

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE
JUNE 9, 2022
VIA ZOOM



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PREPARED BY **CARYN ANN HARLOS**, LNC SECRETARY

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LEGEND: *text to be inserted*, ~~text to be deleted~~, 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 <https://tinyurl.com/lncvotes2022>

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 Secretary produces an electronic One Note notebook for each meeting that contains all reports submitted as well as supplementary information. The notebook for this meeting can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/June9EC>

The LPedia article for this meeting can be found at: [https://lpedia.org/wiki/LNC Executive Committee Meeting 9 June 2022](https://lpedia.org/wiki/LNC_Executive_Committee_Meeting_9_June_2022)

Recordings for this meeting can be found at the LPedia link.

The QR codes lead to the video portion of the video being discussed. The code is also clickable for those viewing electronically.

OPENING CEREMONY

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Angela McArdle called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. (all times Eastern).

HOUSEKEEPING

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDANCE

The following were in attendance:

Officers: Angela McArdle (Chair), Joshua Smith (Vice-Chair), Caryn Ann Harlos (Secretary), Todd Hagopian (Treasurer)¹

Non-Officers: Rich Bowen (At-Large), Bryan Elliott (At-Large), Steven Nekhaila (At-Large)

REMAINING LNC MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Regional Representatives: Dave Benner (Region 2), Dustin Nanna (Region 3), Joseph Ecklund (Region 6), Linnea Gabbard (Region 7), Pat Ford (Region 8)

Regional Alternates: Kathy Yeniscavich (Region 1), Robley Hall (Region 8)

ADDITIONAL ATTENDANCE

Staff: Tyler Harris (Executive Director)

Ballot Access Committee Representatives: Dustin Nanna, Bill Redpath, Richard Winger

Representatives from the Libertarian Party of Illinois: Steve Seuss (State Chair), Donny Henry (State Vice-Chair), Bill Redpath (Ballot Access Coordinator)

Representatives from the Libertarian Party of Missouri: Bill Slantz (State Chair)², Jeff Coleman (Member)

¹ Mr. Hagopian had to leave mid-meeting to catch a flight. He was not present for the later vote on the New Hampshire encumbrance or the Executive Session.

² It was noted in chat that Mr. Slantz was present using someone's else log-in, but later in the meeting it was stated that he could not attend. He never spoke, so it is uncertain if he was able to attend.

Representatives from the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire: Nolan Pelletier (State Chair), Sean Brennan (Treasurer), Karlyn Borysenko (Member and Candidate for Governor), Justin O'Donnell (Member)

Additional Party Representative Attendees: Richard Brown (Parliamentarian)

Gallery: The meeting had many registrants as noted in **Appendix A** with registration required for attendance.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (WAS GIVEN AT END)

The following persons spoke during public comment:

- Karlyn Borysenko (NH)
- Richard Brown (Party Parliamentarian)
- Steven Nekhaila (LNC At-Large Representative)
- Brett Ryan (IL)

PURPOSE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The stated purpose of the meeting was to discuss specific ballot access-related asks from the Libertarian Parties of Illinois and New Hampshire and a developing re-districting situation concerning the Libertarian Party of Missouri.

NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE

BALLOT ACCESS ENCUMBRANCE FOR THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF ILLINOIS



Mr. Bowen moved that the LNC disburse funds in the amount of \$15,000 to the Libertarian Party of Illinois for ballot access use when 12,500 signatures have been secured and an additional \$15,000 upon reaching 28,750 signatures (115% of the minimum threshold).³

A roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

Member	Yes	No	Abstain
Bowen	X		
Elliot	X		
Hagopian	X		
Harlos	X		
Nekhaila	X		

³ Please see **Appendix B** for documentation submitted by the Libertarian Party of Illinois prior to this meeting for the Executive Committee's consideration.

Member	Yes	No	Abstain
Smith	X		
McArdle			X
TOTALS	6	0	1

This motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1. [20220609-02]

BALLOT ACCESS ENCUMBRANCE FOR THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

WITHOUT OBJECTION, Ms. Harlos moved to go into Executive Session after all current business and opportunity for public comment is concluded to discuss the situation of competing candidates in New Hampshire to include the rest of the LNC, staff, and members of the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire.

