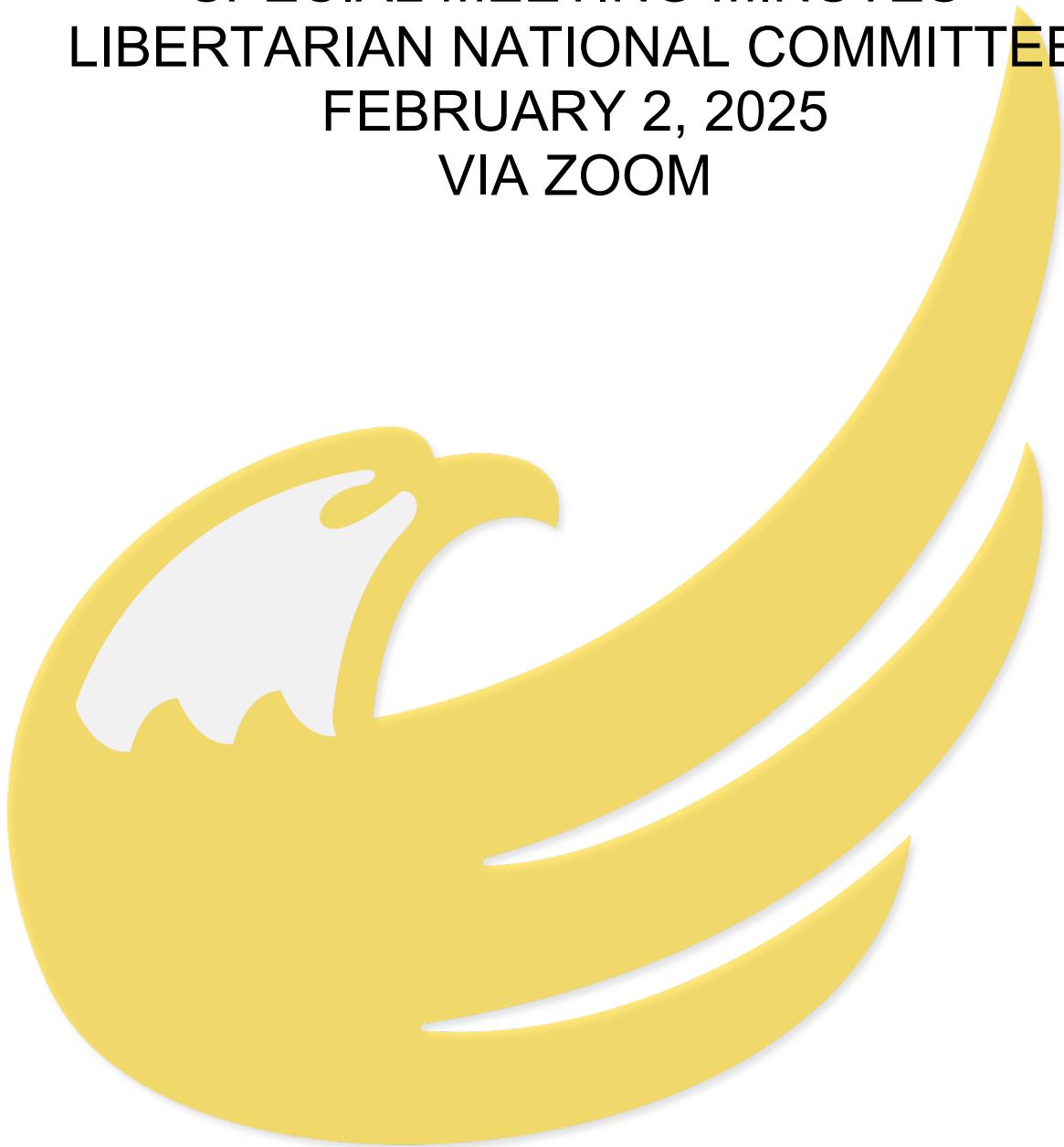


SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 2, 2025
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Points of Order, Rulings, and substantive objections will be indicated in **BOLD RED TEXT**.

All vote results rulings will be set off by ***BOLD ITALICS***.

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OPENING CEREMONY

CALL TO ORDER AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Due to vacancies in the offices of Chair and Vice-Chair, Secretary Harlos called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. (all times Eastern).

