



Minutes
Libertarian Party of Florida
Executive Committee Meeting
Sunday April 15, 2018
Phone conference
7:30 PM/Eastern 6:30 PM/Central

Begin Recording.
Announce recording.

1. Call to order

2. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

1	Marcos Miralles, Chair	P
2	Omar Recuero, Vice Chair	P
3	Fredrik Coulter, Treasurer	P
4	Brandi Hicks, Secretary	P
5	Alison Foxall, At Large 1	A (excused)
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	P
11	Ryan Ramsey, Region 4	P
12	Michael Cassidy, Region 5	A (excused)
13	Mark Rodriguez, Region 6	P
14	Paul Tomazin, Region 7	A (unexcused)
15	Russ Wood, Region 8	A (excused)

16	George Lebovitz, Region 9	P
17	Char-Lez Braden, Region 10	P
18	Shawn Elliott, Region 11	P
19	John Shuey, Region 12	P
20	Suzanne Gilmore, Region 13	P
21	Steven Nekhaila, Region 14	P

Invited Guests:

- Ed Marsh
- Philippe Cadorette
- Marialexandra Garcia
- Brandon Kneeld
- Jordan Bosserman
- JD Cook
- Vicky Stedman
- Ray Wolff
- Randy Wiseman

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) (Currently there are 21 seated members, so quorum is 11 members).

17 members present. Quorum determined. Secretary Brandi Hicks announced that Alison Foxall requested Char-lez Braden be assigned to vote for her by proxy.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Marcos Miralles, passed unanimously

5. Approval of March 18, 2018 EC Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Marcos Miralles to approve, passed unanimously

- Approval of 2018 Convention Minutes.

Motion by Marcos Miralles to approve, passed unanimously

6. LNC Report: Ed Marsh/Steven Nekhaila

Representative Marsh discussed the upcoming LNC meeting – fundraiser in Aurora, CO. You can watch the meeting streamed on LP.org. National Convention is in 75 days. Encourages everyone to think about regional caucuses at the convention, where we will elect a new Region 2 rep.

Chair Miralles asked Ed to discuss vote regarding Arvin's suspension vote. The vote did not pass, and Representative Marsh did not support the suspension, rather leaving the decision to the delegates at upcoming convention. Final vote was one vote away from getting the 2/3 it needed to pass.

Rep. Ramsey asked where members can find proposed platform and rules changes for National Convention – Rep. Marsh said it should be posted on LP.org very soon and he will let us know when it is posted.

Representative Nekhaila did not have anything else to add at the moment. Will not be attending the LNC meeting in CO.

7. Officers Reports or Comments

a. Secretary's Report: Brandi Hicks

Deadline for re-affiliation passed with several counties not turning in paperwork. We are losing Indian River and Sarasota Counties until further notice. 4 counties total intend on re-affiliating but are late – Clay and Manatee turned them in prior to this meeting so there will be a vote to affiliate them tonight, still waiting on paperwork for the other 2 late counties, which are Duval and Monroe. Current count at 22, after the vote tonight it will be 25 total. Rest of the report on forums.

b. Treasurer's Report: Fredrik Coulter

Report on the forums. Fundraising committee did great this month - has raised over 3K for the month in revenue. Holding funds in an Escrow at the moment to be transferred back to an affiliate when it applicable.

c. Vice-Chair Report: Omar Recuero

Did a lot of committee work, committees are busy. Full report on the forums.

d. Chair Report: Marcos Miralles

Invited everyone on call to Miami-Dade upcoming annual business meeting. Awesome event planned with exciting speakers. Interviewed by Forbes magazine this month. One of our

candidates unfortunately resigned, Zachary Elliot in Coconut Grove village council. Candidates Committee sent out 3,500 letters encouraging targeted libertarians to run for local office. Fundraising contract will be an upcoming vote via email vote this coming week.

-Motion to accept resignation of Russ Wood as Region 8 Representative.