Ms. Harlos moved to encumber \$5,000 for New Hampshire ballot access to be released immediately to the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire.⁴

A roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

Member	Yes	No	Abstain
Bowen	X		
Elliot	X		
Harlos	X		
Nekhaila	X		
Smith	X		
McArdle			X
TOTALS	5	0	1

This motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 5-0-1 [20220609-03]

DISCUSSION REGARDING REDISTRICTING AFFECTING THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MISSOURI

An informal discussion was had concerning the “bi-partisan” re-districting occurring in Missouri and the potential for future litigation. The Libertarian Party of Missouri has secured an agreement with an attorney who would cap the case at \$15,000 for which they have \$5,000 committed if the LNC would contribute up to \$10,000. There was no formal ask at this time.

⁴ Please see **Appendix C** for documentation/information submitted by the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire and At-Large Representative Rich Bowen prior to this meeting for the Executive Committee’s consideration.



EXECUTIVE SESSION

WITHOUT OBJECTION, the Executive Committee went into Executive Session at 6:07 p.m. with the rest of the LNC, staff, and members of the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire present for purposes of political strategy.

ADJOURNMENT

The Executive Committee arose from Executive Session and adjourned for the day **WITHOUT OBJECTION** at 8:58 p.m.

TABLE OF NUMBERED MOTIONS/BALLOTS

*Note that the master log of motions in 2022 can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/lncvotes2022>

ID#	Motion/Ballot	Result
20220609-02	Ballot access encumbrance for the Libertarian Party of Illinois.	PASSED
20220609-03	Ballot access encumbrance for the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire.	PASSED

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A	Public Attendance Registration Roster	Zoom
B	Documentation submitted by the Libertarian Party of Illinois	Libertarian Party of Illinois
C	Documentation/information submitted by the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire and Rich Bowen	Libertarian Party of New Hampshire and Rich Bowen

Respectfully submitted,

LNC Secretary ~ Secretary@LP.org ~ 561.523.2250

APPENDIX A – PUBLIC ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION ROSTER

REGISTRATION SHEET⁵

<u>NAME</u>
Adam Balling
Karlyn Borysenko
Travis Bost
Tyler Braaten
Sean Brennan
Justin Carman
Russ Clark
Jeff Coleman
Lorraine DeNardis-Albert
Stephen Ecker
Larry Gillis
Matt Hartley
Ryan Hebert
Donny Henry
Timothy Henshaw
Mark Hinkle
Susan Hogarth
James Humay
Travis Irvine
Andrew Jacobs
Kyle Jungmann
Donald Keller
Alexander Lemp
Robert Lorrh
Adam Magoon
Lisa Mills
Patrick Mitchell
Justin O'Donnell
Jessica Pelletier
Nolan Pelletier
Sandy Pierre
Matthew Piron
Omar Recuero
Dan Robin
Bill Redpath
Brett Ryan

⁵ The Zoom link required registration. This list comprises all persons who registered (with the exception of LNC members, staff, and other national Party representatives) but not everyone necessarily attended.

APPENDIX A
PUBLIC ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION ROSTER

NAME
Steve Seuss
Christopher Thrasher
Justin Tucker
Richard Winger
Daniel Woike

APPENDIX B – DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED BY THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF ILLINOIS

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Secretary LNC <secretary@lp.org>

Appeal for Illinois Ballot Access Funding

11 messages

Steve Suess <chair@lpillinois.org>

Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 9:08 AM

To: chair@lp.org, Caryn Ann Harlos <secretary@lp.org>, treasurer@lp.org, vicechair@lp.org, dustin.blankenship@lp.org, rich.bowen@lp.org, steven.nekhaila@lp.org, bryanelliott@lp.org, mike.rufu@lp.org, mark.tuniewicz@lp.org, joseph.ecklund@lp.org

Cc: Donny Henry <vicechair@lpillinois.org>, Russ Clark <treasurer@lpillinois.org>, Brett Ryan <secretary@lpillinois.org>, Justin Tucker <executivedirector@lpillinois.org>

LNC Leadership,

My name is Steve Suess. I'm the Chair of LP Illinois. After speaking with a handful of you at convention, I'm writing today to make a request for ballot access funding in Illinois. A detailed account of our current situation is below. Should you need any additional information or have any questions, please don't hesitate to write back or call me.

