SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE
AUGUST 2, 2026
VIA ZOOM

PREPARED BY JONATHAN MCGEE, LNC SECRETARY

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Points of Order, Rulings, and substantive objections will be indicated in **BOLD RED TEXT**.

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OPENING CEREMONY

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Evan McMahon called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. (all times Eastern)

ATTENDANCE

The following were in attendance:

Officers: Evan McMahon (Chair), Amanda Griffiths (Vice-Chair), Jonathan McGee (Secretary), Doug Knebel (Treasurer)

At-Large Representatives: Richard Longstreth, Steven Nekhaila, Kelly Nguyen, Bill Redpath, Keith Thompson

Regional Representatives: Austin Martin (Region 1), Joe Hannoush (Region 2), Dustin Coffell (Region 3), Mimi Robson (Region 4), Susan Hogarth (Region 5), Alfa Shaw (Region 6), Olivia Hayse (Region 7), Tyler Danke (Region 8), Alex Flores (Region 9)

Regional Alternates: Sonja Feintech (Region 1), Omar Recuero (Region 2), Greg Hertzsch (Region 3), Barbara Engelhardt (Region 4), Travis Bost (Region 5), Pat Ford (Region 6), Michelle Wigington (Region 7), Rose Leatherman (Region 8), Jesse Phillips (Region 9)

Absent: None

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The following persons spoke in public comment:

- George Phillies (MA)
- Connor Plonka (FL)
- Lydia Christensen (MI)
- Caryn Ann Harlos (CO)
- Starchild (CA)
- Addison Patrick (FL)

HOUSEKEEPING

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Chair previously submitted a proposed agenda as follows:

1.	**Opening Ceremony**	**Recognized**	**20 Minutes**
	A. Call to Order	*Chair McMahon*	
	B. Attendance Roll Call	*Secretary McGee*	10 Minutes
	C. Opportunity for Public Comment *(2 Minutes per Person)*	—	10 Minutes
2.	**Housekeeping**		**5 Minutes**
	A. Adoption of the Agenda	—	5 Minutes
3.	**Standing Items**		**45 Minutes**
	A. Financial Report	*Treasurer Knebel*	5 Minutes
	B. Staff Reports	*ED Dasbach*	5 Minutes
	C. Convention Oversight Committee Report/Update	*Mr. Ford*	5 Minutes
	D. Legal Updates from Council (McArdle, NM IP/BA, FEC) – ***EXECTUIVE SESSION***	*Mr. Hall*	30 Minutes
4.	**Old Business**		**15 Minutes**
	A. Policy Manual Amendment – Affiliate Petitions	*Vice-Chair Griffiths*	15 Minutes
5.	**New Business**		**30 Minutes**
	A. LNC Budget Amendment – Legal – ***EXECUTIVE SESSION***	*Chair McMahon*	30 Minutes
6.	**Closing Ceremony**		**15 Minutes**
	A. Announcements (If Applicable)	—	10 Minutes
	B. Adjournment	—	5 Minutes

Mr. Hannoush moved to adopt the agenda.

WITHOUT OBJECTION, the agenda was adopted.

STANDING ITEMS

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Knebel delivered a preliminary financial update because the official numbers for July were not ready yet and answered questions from the LNC.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Interim Executive Director Steve Dasbach submitted a written report, discussing some of the highlights such as the hiring of a new Communications Director, and answered questions from the LNC.

CONVENTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT/UPDATE

Mr. Ford submitted a preliminary written report. Mr. Ford addressed the LNC regarding the particulars of the final report.

*Mr. Longstreth moved to extend time by ten (10) minutes. **WITHOUT OBJECTION**, time was extended.*

*Chair McMahon moved to adopt the preliminary report as the final report. **WITHOUT OBJECTION**, the final report was adopted.*

Mr. Ford answered question from the LNC.

*Mr. Flores moved to extend time by five (5) minutes. **WITHOUT OBJECTION**, time was extended.*

Chair McMahon called Mr. Martin to order after Mr. Martin engaged in ad hominem towards the members of the LNC.

After Mr. Martin continued to argue with Chair McMahon, the Chair called Mr. Martin to order a second time.

