

Libertarian Party of North Carolina

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

May 2nd, 2019 (virtual meeting via freeconferencecall.com)

In attendance: Susan Hogarth (Chair), Brent DeRidder (Vice Chair), Barbara Howe (Treasurer), Andy Steude (At-Large), Chris Dooley (At-Large), Matt Clements (At-Large), Amy Lamont (At-Large)

Absent: Ryan Teeter (Secretary), Michael Munger (At-Large), Sarah Brady Wagner (At-Large), Donald Reid Deal (At-Large)

Guests: Brian Irving, David Ulmer

Call to Order

LPNC Chair Susan Hogarth called the meeting to order at 8:34 p.m.

Officer/Committee

- Meeting minutes for 4/18 EC meeting were approved.
- Treasurer Report: Will be provided on Slack tomorrow morning.
- Andy moves and Matt seconds to approve \$125 expense for producing CD3 debate. No opposition. Motion carries.
- Brian Irving presents Resolution to Support Fair Districts NC and Endorse the Five Principles of Reasonable Redistricting Reform (attached). There was some discussion surrounding the use of the word “bipartisan support”. However, it was written off as common use. There is recognition of the multi-partisan nature of the state. Matt moves, Brent seconds to adopt the resolution and join the coalition. No objection. Motion carries.
- Primaries Committee had passionate discussion about the issue of open versus closed primaries. Chair Susan Hogarth would like the EC to address. However, she concedes that we could leave to the Convention to address the issue. Vote was tabled at least until next EC meeting. There was a proposal to live-stream a debate between a supporter and opponent of Closed Primaries to LPNC Members in order to get membership engaged.
- Chris Dooley raises a concern about the use of LPNC communications by single members of the Party to disseminate their personal opinions and would like the EC to control these types of communications. There was some discussion but this will be discussed further on Slack.

Adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 16th, 2019 (virtual)

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT FAIR DISTRICTS NC AND ENDORSE THE FIVE PRINCIPLES OF REASONABLE REDISTRICTING REFORM

Whereas North Carolina's electoral district lines are drawn by whichever party controls the legislature, resulting in districts that unfairly favor one party, reduced competition, and no real voice for voters at the ballot box;

Whereas the Libertarian Party of North Carolina platform calls for "... a redistricting process conducted by an independent, nonpartisan agency for all local, state, and federal districts. The process should be open and transparent. It should involve significant public input with the opportunity for citizens to weigh in on proposed district maps.";

Whereas the Fair Districts NC Coalition shares these goals. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, the Libertarian Party of North Carolina supports the Fair Districts NC Coalition, and we endorse the Five Principles for Reasonable Redistricting Reform to:

1. Include the legislature in the process, such as in naming some of the commissioners;
2. Include citizens and/or impartial experts as commission members;
3. Set strict rules for the commission's work that:
 - a. Apply traditional redistricting standards (compact, contiguous, keep local government units and communities of interest whole);
 - b. Do not allow the use of partisan data or partisan objectives;
 - c. Use voting rules that require bipartisan support for the maps, and;
4. Provide for extensive citizen participation and transparency, and;
5. Make the maps final on the commission's vote.

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