HOUSEKEEPING

ATTENDANCE

The following were in attendance:

Officers: Caryn Ann Harlos (Secretary), Bill Redpath (Treasurer)

At-Large Representatives: Travis Bost, Steven Nekhaila, Robert Vinson, Andrew Watkins, Kathy Yeniscavich

Regional Representatives: Roman Garcia (Region 1), Aron Lam (Region 1), Jonathan McGee (Region 2), Paul Darr (Region 3S), Dustin Nanna (Region 3N), Meredith Hays (Region 4), Otto Dassing (Region 5), Pat Ford (Region 6)

Regional Alternates:¹ Andrew Chadderdon (Region 1), Vacant (Region 1), Matt Johnson (Region 2), Greg Hertzsch (Region 3N), Keith Thompson (Region 3S), Adrian F Malagon (Region 4), Paul Bracco (Region 5), Ben Weir (Region 6)

Absent: None

Staff: Hannah Kennedy (Executive Director) and contractor Michael Heise was present as Chair candidate and in that role.

Additional Attendees: None

The gallery contained many attendees totaling nearly two hundred.

ELECTION OF CHAIR PRO TEM

Ms. Yeniscavich moved to appoint Adrian F Malagon as Chair pro tem for this meeting.

A roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

¹ Mr. Malagon informed Secretary Harlos that Region 1 Alternate Nick Shawhan missed two (2) consecutive in-person meetings and thus is considered to have vacated his seat pursuant to Bylaw Article 7.6.

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Bost		X	
Darr/Thompson	X		
Dassing/Bracco		X	
Ford/Weir			X
Garcia/Vacant	X		
Harlos			X
Hays/Malagon	X		
Lam/Chadderdon		X	
McGee/Johnson	X		
Nanna/Hertzsch	X		
Nekhaila	X		
Redpath	X		
Vinson	X		
Watkins		X	
Yeniscavich	X		
TOTALS	9	4	2

This motion **PASSED** with a roll call vote of 9-4-2.

Secretary Harlos passed the gavel to Mr. Malagon. Region 4 Representative Ms. Hays ceded her vote to Region 4 Alternate Mr. Malagon.

Mr. Watkins **APPEALED** from the implicit ruling of the Chair that the prior vote was invalid on the grounds that open nominations were required. Chair *pro tem* Malagon ruled the Appeal **NOT WELL-TAKEN** as dilatory.

PURPOSE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A proposed Agenda with all noticed items was previously submitted as follows:

<i>Opening Ceremony</i>			
	Call to Order by Secretary and attendance		7:00 p.m.
	Election of Meeting Chair <i>pro tem</i>		5 Minutes
	Opportunity for Public Comment (2 minutes each)		10 Minutes
	Attendance		5 Minutes
<i>New Business with Previous Notice</i>			
1.	Population of Audit Committee	Yeniscavich	10 Minutes
2.	Election of LNC Chair	Nanna	30 Minutes
3.	Election of LNC Vice-Chair	Hays	30 Minutes
4.	Appointment of McArdle Post-Resignation Investigatory Committee Discharge of McArdle Pre-Resignation Investigatory Committee	Hays Darr	30 Minutes
5.	Restore Secretary's Access	Darr	15 Minutes
6.	Amend the 10/6/24 and 11/9/24 motions to include marginal notes about Judicial Committee decisions	Harlos	10 Minutes

7.	Correction to 2024 Convention minutes in the form of a new appendix to add at least two names to delegate list	Harlos	5 Minutes
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Closing Ceremony

Announcements and Adjournment 10:00 p.m.
***times are approximate, if items take as long as allotted, meeting will go over, and there are likely breaks*

Chair pro tem Malagon moved to adopt the agenda as submitted with the public comment item stricken.

A roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Bost		X	
Darr/Thompson	X		
Dassing/Bracco		X	
Ford/Weir		X	
Garcia/Vacant	X		
Harlos	X		
Hays/Malagon	X		
Lam/Chadderdon		X	
McGee/Johnson	X		
Nanna/Hertzsch	X		
Nekhaila	X		
Redpath	X		
Vinson		X	
Watkins		X	
Yeniscavich	X		
TOTALS	9	6	0

This motion **PASSED** with a roll call vote of 9-6-0.

NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE

POPULATION OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

A call for applications was previously sent by the LNC and the following persons submitted applications:²

- Richard Bowen
- Terrence Cahill
- Colin Fitzgerald

² Ms. Yeniscavich was previously elected as the LNC representative to the Audit Committee.

- Bonnie Flaherty
- Laurence Gillis
- Allison Heubert
- Daniel John
- Douglas Knebel
- Kat McElroy
- Phillip Reinhardt

NOMINATIONS FOR AUDIT COMMITTEE

- Ms. Yeniscavich nominated Richard Bowen and Douglas Knebel.
- Mr. Bost nominated Daniel John.
- Mr. Vinson nominated Kat McElroy.

Nominations were then closed.

All applicants spoke to their nomination except for Dr. McElroy who was not present but had indicated acceptance of her nomination.

Ms. Hays indicated that she would like to re-claim her vote for this item of business.

Ms. Yeniscavich moved to elect by slate (Bowen/Knebel and John/McElroy) and if no majority is reached, then individually.

The Yeniscavich motion **FAILED WITHOUT OBJECTION**.

Mr. Nanna moved to conduct a ballot vote with all four (4) candidates with each eligible LNC member voting for up to two (2) candidates.³

The Nanna motion **PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION**.

A roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

ELECTION OF NON-LNC MEMBERS OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE		
BALLOT NUMBER: 20250202-01		
VOTING METHOD: Select up to two (2)		
CANDIDATE	VOTE TOTALS	LNC RECORDED VOTES 13 BALLOTS CAST
Bowen	9	Darr, Dassing, Ford, Garcia, Hays, McGee, Nanna, Nekhaila, Yeniscavich
John	5	Bost, Dassing, Lam, Vinson, Watkins
Knebel	7	Darr, Garcia, Hays, McGee, Nanna, Nekhaila, Yeniscavich

³ Bylaws Article 9.2 states that Audit Committee is elected by non-Officer members of the LNC.

ELECTION OF NON-LNC MEMBERS OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

BALLOT NUMBER: 20250202-01

VOTING METHOD: Select up to two (2)

CANDIDATE	VOTE TOTALS	LNC RECORDED VOTES 13 BALLOTS CAST
McElroy	4	Bost, Ford, Lam, Vinson
NOTA	0	

Richard Bowen and Douglas Knebel were elected to the Audit Committee.

Mr. Chadderdon noted that the Region 1 Chairs had made an emergency vote to remove Mr. Garcia from his position effective immediately.

Secretary Harlos raised a **POINT OF ORDER** noting that an emergency vote is not a possibility under the Region 1 agreement which requires a three (3) day ballot. Secretary Harlos stated that such a ballot would expire at midnight in some time zone in Region 1 or the Party custom of Pacific time and such a time had not yet been reached. Secretary Harlos further noted that Mr. Lam was likely not officially elected at this time either as there had not been sufficient time for a three (3) day ballot since Mr. Haman's resignation.

Chair *pro tem* Malagon ruled the Point of Order **WELL-TAKEN** under the Region 1 agreement and that Mr. Garcia retains his seat.

ELECTION OF LNC CHAIR

Mr. Watkins moved to postpone the elections of LNC Chair and Vice-Chair to a special meeting to be held February 23, 2025 at 7pm Eastern.

Mr. Nanna moved to end debate.

A roll call vote was conducted on ending debate with the following results:⁴

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Bost		X	
Darr/Thompson	X		
Dassing/Bracco		X	
Ford/Weir		X	
Garcia/Vacant	X		
Harlos	X		
Hays/Malagon	X		
Lam/Chadderdon		X	

⁴ Ms. Hays ceded back her vote to Mr. Malagon. Mr. Lam notified the LNC that the ballot to remove Mr. Garcia as Region 1 Representative was started on January 30, 2025. Chair *pro tem* Malagon noted that three days have not elapsed and asked if Mr. Garcia would like to weigh in. Mr. Garcia stated he would not. Mr. Garcia remained in his voting seat.

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
McGee/Johnson	X		
Nanna/Hertzsch	X		
Nekhaila	X		
Redpath	X		
Vinson		X	
Watkins		X	
Yeniscavich	X		
TOTALS	9	6	0

This motion **FAILED** with a roll call vote of 9-6-0.