Motion passed with 2 opposed (Omar Recuero and Char-lez Braden).

-Motion to replace the current Candidate Committee with the following people:

Marialexandra Garcia (Chair), Adolfo Jimenez, Jordan Blake Bosserman, Tia Jolie Phillips, and Brandon Nicholas Kneeld.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Directors at Large and Regions Reports

-Alison Foxall, At Large 1 (not present)

-Chris Rose, At Large 2

Report on the forums. Attend Citrus meeting and Gainesville March for our lives event. Featured on local news at the event. Organized and hosted a protest at Keith Perry's place of business. Spoke at Alachua council meeting opposing raising age to purchase tobacco products. Attended Matt Caldwell candidate event w/ candidate Greg Caudill. Attend Open Carry March. Organized and hosted a social event in Alachua county. Spoke against further gun control measures in Tally & attended Randy Wiseman campaign event.

-Greg Peele, At Large 3

Report on the forums. Assisted multiple affiliates with reaffiliation process. Assisting Rep. Morrell with social media efforts. Working with membership chair Angela Kunz to organize volunteers. Tabled gun show in Orlando on behalf of Orange County affiliate. Attended Columbia County business meeting. Intends to schedule new affiliate training w/ Region 1.

-Spenser Garber, Region 1

Working on social events to affiliate Santa Rosa and Escambia.

-Mari Morrell, Region 2

Working on outreach, put together an email template to send out to libertarians in the region. Set up a spreadsheet to keep track of contacts and potential affiliate prospects. Remainder of

report on forums.

-Josh Folsom, Region 3

Attended county commission meeting RE: closing gun show loopholes with Director Rose.

Attended 2nd amendment rally with several other LPF members, handed out flyers RE: SB7026.

Report on the forums.

-Ryan Ramsey, Region 4

Report on forums. Organized protest at Rob Bradley's office collab event with Bradford,

Alachua, Clay and Duval and attended Keith Perry protest in Alachua with Director Rose.

Successful affiliation meeting in Suwannee- voting on the new affiliate tonight. Open Carry demonstration in Ocala.

-Michael Cassidy, Region 5 (not present)

-Mark Rodriguez, Region 6

Ability to travel more due to new employment. Trying to contact students through communications.

-Paul Tomazin, Region 7 (not present)

-Russ Wood, Region 8 (not present, resigned)

-George Lebovitz, Region 9

Report on the forums. 3 candidates running for office – Derek Ryan, John Olividoti, and Shaun Kunz.

-Char-Lez Braden, Region 10

Got Manatee re-affiliated, will vote on it tonight. Focusing on getting Sarasota re-affiliated.

-Shawn Elliott, Region 11

Hoping to have Indian River re-affiliated within the next couple of weeks. Did a television news story on a local station RE: corrupt law enforcement officer.

-John Shuey, Region 12

Report on the forums. Would like to recognize Rob Tolp for getting a radio broadcast set up in Collier County on FM radio. Working on affiliating Charlotte County.

-Suzanne Gilmore, Region 13

Report on the forums. Scheduled to attend Broward meeting, Tom Regnier will be speaking about the Consitution. Attended West Palm affiliate meeting. Looking at affiliating Hendry County. Finished 2018 Convention minutes. Working on revising governing docs to reflect changes from Convention.

-Steven Nekhaila, Region 14

Miami-Dade annual convention upcoming, encouraging anyone who can to attend. Intending to have a meeting with the Keys affiliate to get re-affiliation paperwork done.

9. Other Reports

Quarterly Report on Operation First Step, Candidate Committee Chair Marialexandra Garcia

Brandi Hicks states that Marialexandra notified her she would be in another meeting asked for her report to be moved to later. Char-lez Braden motions to suspend rules until she joins, Josh Folsom seconds. Motion passed unanimously

Candidate committee reported 32 people to run for First Step in all regions except 9 and 10. Mass mailers sent out on behalf of project, will be received next week.