Current Status

The Libertarian statewide slate in Illinois needs 25,000 minimum valid signatures to get on the November 2022 General Election ballot. Knowing that Republican and Democrat lawyers are waiting to try and throw us off with signature challenges, our original goal was 40,000 gross signatures. Our turn-in deadline is Monday July 11, 2022, making the last day of collection Sunday July 10. The attached spreadsheet shows the status of the petition drive, as of Wed, June 1.

What We've Already Contributed

There is a very good volunteer effort underway that may generate **17,500 volunteer signatures**, and we think we have lined up sufficient paid petitioners to successfully complete this petition drive. At this point in time, LP Illinois already has 6,750 volunteer signatures in hand, with roughly another 5,000 volunteer signatures pledged. Several all-star petitioners have also set a goal at 5,300 excess signatures past their original pledge. Assuming volunteers continue to make good progress, we should hit this 17,500 volunteer signature mark. We hope to generate more, as several of our members within the Mises Caucus are more energized to collect signatures after the convention.

LP Illinois has already contributed a significant amount of money toward ballot access this year. We saved money during FY 21 (\$20,000) to pay for ballot access this year, and budgeted \$9,000 of FY 22 revenue toward ballot access for a total of \$29,000. This is nearly all of our cash available that's not accounted for. To this day, we have spent \$15,500 of our own budget on signatures, and another \$5,000 on a lawsuit in Cook County (Chicago) against a corrupt County Clerk to maintain ballot access for local candidates. That leaves LP Illinois with roughly \$8,500 left of our own budget to spend on signatures this year, which we will certainly exhaust between now and the deadline. Petitioning firms are now asking \$7 per signature in Illinois as gas prices and general inflation continues to plague our society.

The Bill Redpath for Senate campaign has matched LP Illinois spending on signatures, splitting those costs evenly. Some of this money came from a fundraiser the campaign had in April, but there's also a significant amount of Bill's personal wealth that went toward this total.

In total, LP Illinois has collected 5,330 paid signatures. We are ramping up production of paid signatures as we head down the stretch to meet this goal; however, as mentioned earlier, paid signatures are increasingly more expensive to obtain.

Our goal is 18,500 paid signatures, to give us a total of about 35,000 total signatures at turn-in. While this is less than our original goal of 40,000 signatures, we have had a high validity rate with the petitions already turned in, and believe we will survive a ballot challenge with 35,000 gross signatures.

A spreadsheet with signature totals is attached for a more detailed look at our situation.

What We're Asking For

We would like a similar deal to what New York was able to receive from the previous LNC, with money coming as we continue to hit benchmarks. New York was able to get \$15,000 upon hitting 50% of their minimum threshold. With 12,080 signatures on hand right now, we are 420 signatures away from meeting that 50% benchmark. I ask that the LNC contribute \$15,000 to Illinois ballot access either immediately (recognizing that 50% benchmark is going to be fulfilled very shortly), or upon us hitting that goal very soon. New York also was to receive another \$15,000 upon reaching 115% of their minimum threshold. I ask that the LNC match that request to Illinois and contribute another \$15,000 upon reaching

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28,750 signatures, 115% of our minimum threshold. We are not seeking special treatment, just simply the same deal New York received for their ballot access drive.

Why this Matters

For starters, this is the best shot Illinois has had at statewide ballot access since I have joined the party, and potentially, in my entire lifetime. The current Secretary of State in Illinois is named Jesse White. He has been in office since 1998. His name is plastered everywhere in Illinois (on court documents, our Driver's Licenses, etc.) and is well-known throughout the state. He even has his own gymnastics team ([The Jesse White Tumblers](#)) that go around the state doing halftime shows at sports games and other similar events. He wins elections on name recognition regularly in Illinois.

This year, Mr. White decided to retire and is not running for re-election. LP Illinois recruited one of our members, also conveniently named Jesse White, and he is running for Secretary of State as a Libertarian. We may never have an opportunity like this in Illinois again. Our ballot access laws are some of the worst in the country - we need to surpass 5% with a statewide candidate, and the signature thresholds before we gain access are almost impossible to overcome. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to establish the LP in this state.