After further crosstalk, Chair McMahon asked the LNC if Mr. Martin should be muted. ***WITHOUT OBJECTION***, Mr. Martin was muted.

LEGAL UPDATE FROM COUNSEL (EXECUTIVE SESSION)

Mr. Danke moved that the LNC enter executive session.

Prior to entering executive session Mr. Martin repeatedly unmuted himself and continued to disrupt the meeting.

Chair McMahon asked the LNC as a **POINT OF ORDER**, “Shall the member be removed from the meeting for continued disruption?”

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

Member/Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Coffell/Hertzsch	X		
Danke/Leatherman	X		
Flores/Phillips			X
Griffiths	X		
Hannoush/Recuero	X		
Hayse/Wigington			X
Hogarth/Bost	X		
Knebel	X		
Longstreth			X
Martin/**Feintech**		X	
McGee			X
Nekhaila	X		
Nguyen	X		
Redpath	X		
Robson/Engelhardt	X		
Shaw/Ford			X
Thompson	X		
McMahon	X		
TOTAL	12	1	5

The motion PASSED by a vote of 12-1-5. **[20260802-01]**

Mr. Martin was **REMOVED** from the meeting.

WITHOUT OBJECTION, the LNC entered executive session at 8:00 pm.

The LNC exited executive session and Chair McMahon called the meeting back to order at 8:54 pm.

Upon being called back to order, a second attendance roll call was taken with the following results:

Officers: Evan McMahon (Chair), Amanda Griffiths (Vice-Chair), Jonathan McGee (Secretary), Doug Knebel (Treasurer)

At-Large Representatives: Richard Longstreth, Steven Nekhaila, Kelly Nguyen, Bill Redpath, Keith Thompson

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Absent: **Austin Martin (Region 1) [REMOVED]**, Greg Hertzsch (Region 3)

OLD BUSINESS

POLICY MANUAL AMENDMENT – AFFILIATE PETITIONS

Vice-Chair Griffiths moved the following amendment to Section 1.05.2 of the Policy Manual:

2) Affiliate Petitions

Organizations that wish to become state-level affiliate parties shall apply for such status on the petition form in the Appendix. ~~***The LNC shall only consider a petition for affiliation if:***~~

~~***1. The petitioners held a public physical or virtual meeting that was open to all current national Party members at the time notice of an organizing convention was issued residing in the state in which all of those members had an equal voice in adopting bylaws and electing leadership.***~~

~~***2. Reasonable notice shall be sent to all current national Party members at the time notice of an organizing convention was issued residing in the state and to the LNC Chair and Secretary.***~~

The Secretary or Chair shall forward the request to all LNC members. The LNC or the Executive Committee may, but is not required to, publish the notice via its resources to the potential attendees.

Mr. Shaw moved to amend the motion as follows:

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2. Reasonable notice shall be sent to all current national Party members at the time notice of an organizing convention was issued residing in the state and to the LNC Chair and Secretary.

The Secretary or Chair shall forward the request to all LNC members. The LNC or the Executive Committee may, but is not required to, publish the notice via its resources to the potential attendees.

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

Member/Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Coffell/Hertzsch		X	
Danke/Leatherman		X	
Flores/Phillips		X	
Griffiths		X	
Hannoush/**Recuero**		X	
Hayse/Wigington		X	
Hogarth/Bost		X	
Knebel		X	
Longstreth		X	
~~Martin*~~/**Feintech**		X	
McGee		X	
Nekhaila			X
Nguyen		X	

Redpath		X	
Robson/Engelhardt		X	
Shaw/Ford	X		
Thompson		X	
McMahon			X
TOTAL	**1**	**15**	**2**

*Mr. Martin could not vote on account of being **REMOVED** from the meeting.