10. Unfinished Business

Special meeting on April 5th 2018, called to order by Marcos Miralles to consider the following motion by Marcos Miralles to be voted upon via email:

Motion to authorize the Candidate Committee to launch a direct mail campaign for candidate recruitment.

Text:

"I, Chairman Miralles, move to:

1. Remove the monthly \$250 currently budgeted to the Candidate Committee to recruit candidates as part of Operation: First Step (hereinafter referred to as "Operation"); and
2. Grant the Candidate Committee a budget of up to \$2,000 to send a direct mail campaign by contracting with LadyPrinting, a Florida-based printing and mailing company, to all Libertarian Party voters eligible to run for elected office in the Operation's districts listed by

the Candidate Committee; and

3. This budget authorization expires on May 15, 2018."

Disposition: Motion seconded by Chris Rose, motion passes with 13 ayes (Mark Rodriguez, Ryan Ramsey, Josh Folsom, Chris Rose, Brandi Hicks, John Shuey, Greg Peele, Shawn Elliot, Mike Cassidy, Mari Morrell, Marcos Miralles, Steven Nekhaila, and Suzanne Gilmore).
Special meeting closed on April 5, 2018.

11. New Business

Motion #553

Title: Motion to Affiliate Suwannee County

Mover: Ryan Ramsey, seconded by Joshua Folsom.

Text: Whereas the prospective Libertarian Party of Suwannee County affiliate has fully complied with all requirements, rules, and procedures;
Whereas the Libertarian Party of Suwannee County has formally petitioned the Libertarian Party of Florida Executive Committee for recognition of affiliation status;
I motion that this body formally recognize and welcome the Libertarian Party of Suwannee County as an affiliate of the LPF.

All officers are LPF Members and LPF Registered Voters.

Supporting documents linked as follows:

Petition:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FHfWA_WvCj6zj46tp09R3_y7eRMbP1T/view?usp=sharing

Statement accepting LPF Constitution/by-laws:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/10CRUiadHz9qTANA8jRvCMUQE_dCFdeH3/view?usp=sharing

Disposition: Motion passed unanimously.

Motion No.: 554

Title: Motion to Affiliate Manatee County

Mover: Char-lez Braden, seconded by Shawn Elliott.

Text: Whereas the Libertarian Party of Manatee County has fully complied with all requirements, rules, and procedures;

Whereas the Libertarian Party of Manatee County has formally petitioned the Libertarian Party of Florida Executive Committee for recognition of affiliation status;
I motion that this body formally recognize and welcome the Libertarian Party of Manatee County as an affiliate of the LPF.

All officers are LPF Members and LPF Registered Voters.

Supporting documents are linked as follows:

Petition:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dUauOLyiSN667UbtYwyxMOhTnBawrZ9j/view?usp=sharing>

2017 Audit:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-IE9MTskmo2ugSLkkRAEWJdguu-ml0vf/view?usp=sharing>

Disposition: Motion passed unanimously.

Motion No.: 555

Title: Motion to Affiliate Clay County

Mover: Ryan Ramsey, seconded by Shawn Elliott.

Text: Whereas the prospective Libertarian Party of Clay County affiliate has fully complied with all requirements, rules, and procedures;
Whereas the Libertarian Party of Clay County has formally petitioned the Libertarian Party of Florida Executive Committee for recognition of affiliation status;
I motion that this body formally recognize and welcome the Libertarian Party of Clay County as an affiliate of the LPF.