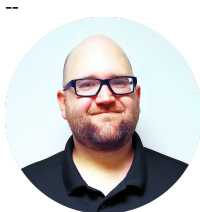
In addition to Mr. White, Bill Redpath is our Senate candidate on this ticket. Bill should need no introduction to most of you on the LNC, but for new members, I will simply tell you that Bill is an unmatched ballot access champion. Bill has helped candidates get on the ballot for decades across the country. He regularly travels to other states to help with their volunteer signature efforts. Bill has been ballot access coordinator for the LNC and has been on the LNC's ballot access committee for a number of years. In 2016, he was recognized for his work as he was inducted into the Hall of Liberty alongside Ron Paul (yes, THAT Ron Paul). If for no other reason, Bill deserves the favor repaid.

Finally, we have a full slate of other hard-working candidates as well. Here is the full ticket, presented on one petition as a full statewide slate of Libertarian candidates.

Scott Schluter, Governor
John Phillips, Lt. Governor (they are a ticket)
Daniel K. Robin, Attorney General
Jesse White, Secretary of State
Preston Nelson, Treasurer
Deirdre McCloskey, Comptroller
Bill Redpath, US Senate

Thank you, and please let me know if you have any other questions.

Steve



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Thank you Mr Seuss, we will be conferring soon. Ballot access is a priority.
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In Liberty, Caryn Ann Harlos
LNC Secretary and LP Historical Preservation Committee Chair ~ 561.523.2250

Angela McArdle <angela.mcardle@lp.org> Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 12:31 PM
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Thank you, Steve. I will get on this asap. Can you remind me what the timeline is? I know it's very soon.

Angela McArdle, Chair
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The turn-in deadline is Monday July 11, 2022.
So just over 5 weeks

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Joseph Clark Ecklund
Libertarian National Committee
Region 6 Representative

"You never change things by fighting the existing reality.
To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete."
— Buckminster Fuller

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Turn-in is July 11, so last day of circulation is July 10. Thank you!

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Madam Chair - The email appeal that went out today is much appreciated. Thank you!

Best,
Justin Tucker
Executive Director, Libertarian Party of Illinois

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has his own gymnastics team (The Jesse White Tumblers [1]) that go

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I'm sure we will be meeting soon (likely excomm since that can happen quickly) to decide on a plan.

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Todd Hagopian <todd.hagopian@lp.org>

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Mr. Suess has informed me that once IL gets 5% in a statewide race, they will maintain ballot access statewide for four years. That would give them two cycles to get 5% again and maintain statewide ballot access. Each time a candidate achieves that milestone, that timeline resets to four years. Just reporting out the answer to a question I asked privately, which I think is relevant. If we are successful in getting ballot access this year, we would go at least four years without spending money on Ballot Access in IL again.

Todd Hagopian
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Secretary LNC <secretary@lp.org>

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I know over the years not everyone has agreed with me (another reason why I got on the LNC back on 2016 as Region 1 as my predecessor Norm Olsen felt it was a waste of money), I think we have to do everything we can to get ballot access for states. While I don't believe that elections are the ONLY purpose of our Party it is certainly ONE of the primary ones and if we can't run candidates there is no purpose to be a political Party.

In Liberty, Caryn Ann Harlos
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I agree with you. This situation is a rare opportunity! I see it as a real opportunity for success that could save us money in the long run and make the down ballot runs far more successful.

Joseph Clark Ecklund
Libertarian National Committee
Region 6 Representative

"You never change things by fighting the existing reality.
To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete."
— Buckminster Fuller

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I'd also like to highlight that statewide access would allow our caddies to run for county board, township, and other down ballot races across the state.

I ran for county board in 2018. Because the LP was established in my county, I only needed to get 3 signatures. If the LP had not been established in my county (like in most counties in Illinois), I would have needed 700+ signatures, each from my county board district, roughly a few square miles. That's how extreme ballot access laws are in Illinois. Sure, not having ballot access makes it incredibly difficult for our statewide candidates to get on the ballot, but it also makes it virtually impossible for other Libertarians in Illinois to run in races down the ballot where we have realistic chances at victory.

Thanks again to all of you for considering this request.

