

**MEETING MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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LEGEND: text to be inserted, ~~text to be deleted~~, unchanged existing text, *substantive 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/lncvotestally2020>.

All vote results, challenges, and rulings will be set off by *bold italics*.

The recording for this meeting can be found here:

http://lpedia.org/LNC_Executive_Committee_Meeting_9_January_2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Nicholas J. Sarwark called the meeting of the Executive Committee (ExComm) to order at 9:01 p.m. (all times Eastern Standard Time).

ATTENDANCE

Executive Committee Members Present: Nicholas J. Sarwark (Chair), Tim Hagan (Treasurer), Caryn Ann Harlos (Secretary), Sam Goldstein (At-Large Representative), Jim Lark (Region 5 Representative), Bill Redpath (At-Large Representative)

Executive Committee Members Absent: Alex Merced (Vice-Chair)

Other LNC Members Present: None

Staff Present: Bob Johnston (Candidate and Affiliate Support)

Other Participants Present: None

Gallery: None

PURPOSE

Consideration of an encumbrance for Maryland ballot access drive. Information for the discussion was previously distributed to the Executive Committee and is attached as **Appendix A**.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Redpath moved to encumber \$15,000 of LNC cash to assist in the Libertarian Party of Maryland petition drive. [200109-1]

Relevant Background

This issue may end up moot as there is ongoing litigation over the fact that there are approximately 22,000 registered Libertarians in the state of Maryland, yet the state is requiring the affiliate to obtain 10,000 signatures to show sufficient support to be included on the ballot. This litigation failed in the US District Court for the District of Maryland and is presently under appeal with the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals with oral argument scheduled for January 29, 2020. A decision could take several months to come down.

The affiliate presently has 500 gross signatures in hand. The deadline for this drive is August 3, 2020. Apollo Pazell has come up with an experimental plan which is described in **Appendix A** in order to successfully accomplish this drive. There is a possibility of great cost savings as

petitioners will not be paid per signature. Going rates for signatures have skyrocketed as high as \$15 per signature being paid by the Bloomberg (D) presidential campaign in Maine.

Discussion

Mr. Goldstein raised some legal concerns regarding whether or not the petitioners hired under these circumstances would be considered employees for purposes of worker's compensation insurance and requested that this issue be reviewed by Oliver Hall, Esq. Ms. Harlos and Dr. Lark inquired about any liability risks. Mr. Sarwark indicated that the Party has an umbrella liability policy.

Mr. Redpath noted that the Libertarian Party of Maryland is also contributing \$15,000 towards this drive. These petitioners would also be used in other states if this strategy is fruitful. It is essential that this Maryland drive be completed prior to the Illinois petition drive beginning in approximately ten (10) weeks. Any registered voter can sign the Maryland petition.

Mr. Hagan asked about how performance metrics would be evaluated considering that the petitioners would not be per paid per signature. Mr. Pazell is requiring that each petitioner average five hundred (500) signatures per week. The expenses would be handled through the national Party's account.

Mr. Goldstein moved to the amend the Redpath motion as follows:

*Move to encumber \$15,000 of LNC **cash funds** to assist in the Libertarian Party of Maryland petition drive **with a proviso that this would not go into effect until counsel advises that the Party will not incur undue liability.***

The amendment **PASSED** without objection.

Voting then proceeded on the amended main motion as follows:

Member	Aye	Nay	Abst.
Goldstein	X		
Hagan	X		
Harlos	X		
Lark	X		
Redpath	X		
Sarwark			X
TOTALS	5	0	1

This motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 5-0-1. [200109-1]

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection at 9:27 p.m.

TABLE OF NUMBERED MOTIONS/BALLOTS

ID#	Motion/Ballot	Result
200109-1	Encumber \$15,000 for Maryland ballot access drive.	PASSED

TABLE OF APPENDICES

Appendix	Title	Author
A	Memo regarding ballot access experiment	Bill Redpath

Respectfully Submitted,

Caryn Ann Harlos

LNC Secretary

Objective:

To increase efficiency and reduce cost of annual ballot access drives by using flat rate contractors.

Overview:

Hire a team of petitioners to collect a minimum number of weekly signatures at a flat monthly rate of pay. Transportation and housing will be provided and the petitioners will be retained for the duration of the ballot drive into the political canvassing season. For the first leg, the canvassers will train for a week with petitioning experts in Alabama then transition to Maryland.

Petitioners will be provided a place to live and transportation while they are in each state. The petitioners will work as a team, being driven to respective petition locations at the beginning of their shift and transported back home at the end. The vehicle, either a six person mini-van or a passenger van, will be rented by the LNC for the duration of the petition. For housing, we will rent AirBnB's on a monthly basis. For the Maryland signature drive, Apollo Pazell will spend the first three weeks with the team and intermittently onward. As of now no petitioners have been hired, there are some that have been interviewed and promising candidates, but the hiring is on hold until we get the green light.

Canvassers will be asked to collect 500 signatures a week, with a team of five petitioners being able to collect 10,000 gross signatures a month.

The estimated cost per month is \$17,000.00

Monthly Costs	Monthly Expense	Bonus Schedule	Notes
Canvassing lead	\$2,600	\$0.05	Per total valid signatures of team
Canvasser	\$2,100	\$0.10	Per individual valid signatures
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Bonus total		\$2,250.00	
Housing	\$2,000		
Vehicle	\$1,625	\$18,000	First option is rental, second is purchase

Flights	TBD	Transit for canvassers
Total w/ rental car	\$16,875	
Total w/ purchase	\$33,250.0	
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