

Libertarian Party of North Carolina

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2019
(Virtual)

In attendance: Susan Hogarth (Chair), Brent DeRidder (Vice Chair), Reid Deal (Secretary), Chris Dooley (At-Large), Joe Garcia (At-Large), Ryan Teeter (At-Large), Timothy Conard (At-Large), Jim Doughty (Press Secretary), Ken Pentowski (Chair Judicial Committee)

Absent: Barbara Howe (Treasurer)

Call to Order

LPNC Chair Susan Hogarth called the meeting to order at 8:33 PM

Officer/Committee

Brent DeRidder moves to accept the recommended censure as follows:

Resolution establishing censure of Chair Susan Hogarth and affirming the Libertarian Party of North Carolina's dedication to respectful discourse.

1. Whereas the Libertarian Party of North Carolina defends the rights and human dignity of every individual;
2. Whereas that advocacy, when expressed through speech, ought to be composed solely of respectful discourse, and ought to exclude derisive or derogatory language in any context;
3. Whereas all members of the Libertarian Party of North Carolina, especially those in leadership, must set an example of respectful interaction with others regardless of their intention to represent the Party or its ideals;
4. Whereas by this resolution the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of North Carolina desires to address comments made by Chair Susan Hogarth outside of her capacity as Chair but nonetheless reflecting upon that position; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of North Carolina, on behalf of the members of the Libertarian Party of North Carolina:

1. censures Chair Susan Hogarth for the inappropriate and disrespectful comments made in a private internet forum on June 11, 2019;
2. rejects the use of derisive or derogatory language for any purpose, in any context; and
3. calls on Chair Susan Hogarth to affirm her commitment to respectful and civil discourse through public acclamation and positive example without excuse or exception.

Seconded by Chris Cash-Dooley

Roll call vote:

Brent Deridder	- yes
Reid Deal	- yes
Tim Conard	- no
Joe Garcia	- yes
Ryan Teeter	- abstain
Chris Cash-Dooley	- yes
Susan Hogarth	- not voting

Motion of Censure Passed

Susan presented a prepared response to the Censure and follows:

In the course of a heated conversation in a private internet forum not related to politics nor libertarianism, derogatory comments were directed toward me and I responded in kind. In that response, I used words that many people find offensive in trying to, inelegantly, make a point. After realizing that this conversation got out of hand, these messages were deleted. The fact remains, however, that they were said.

It is clear to me now that I should not have allowed myself to be induced into that low level of discourse.

It is also clear to me now that although I thought I was, at the time, engaged in a personal conversation, the comments I made were not what should have been expected from the Chair of the Libertarian Party of North Carolina.

I should have realized then and I am keenly aware now that there are socially accepted limits on civil discourse and I crossed that line.

For all of these things, I am sorry.

I regret that I made these comments. I regret that these comments reflect poorly on the Libertarian Party of North Carolina. And I regret that other members of the Party may now be put in a position to explain my poor choice of words.

I believe in the fundamental freedoms of liberty, including the freedom of speech. And I know that these freedoms also come with responsibilities.

I accept that the Executive Committee and the members of the Libertarian Party of North Carolina should hold me accountable for my actions. I hold myself accountable and will rededicate myself to continuing our work in making the Party welcoming and accepting of all people who share our passion for moving toward a free, peaceful and prosperous North Carolina.

- Brent DeRidder moves That the Chair appoint a committee to craft a Code of Conduct for the EC and Staff to be submitted to the EC. Seconded by Joe Garcia

Roll Call vote:

Reid Deal	- yes
Brent DeRidder	- yes
Chris Cash-Dooley	- yes
Ryan Teeter	- yes
Tim Conard	-no
Joe Garcia	- yes

Motion Passes

Other Business

Notation that the Electronic Balloting policy is in place and passed by poll vote

6 yes

0 nay

0 abstain

Change in the Electronic Balloting from 48 hours to 72 hours on duration of polls by consensus of the EC.

Point of information by Chris Cash-Dooley to state that the person responsible for posting polls is to be the Secretary or Designee

That the EC accept Susan's proposal on **Electronic Balloting**.

Brent DeRidder moves that the remainder of the agenda be tabled. Seconded by Ryan Teeter

Action Items

Submitted

Reid Deal
Secretary
LPNC