Steve Suess
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APPENDIX B DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED BY THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF ILLINOIS

Volunteers	Phone Number	Sigs Gathered thru 6/1	Pledge Number	Possible Excess	Paid Petitioners	Sigs Gathered thru 6/1	Goal	
Bill Redpath	7038642132	2651	1500	3500	Sam Erickson	0	2500	Sam will be petitioning starting about 6/6.
Julie Fox	8475281126	12	400		Sanford Pankin	0	2500	Sanford can come to Illinois 6/8 or 9 thru 7/10.
Justin Tucker	3146097097	500	1000		Justin Tucker	0	500	Lives in Chicago. Wants to be paid after 1,000 volunteer sigs.
John Phillips	2174125973	200	800		Bob Lynch	1000	3500	Slow start but building numbers. Here thru 7/10.
Russ Clark	3033454310	30	200		Arenza Thigpen	0	2000	Likely to be here for last 4 weeks of petition drive.
Jon Harison	6308654049	140	300		Hani Consulting	4330	7500	Local petitioning firm.
Preston Nelson	6187313337	100	500					
Steve Sues	8154834063	35	250					
Scott Schuler	6188899058	325	1500					
Ken Mattes		35	50					
Leo Deffner	224430209	0	250					
Ian Peak	6183158503	290	400	100				
Andy Williams	6304797330	0	0					
Bob Blair-Smith	3122855998	180	500					
Dan Robin	8479242262	801	500	750				
Kelly Liebmann	2629605590	115	200					
Bob Schlereth		50	200					
Jon Stewart		0	50					
Glenn Olofson	8472242831	97	300					
Adam Balling	3125043995	85	200					
Jesse White		550	500	500				
Alex O'Dell		0	100					
Nico Tsatsoulis	7739970972	100	300					
Bill Fox		0	100					
Paul DiMaio	8479170143	381	120	480				
John Mathey		10	100					
Kathleen McM	2178343472	30	200					
Jon King		0	200					
Darryl Bonner	2155208088	0	400					
Donny Henry		23	0	23				
Deb Renwick		10	0	10				
		6750	11120	5363		5330	18500	
						Total Sigs Gathered thru 6/1	Pledges+Excess Vol Sigs+Paid Goals	
						12080	34983	
							Necessary Validity Rate	
							71.46%	

APPENDIX C – DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED BY THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF
NEW HAMPSHIRE AND RICH BOWEN

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Libertarian Party of New Hampshire

497 Hooksett Road, #231
Manchester, NH 03104

Dear esteemed members of the LNC,

The Libertarian Party of New Hampshire is writing to you today in regards to financial help with ballot access. Like many other states, we are in the middle of obtaining the required signatures to make sure our candidates will make the ballot in this upcoming election. As if this effort isn't a daunting enough task in and of itself, we have other forces working against us here in New Hampshire. There is a certain member who has considerable out-of-state support who is running "libertarian" candidates in direct opposition to our endorsed candidates in ballot-access races. One can only surmise that this blatant attempt to split our vote is to thwart our chances for obtaining ballot access for the upcoming presidential election cycle. This is something that we would expect from other parties, and to see it occurring within our own party is very disheartening.

The Libertarian Party of New Hampshire is seeking to obtain 5000 signatures, 2500 from each congressional district. We have had the odds stacked against us from the very beginning of this task, since the congressional districts were being reworked. We had no idea how to focus our efforts to maximize our petitioning efforts, but we moved forward regardless of this hurdle. Fortunately, the district map has now been cemented, and we now know where the districts are. The party and campaigns have been organizing volunteer petitioning drives every weekend to obtain the required signatures. In addition we have utilized paid petitioners to help reach our goals. We currently have 1350 signatures in CD1 and 844 in CD2, for a total close to 2200 signatures. LPNH has just authorized the hiring of petitioners to obtain 1700 more signatures, as well as scheduling and running volunteer petition drives every week to meet our goals. It is our hope that we will soon be at the 4000 mark between all efforts. We are seeking the sum of \$5000 to help obtain the remaining 1000 signatures. This will help solidify our ballot access and allow us to redirect our efforts towards campaigning. We will need more time and effort to not only promote our candidates, but also deal with the undermining from bad actors. In the meantime, we will continue our efforts in all of these endeavors. Thank you for considering our request.

In Liberty,

Nolan Pelletier, *Chair LPNH*

Some further preliminary information regarding New Hampshire ballot access:

1500 signatures required in each of the two congressional districts. Any NH registered voter can sign. Deadline is August 10, 2022.

CD1 has 1350 signatures currently.

CD2 has 844 signatures currently.

LPNH goal is 2500 signatures in each district.

Current rate of paid petitioners is \$5 per signature.

Rich