recipient.

Disposition: The motions failed unanimously.

Motion No: 574 (postponed from July)

Title: Motion to allow up to 15 minutes of discussion on the Necessity of hiring a full-time Executive Director for the LPF

Mover: Marcos Miralles

Text: The position of Executive Director of an organization is an imperative one to drive growth in membership, volunteering, fundraising, and outreach. The positions of Executive Director is responsible for managing and maintaining the functionality of the organization and the relationships necessary for other members of the party to be successful in their duties. This position is not one of decision making, but rather drives the vision and opinions of the Party and Executive Committee. Typically, states that have hired Executive Directors have seen major growth in membership and large donations within the first 3 months. Normally, the day to day tasks of an ED include overseeing proper maintenance of the digital infrastructure, hosting meetings and events with major new donors and workers, overseeing the logistics of planning and coordination of events and tasks that don't directly fall under a committee's preview. Plus having a Full-Time Employee means that the LPF can take on interns (which means free

work, for college credits by skilled and eager students) which will help us cover needed gaps like PR, IT, Data work, volunteer training, marketing, and someone will be able to answer phones!

Disposition: The motion passed with 11 ayes (S. Nekhaila, G. Peele, S. Garber, M. Morrell, R. Ramsey, M. Rodriguez, J. Barfield, G. Lebovitz, C. Braden, J. Shuey, S. Gilmore) and 2 nays (O. Recuero, C. Rose)

Discussion regarding an Executive Director position started at 5:22pm.

Director Nekhaila gave an initial briefing on the role and nature of Executive Director as applied in the LNC and other organizations, followed by open discussion with the Executive Committee.

Discussion ended at 5:37pm.

13. New Business

Motion No.: 576

Title: Motion to reconsider motion 575

Mover: Greg Peele

Text: I move to reconsider Motion 575 on confirmation of the Legislative Action Committee report on Florida Constitutional Amendments 1-10.

Disposition: Seconded by C. Rose. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Motion No: 575 (reconsidered from July as amended)

Title: Motion to allow EC to approve Legislative Action Committee reports on FL Constitutional Amendments

Mover: Ryan Ramsey

Text: I move to approve the Legislative Action Committee reports on Florida Constitutional Amendments 1-10, appearing on the November, 2018 ballot.

~~Approval will be confirmed in an email vote to conclude July 30, giving 15 days following the meeting for the EC to review and write minority reports if any so desire.~~

https://docs.google.com/document/d/129tdKhCFoWfC2PkrAlvMvm2v6TOCCDZWoh_W5S7f-10/edit?usp=sharing

Disposition:

Motion to amend by G. Peele to strike the sentence "Approval will be confirmed in an email vote to conclude July 30, giving 15 days following the meeting for the EC to review and write minority reports if any so desire." Seconded by C. Braden. The motion to amend passed by unanimous consent.

Motion to divide the question by G. Peele into three separate motions as specified:

- I move to approve the Legislative Action Committee report on Florida Constitutional Amendment 3 appearing on the November 2018 ballot.
- I move to approve the Legislative Action Committee report on Florida Constitutional Amendment 4 appearing on the November 2018 ballot.
- I move to approve the Legislative Action Committee report on Florida Constitutional Amendments 1, 2, and 6-10 appearing on the November 2018 ballot.

The motion to divide the question was seconded by S. Gilmore. The motion to divide passed by unanimous consent and resulted in Motion 575 as amended being split into Motions 582, 583, and 584.

Motion No: 582 (divided from 575)

Title: Motion to allow EC to approve Legislative Action Committee reports on FL Constitutional Amendments

Mover: Ryan Ramsey

Text: I move to approve the Legislative Action Committee reports on Florida Constitutional Amendment 3 appearing on the November 2018 ballot.

Disposition: The motion failed with 2 ayes (R. Ramsey, J. Barfield) and 11 nays (O. Recuero, S. Nekhaila, C. Rose, G. Peele, S. Garber, M. Morrell, M. Rodriguez, G. Lebovitz, C. Braden, J. Shuey, S. Gilmore)

Motion No: 583 (divided from 575)

Title: Motion to allow EC to approve Legislative Action Committee reports on FL Constitutional Amendments

Mover: Ryan Ramsey

Text: I move to approve the Legislative Action Committee reports on Florida Constitutional Amendment 4 appearing on the November 2018 ballot.

Disposition: The motion passed with 10 ayes (S. Nekhaila, C. Rose, G. Peele, S. Garber, M. Morrell, R. Ramsey, M. Rodriguez, J. Barfield, G. Lebovitz, J. Shuey) and 3 nays (O. Recuero, C. Braden, S. Gilmore)

Motion No: 584 (divided from 575)

Title: Motion to allow EC to approve Legislative Action Committee reports on FL Constitutional Amendments

Mover: Ryan Ramsey

Text: I move to approve the Legislative Action Committee reports on Florida Constitutional Amendment 1, 2, and 6-10 appearing on the November 2018 ballot.

Disposition: The motion passed with 12 ayes (O. Recuero, S. Nekhaila, C. Rose, G. Peele, S. Garber, M. Morrell, R. Ramsey, M. Rodriguez, J. Barfield, G. Lebovitz, C. Braden, S. Gilmore) and 1 nay (J. Shuey).

Motion No.: 577

Title: Convention Location Selection 2019

Mover: Steven Nekhaila on behalf of the Convention Committee

Text: Motion to vote on the approval a final location for the 2019 LPF Annual Convention & Business meeting, and authorization to sign a contract on behalf of the Libertarian Party of Florida with said chosen location.