A roll call vote was conducted on the Watkins motion with the following results:

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Bost	X		
Darr/Thompson		X	
Dassing/Bracco	X		
Ford/Weir	X		
Garcia/Vacant	X		
Harlos		X	
Hays/Malagon		X	
Lam/Chadderdon	X		
McGee/Johnson		X	
Nanna/Hertzsch		X	
Nekhaila		X	
Redpath		X	
Vinson	X		
Watkins	X		
Yeniscavich		X	
TOTALS	7	8	0

This motion **FAILED** with a roll call vote of 7-8-0.

NOMINATIONS FOR LNC CHAIR

- Mr. Nanna nominated Steven Nekhaila.
- Mr. Vinson nominated Michael Heise.

Each candidate spoke to their nomination.

Nominations were then closed.

Mr. Watkins then attempted to nominate Justin Amash after nominations were closed but not permitted. No one moved to re-open nominations.⁵

RECESS AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR FOR QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION

Each candidate fielded questions and answers from the LNC from 8:46 p.m. through 10:13 p.m.

VOTING FOR LNC CHAIR

Mr. Ford moved for a twenty-minute recess in order to poll his state chairs. The motion DIED for lack of second.

Mr. Lam indicated that he believed that since Secretary Harlos had mentioned earlier that his election as Region 1 Representative may not have yet been in effect that his presence voting at this meeting invalidates the whole meeting. Chair *pro tem* Malagon agreed with Secretary Harlos that such a question would only arise if his vote was the deciding vote on any question which it has not been.⁶

Mr. Watkins moved to adjourn.

A roll call vote was conducted on the Watkins motion with the following results:

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Bost	X		
Darr/Thompson		X	
Dassing/Bracco	X		
Ford/Weir	X		
Garcia/Vacant	X		
Harlos		X	
Hays/Malagon		X	
Lam/Chadderdon	X		
McGee/Johnson		X	
Nanna/Hertzsch		X	
Nekhaila		X	
Redpath		X	

⁵ There was further no indication that Mr. Amash would accept a nomination.

⁶ There is no possible scenario with challenges to either Mr. Garcia or Mr. Lam that any vote result would change. Region 1 had two voting seats, but only one alternate, Mr. Chadderdon. If Mr. Lam were cut out, and if Mr. Chadderdon voted for Mr. Heise, the vote would be identical; and if he voted for Mr. Nekhaila the winning total would be higher. If Mr. Garcia were cut out, and Mr. Chadderdon voted for Mr. Heise, Mr. Nekhaila would still have prevailed by one vote, and if he voted for Mr. Nekhaila, the winning total would be higher. If both Mr. Lam and Mr. Garcia were cut out, Mr. Chadderdon could only vote once, resulting in either an 8-6 vote or a 9-5 vote in favor of Mr. Nekhaila. There is no possible scenario in which either of the potentially challenged seats, and any other votes, in which these challenges would have made a difference. For the rest of the meeting, Secretary Harlos confirmed with Mr. Chadderdon that his vote would have been identical to Mr. Lam. In cases where he differed with Mr. Garcia, it would not have made a difference.

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Vinson	X		
Watkins	X		
Yeniscavich		X	
TOTALS	7	8	0

This motion **FAILED** with a roll call vote of 7-8-0.

A roll call vote on the LNC Chair race was conducted with the following results:

ELECTION OF LNC CHAIR		
BALLOT NUMBER: 20250202-02		
VOTING METHOD: Pick One		
CANDIDATE	VOTE TOTALS	LNC RECORDED VOTES 15 BALLOTS CAST
Heise ⁷	6	Bost, Dassing, Ford, Lam, Vinson, Watkins
Nekhaila	9	Darr, Garcia, Harlos, Malagon, McGee, Nanna, Nekhaila, Redpath, Yeniscavich
NOTA	0	

Mr. Nekhaila was elected as LNC Chair with 9 votes.

ELECTION OF LNC VICE-CHAIR

Chair Nekhaila asked for Malagon to remain in Chair seat *pro tem* through the LNC Vice-Chair election.

NOMINATIONS FOR LNC VICE-CHAIR

- Chair Nekhaila nominated Paul Darr.
- Mr. Lam nominated Andrew Watkins who later declined.

Mr. Darr spoke to his nomination.