Supporting documents linked as follows:

Petition:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/18Y83QhoEj8uJouWo2Adfy0LiFDgF1BcF/view?usp=sharing>

2017 Audit:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cJFntSqy0DdnTMQyIEoFpAg2hWYs9mGD/view?usp=sharing>

Disposition: Note - Ryan informed the body that since Representative Cassidy was unable to send in the motion in time for the deadline, he was asked to submit the motion on his behalf, but all credit goes to Rep Cassidy for this, and the situation is similar to Manatee - this county was already an affiliate and just submitted the paperwork after the re-affiliation deadline.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion No.: 556

Title: Motion to amend Standing Rules to create an Article XIV titled "Selection of Presidential Electors"

Mover: Marcos Miralles, seconded by Shawn Elliott

Text: I, Chairman Miralles, move to amend the Libertarian Party of Florida's Standing Rules to create an Article XIV, which shall be entitled "Selection of Presidential Electors" and which shall read:

"Each qualified member of the LPF EC who accepts service as an LPF Presidential Elector shall be appointed as such. Each member of the LPF EC who does not accept service as an LPF Presidential Elector shall select a qualified and willing LPF member to be appointed in their place.

The Chairperson of the LPF shall select the remaining candidates for approval by the EC. No more than three (3) candidates selected by the Chairperson shall come from the same region.

Each appointee shall be bound by a written oath to vote by ballot for the nominees of the Libertarian Party at the location specified and on the date selected by Congress , and shall have been, prior to their selection and continuously through that date: an LPF member, an LPF elector, and a subscriber to the LPF Non-Aggression Pledge.

Appointees deemed by the Secretary and confirmed by the Chairman to be unqualified at the time of their selection or to have become unqualified thereafter shall be void.

The EC shall appoint by resolution the final list of Presidential Electors and alternates by 15 August of each presidential election year.

The Chairperson of the LPF shall file a certificate within two (2) business days of that appointment to the authority specified by Florida statute, naming the LPF Candidates for President and Vice President and the appointed LPF Presidential Electors and alternates so that its receipt and sufficiency can be confirmed before the Governor's deadline to appoint Presidential Electors."

Disposition: Motion passed unanimously.

Motion No.: 557

Title: Motion to appoint Steven Nekhaila as alternate to LP Platform Committee

Mover: Marcos Miralles, seconded by Josh Folsom.

Text: I move to appoint Mr. Steven Nekhaila, of Monroe County, to serve as the Alternate Member to the Platform Committee of the Libertarian Party.

Disposition: Motion passed unanimously.

Motion No.: 558

Title: Motion to set a deadline for motions to the EC

Mover: Joshua Folsom, seconded by Shawn Elliott.

Text: I move to create Article V Section 9 of the standing rules to read,

Members of the Executive Committee must submit prior to midnight of the 5th day preceding a regularly scheduled executive committee meeting, per Article V Section 1 of the standing rules, any motions to be included by the secretary in the agenda.

This section shall not be construed to impair the Members' normal rights to propose motions, nor construed to impair Members' ability to conduct business under Article V Section 2 of the same.

Disposition: Motion passed unanimously.

Motion No.: 559

Mover: Char-lez Braden, seconded by Josh Folsom

Text: I move that the LPF contribute \$5,000 to Randy Wiseman's gubernatorial Campaign.

Disposition: Chris Rose motions to amend to strike "\$5,000" and insert "\$1,000". John Shuey seconds. Omar moves to call the question. Josh Folsom seconds. Motion to call question passed with one abstention, Fred Coulter. Motion to amend fails with one abstention, Fred Coulter.

Main motion fails with 6 ayes (Omar Recuero, Alison Foxall, Josh Folsom, George Lebovitz, John Shuey, and Suzanne Gilmore) and 11 Nays (Brandi Hicks, Chris Rose, Greg Peele, Mari Morrell, Spenser Garber, Ryan Ramsey, Mike Cassidy, Mark Rodriguez, Char-lez Braden, Shawn Elliot, Steven Nekhaila. One abstention: Fred Coulter.

12. Notice

The next Executive Committee meeting will be May 20, 2018.

13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Josh Folsom, seconded by Mark Rodriguez. Motion passes with 2 nays.