The motion ***FAILED*** by a vote of 1-15-2. **[20260802-02]**

*Vice-Chair Griffiths moved to extend time by ten (10) minutes. The motion **FAILED** by a show of hands.*

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

Member/Alternate	**Yes**	**No**	**Abstain**
Coffell/Hertzsch	X		
Danke/Leatherman	X		
Flores/Phillips		X	
Griffiths	X		
Hannoush/**Recuero**	X		
Hayse/Wigington	X		
Hogarth/Bost		X	
Knebel	X		
Longstreth	X		
~~Martin*~~/**Feintech**		X	
McGee	X		
Nekhaila	X		
Nguyen	X		
Redpath	X		
Robson/Engelhardt	X		
Shaw/Ford		X	
Thompson	X		
McMahon			X

TOTAL	13	4	1

*Mr. Martin could not vote on account of being **REMOVED** from the meeting.

The motion PASSED by a vote of 13-4-1. **[20260802-03]**

NEW BUSINESS

LNC BUDGET AMENDMENT – LEGAL

WITHOUT OBJECTION, Vice-Chair Griffiths moved that the LNC enter executive session at 9:17 pm.

The LNC exited executive session and Chair McMahon called the meeting back to order at 9:59 pm.

Vice-Chair Griffiths moved to increase the 2026 LNC Budget line item Legal-Proactive by $80,000.

Mr. Thompson moved to amend the motion such that $40,000 is authorized for existing legal bills in New Mexico and to fund mediation, and to earmark $40,000 for potential legal action against former Chair Angela McArdle.

*Mr. Redpath moved to extend time by ten (10) minutes. **WITHOUT OBJECTION**, time was extended.*

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

Member/Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Coffell/Hertzsch	X		
Danke/Leatherman	X		
Flores/Phillips	X		
Griffiths	X		
Hannoush/Recuero	X		
Hayse/Wigington	X		
Hogarth/Bost	X		
Knebel		X	
Longstreth	X		
~~Martin*~~/**Feintech**			X
McGee	X		

Nekhaila	X		
Nguyen	X		
Redpath		X	
Robson/Engelhardt	X		
Shaw/Ford		X	
Thompson	X		
McMahon			X
TOTAL	13	3	2

*Mr. Martin could not vote on account of being **REMOVED** from the meeting.

*The motion **PASSED** by a vote of 13-3-2.* **[20260802-04]**

Mr. Thompson moved to divide the question to consider the two $40,000 earmarks as separate questions.

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

Member/Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Coffell/Hertzsch		X	
Danke/Leatherman	X		
Flores/Phillips	X		
Griffiths	X		
Hannoush/Recuero			X
Hayse/Wigington		X	
Hogarth/Bost	X		
Knebel		X	
Longstreth	X		
~~Martin*~~/**Feintech**		X	
McGee		X	
Nekhaila		X	
Nguyen		X	
Redpath		X	
Robson/Engelhardt		X	
Shaw/Ford		X	
Thompson	X		

McMahon			X
TOTAL	6	10	2

*Mr. Martin could not vote on account of being **REMOVED** from the meeting.

The motion ***FAILED*** by a vote of 6-10-2. **[20260802-05]**

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

Member/Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Coffell/Hertzsch	X		
Danke/Leatherman	X		
Flores/Phillips		X	
Griffiths	X		
Hannoush/Recuero	X		
Hayse/Wigington	X		
Hogarth/Bost		X	
Knebel	X		
Longstreth			X
~~Martin*~~/**Feintech**			X
McGee	X		
Nekhaila	X		
Nguyen	X		
Redpath	X		
Robson/Engelhardt	X		
Shaw/Ford			X
Thompson	X		
McMahon	X		
TOTAL	13	2	3

*Mr. Martin could not vote on account of being **REMOVED** from the meeting.

The motion PASSED by a vote of 13-2-3. **[20260802-06]**

ADJOURNMENT

WITHOUT OBJECTION, the LNC adjourned at 10:22 p.m. ET on August 2, 2026.

TABLE OF NUMBERED BALLOTS

ID#	Ballot	Result
20260802-01	Removal of Austin Martin from the Meeting	**PASSED**
20260802-02	Amendment to Policy Manual Amendment	**FAILED**
20260802-03	Policy Manual Amendment – Affiliate Petitions	**PASSED**
20260802-04	Amendment to LNC Budget Amendment	**PASSED**
20260802-05	Motion to Divide LNC Budget Amendment	**FAILED**
20260802-06	LNC Budget Amendment	**PASSED**

Respectfully submitted,

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