Nominations were closed via a motion to appoint Mr. Darr as LNC Vice-Chair by Treasurer Redpath.

VOTING FOR LNC VICE-CHAIR

A roll call vote on the LNC Vice-Chair race was conducted with the following results:

⁷ As a courtesy, Secretary Harlos stated she would note in the minutes that Mr. Bracco would also have voted for Mr. Heise if his voted would have counted instead of Mr. Dassing's vote which was also for Mr. Heise.

ELECTION OF LNC VICE-CHAIR

BALLOT NUMBER: 20250202-03

VOTING METHOD: Pick One

CANDIDATE	VOTE TOTALS	LNC RECORDED VOTES 15 BALLOTS CAST
Darr	9	Garcia, Harlos, Malagon, McGee, Nanna, Nekhaila, Redpath, Thompson, Yeniscavich
NOTA	5	Bost, Dassing, Lam, Vinson, Watkins
Abstain	1	Ford

Mr. Darr was elected as LNC Vice-Chair with 9 votes.

Mr. Malagon passed the gavel back to Chair Nekhaila.

DISMISSAL OF PRIOR INVESTIGATORY COMMITTEE/APPOINTMENT OF NEW INVESTIGATORY COMMITTEE

Ms. Hays moved to appoint a special committee to investigate issues of conflict of interest and business practices of the Libertarian National Committee, consisting of six (6) members of the LNC and one non-LNC member. [20250202-04]

Mr. Bost moved to amend to comprise four (4) LNC members and three (3) non-LNC members.

Mr. Redpath moved a substitute motion comprised of the three (3) members of the Audit Committee and Treasurer Redpath.

A roll call vote was conducted on the Redpath substitute with the following results:

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Bost	X		
Darr	X		
Dassing/Bracco	X		
Ford/Weir			X
Garcia/Vacant	X		
Harlos	X		
Hays/Malagon	X		
Lam/Chadderdon	X		
McGee/Johnson	X		
Nanna/Hertzsch	X		
Nekhaila			X
Redpath	X		

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Vacant/Thompson ⁸	X		
Watkins			X
Yeniscavich	X		
TOTALS	12	0	3

This motion **PASSED** with a roll call vote of 12-0-3.

The Redpath substitute became the primary amendment so that if adopted the motion would read as follows:

Appoint a special committee to investigate issues of conflict of interest and business practices of the Libertarian National Committee, comprised of the three (3) members of the Audit Committee, and Treasurer Redpath.

Mr. Malagon moved to substitute the Redpath amendment so that the committee would comprise Mr. Darr, Mr. Nekhaila, Mr. Weir, Mr. Garcia, Ms. Yeniscavich, Mr. Redpath, and Mr. Bowen.

Mr. Knebel spoke regarding poor wording in his email to the LNC and assured the LNC that he has no pre-determined conclusions.

A roll call vote was conducted on the Malagon substitute with the following results:

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Bost		X	
Darr	X		
Dassing/Bracco		X	
Ford/Weir			X
Garcia/Vacant	X		
Harlos	X		
Hays/Malagon	X		
Lam/Chadderdon		X	
McGee/Johnson	X		
Nanna/Hertzsch	X		
Nekhaila			X
Redpath	X		
Vacant/Thompson	X		
Watkins			X
Yeniscavich	X		
TOTALS	9	3	3

⁸ Even though Mr. Thompson will not auto-ascend to Region 3 South Representative, at this meeting that seat is vacant, and Chair Nekhaila ruled that he would have a voting seat at this meeting.

This motion **PASSED** with a roll call vote of 9-3-3.

The Malagon substitute became the primary amendment so that if adopted the main motion would read as follows:

Appoint a special committee to investigate issues of conflict of interest and business practices of the Libertarian National Committee, comprised of Mr. Darr, Mr. Nekhaila, Mr. Weir, Mr. Garcia, Ms. Yeniscavich, Mr. Redpath, and Mr. Bowen.

Ms. Yeniscavich moved to amend to add Mr. Knebel to the committee membership.

A roll call vote was conducted on the Yeniscavich with the following results:

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Bost			X
Darr	X		
Dassing/Bracco		X	
Ford/Weir			X
Garcia/Vacant	X		
Harlos			X
Hays/Malagon	X		
Lam/Chadderdon		X	
McGee/Johnson	X		
Nanna/Hertzsch	X		
Nekhaila			X
Redpath	X		
Vacant/Thompson	X		
Watkins			X
Yeniscavich	X		
TOTALS	8	2	5

This motion **PASSED** with a roll call vote of 8-2-5.