Description: The purpose of this motion is to select a location for the 2019 LPF Convention. The Convention Committee presents two options to the Executive Committee for deliberation and selection, the Crowne Plaza Westshore in Tampa, FL and the Rosen Plaza in Orlando, FL. These locations were selected based on a number of criteria set forth by the committee, and the current proposals as presented to the EC have been negotiated for cost efficiency prior to presentation in the convention committee report.

Upon approval of this motion, the Executive Committee shall immediately conduct a vote to select a single location in the following manner. The floor shall be opened to EC members for no more than 10 mins to allow discussion and deliberation on the merits of both locations. At the close of discussion, the EC members shall place a single roll call vote per individual for one of three options {The Crowne Plaza, The Rosen Plaza, NOTA}. In order for a location to be approved for selection, one of the two locations must receive a majority approval vote (50%+1). If a single location fails to reach a majority vote, no more than 5 mins of additional discussion time shall be opened up to EC members for deliberation. A second vote shall then be conducted in the same manner as the first vote (roll call single vote, majority 50%+1 approval) to select a location. If at such time the EC fails to reach a majority approval, the Chair of the Convention Committee shall recommend a single location to the EC for an up or down (yes or no) approval vote. If at such point, a location has failed to be selected, the voting process shall be closed, and the proposal selection process will be deferred back to the Convention Committee, with comment, for further review by the committee until such time that a new motion can be brought in front of the LPF EC for location approval.

Disposition: The motion failed due to not obtaining a second.

Motion to Suspend the Rules

Text: Motion to suspend the rules to authorize 5 Minutes to conduct an advisory vote for 2019 Convention Location.

Mover: M. Morrell.

Disposition: Seconded by C. Braden. The motion passed by unanimous consent. The preference vote recommended the Crowne Plaza in Tampa.

Motion No.: 578

Title: Convention Location Selection 2020

Mover: Steven Nekhaila on behalf of the Convention Committee

Text: Motion to approve the Rosen Plaza in Orlando, FL as the convention location for 2020.

Description:

Based on selection criteria, attendance expectations for the Presidential Election year, and proposal information provided by the sales management at the Rosen Group, it is the Convention Committee's recommendation that the Rosen Plaza be approved as the location for the 2020 LPF Annual Convention location. Because the National Convention will be held in May of 2020, the Convention Committee recommends that the LPF Convention be held in late Feb. to early March. This motion approves the committee to negotiate in good faith, and sign a contract with the Rosen Plaza within the stated parameters.

Disposition: Seconded by M. Rodriguez. The motion passed with 10 ayes (S. Nekhaila, C. Rose, G. Peele, S. Garber, M. Morrell, R. Ramsey, M. Rodriguez, J. Barfield, G. Lebovitz, J. Shuey) and 3 nays (O. Recuero, C. Braden, S. Gilmore)

Motion No.: 579

Title: Approve an Additional Budget for Web Hosting & Server Maintenance

Mover: Steven Nekhaila on behalf of the Communications Committee

Text: Motion to approve an additional budget of **up to \$400** /year for server hosting and maintenance upgrades.

Description: Upon review of critical operating systems by industry professionals as related to our data and web hosting, it is the committee's recommendation that changes and upgrades to our current services be made to improve efficiency, cost effectiveness, and ease of use. The committee has found a more cost-effective server host (Linode), and a server maintenance company that will ensure our website stays operational and our server operates at optimal levels with minimal need for committee member involvement.

Current Host:	Amazon Web Services	\$40/mo average
Proposed:	Linode Server Host	\$20/mo
	Cpanel (website management tool)	\$17/mo
	Platinum Management Services	\$29/mo (add. charges for emergency)

		\$66/mo

Links to Proposed Services:

<https://www.linode.com/pricing>

<https://cpanel.com/pricing/>

<https://www.platinumservermanagement.com/#section-price>

Upon approval of the motion Chris Wiggins and Perry Love have volunteered to help setup

and migrate our systems over to the new servers and setup our website (including affiliate sites) as such. Under recommendation these upgrades will allow “everyday” users in the communications committee to better manage our online infrastructure, set up new websites for affiliates, manage outages, and ensure proper functionality of the site.

Disposition: Seconded by R. Ramsey.

Motion by J. Barfield to amend to insert the words “up to” prior to “\$400 / year.” Seconded by S. Gilmore. Motion to amend passed by unanimous consent.

Main motion as amended passed by unanimous consent.

Motion No.: 580

Title: Approve a Signed Fundraising Contract

Mover: Marcos Miralles

Text: Motion to approve the signed Fundraising Contract of Zach Detwiler.

Disposition: Seconded by C. Braden.

Signed contract as amended on May 25, 2018 presented to the Executive Committee.

Motion passes with 12 ayes (O. Recuero, S. Nekhaila, C. Rose, G. Peele, S. Garber, M. Morrell, R. Ramsey, M. Rodriguez, J. Barfield, G. Lebovitz, J. Shuey, S. Gilmore) and 1 abstention (C. Braden).

14. Election/confirmation of Region 7 representative.

Marcos Miralles opened the floor to nominations for LPF Region 7 Representative.

Marcos Miralles nominated J. Mark Barfield.

Marcos Miralles closed the floor to nominations.

J. Mark Barfield presented a nomination speech.

Marcos Miralles conducted an approval vote for electing J. Mark Barfield.

J. Mark Barfield was elected as LPF Region 7 Representative by unanimous consent.

15. Notice

The next Executive Committee meeting will be announced by email notice.

16. Presentation on LNC CRM by Ken Moellman and Andy Burns

With the consent of the Executive Committee, M. Miralles opened the floor to Ken Moellman and Andy Burns to present a report and conduct open discussion about the LNC CRM system.

17. Adjourn

Move to adjourn by C. Braden, Second by O. Recuero. The motion to adjourn passed by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02pm