The Yeniscavich amendment is now included in the primary amendment so that if adopted, the main motion would read as follows:

Appoint a special committee to investigate issues of conflict of interest and business practices of the Libertarian National Committee, comprised of Mr. Darr, Mr. Nekhaila, Mr. Weir, Mr. Garcia, Ms. Yeniscavich, Mr. Redpath, Mr. Bowen, and Mr. Knebel.

The primary amendment was adopted **WITHOUT OBJECTION**.

Secretary Harlos moved to amend to insert “allegations of misconduct of the former Chair” after “Libertarian National Committee” and before “comprised of...”

A roll call vote was conducted on Harlos amendment as follows:

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Bost		X	
Darr		X	
Dassing/Bracco		X	
Ford/Weir			X
Garcia/Vacant			X
Harlos	X		
Hays/Malagon		X	
Lam/Chadderdon		X	
McGee/Johnson		X	
Nanna/Hertzsch		X	
Nekhaila			X
Redpath			X
Vacant/Thompson	X		
Yeniscavich			
TOTALS	2	7	4

This motion **FAILED** with a roll call vote of 2-7-4.

WITHOUT OBJECTION, Mr. McGhee moved to end debate.

The main motion as previously amended reads as follows:

Appoint a special committee to investigate issues of conflict of interest and business practices of the Libertarian National Committee, comprised of Mr. Darr, Mr. Nekhaila, Mr. Weir, Mr. Garcia, Ms. Yeniscavich, Mr. Redpath, Mr. Bowen, and Mr. Knebel.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Bost			X
Darr	X		
Dassing/Bracco			X
Ford/Weir			X
Garcia/Vacant	X		
Harlos	X		
Hays/Malagon	X		
Lam/Chadderdon		X	
McGee/Johnson	X		
Nanna/Hertzsch	X		
Nekhaila			X
Redpath	X		
Vacant/Thompson	X		

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Yeniscavich	X		
TOTALS	9	1	4

This motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 9-1-4. [20250202-04]

RESTORE SECRETARY'S ACCESS

Chair Nekhaila ruled the noticed Darr motion **OUT OF ORDER** because the past Chair's directives were Out of Order as the LNC cannot overrule the Judicial Committee whose decision is final. He will be working with the Secretary's access with appropriate safeguards regarding the current derivative suits.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Malagon moved to adjourn.

A roll call vote was conducted on the motion with the following results:

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Darr	X		
Ford/Weir			X
Garcia/Vacant	X		
Harlos	X		
Hays/Malagon	X		
Lam/Chadderdon		X	
McGee/Johnson	X		
Nanna/Hertzsch	X		
Nekhaila			X
Redpath	X		
Vacant/Thompson	X		
Yeniscavich	X		
TOTALS	9	1	2

This motion **PASSED** with a roll call vote of 9-1-2.

The LNC adjourned for the day at 11:39 p.m.

After adjournment, Chair Nekhaila noted this ruling that he made on the LNC internal list:

Dear Colleagues,

I rule the prior Chair's unilateral granting of an honorary Life Membership to President Trump as being in violation of the Party Bylaws. RONR 47:41 states that if there are to be honorary officers or honorary members they must be authorized by the bylaws. Our

bylaws do not specifically authorize honorary memberships. Moreso, without a formal signing of the non-aggression pledge an honorary membership is void, and any such power to grant such a membership would be reserved to the body that is the Libertarian National Committee, not a unilateral decision by the Chair. As such, honorary memberships are fictitious and not supported by our bylaws, and thus null and void.

Sincerely,
Steven Nekhaila
Chairman, Libertarian National Committee

TABLE OF NUMBERED MOTIONS/BALLOTS

*Note that the master log of motions in 2025 can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/LNCVotes2025>

ID#	Motion/Ballot	Result
20250202-01	Elect Non-LNC members of Audit Committee	ELECTED
20250202-02	Elect LNC Chair	ELECTED
20250202-03	Elect LNC Vice-Chair	ELECTED
20250202-04	Appoint Investigatory Committee	PASSED

Respectfully submitted,



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