



**Minutes from LP Oregon Board Meeting**  
**Oct. 15, 2025**  
**7 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order** - The regular meeting of the Libertarian Party of Oregon (LPO) board of directors was called to order on Wednesday, 10/15/2025, at 7:06 PM by Zoom, the Chair being in the chair.

Attendance was as follows:

**Present Remotely**

Richard Burke  
Sonja Feintech  
Benjamin Feintech  
Peter VandenBerg  
Rob Rhoads  
Joe Christman  
Michelle Binker

**Absent**

Matt Rowe (Exc)  
Tom Busse (Exc)

**Observers**

Mike Siedlecki  
Ian Epstein  
Gregory Burnett  
Tom Cox  
Will Hobson

2. Approval of Agenda.

- *VandenBerg makes a motion to approve the agenda. Rhoads seconds. Motion carries without objection.*

### 3. Minutes:

- Board meetings [Aug. 13, 2025](#), [Sept. 3, 2025](#), [Sept. 10, 2025](#), and [Oct. 8, 2025](#)
- *Rhoads makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented. S. Feintech seconds. Motion carries without objection.*

### 4. Open Forum: Please limit comment to three minutes

- Greg Burnett (formerly Oregon, now Idaho): Longtime Libertarian. The current bylaws have handcuffed this party. Rebuild credibility and trust by returning to properly adopted 2013 bylaws. Support Cox resolutions to move the party forward and garner support from alienated members.
- Ian Epstein (Josephine County): In order to make this party effective once again, please restore 2013 bylaws under second Cox resolution. Will seek to reengage as an activist Libertarian if restored.
- Mike Siedlecki (Gresham): Joined LPO in late 80s and served on JC. I would like to see the party return to relevance. The Wagner bylaws adoption was a betrayal. Restoring bylaws will help the party move forward with the confidence of our voters and candidates.

### 5. Officer Reports:

- Secretary's Report: Michelle Binker none
- Treasurer's Report: Tom Busse none
- Vice Chairman's Report: VACANT
- Chairman's Report: Joe Christman
  - Given access to zoom and should be able to produce links and host.
  - Researching RRoO and bylaws to figure out how to conduct VC election.
  - AS part of transition, working to get a new email address from LPO to facilitate contact with SOS, banking, etc.
  - Contacted anadot support.
  - Wants fundraising scripts by the end of the month.
  - Contacted five law firms about bylaws issue. Can discuss specifics further in executive session, if necessary.
  - LP National is quiet (this is good)
  - Would like to leave this mtg with an idea of an internal due date.

## 6. Committee Reports:

- Communications Committee – Will Hobson
  - Have not sent out LPO newsletter recently and probably will when we have something to say ...
  - Posting on socials (X and FB). Trolling authoritarians and trying to build engagement on the gas tax referendum issue (organizing in Hood River).

## 7. New Business

- Vice-Chair Election
  - Chair: Board is allowed to choose how it votes, needing a majority of the remaining board (five votes).
  - *Burke makes a motion that as we vote to elect a vice chair candidate it will be done by roll call vote*; VandenBerg seconds. No objection.  
**Motion carries.**
  - Binker nominates Burke; *Rhoads nominates S. Feintech* (Burke would withdraw if S. Feintech would like to take it); Binker withdraws nomination. Nominations closed.
  - On the nomination to elect S. Feintech to the position of Vice Chair:
    - Richard Burke - Y
    - Sonja Feintech - Y
    - Benjamin Feintech - Y
    - Peter VandenBerg - Y
    - Rob Rhoads - Y
    - Joe Christman - Y
    - Michelle Binker - Y
  - **Motion carries.**
- Setting Deadlines for Primaries and National Convention
  - Let's be aware of these deadlines; see email ["2025 LPO Due Dates"](#)
  - Should we set internal due dates, based on our primary
  - *VandenBerg makes a motion to set a due date of Feb. 11 for draft primary party statement, Burke seconds.*
  - *Burke moves to postpone consideration of internal due dates until the November meeting. Seconded by S. Feintech.*
    - Richard Burke - Y
    - Sonja Feintech - Y
    - Benjamin Feintech - Y

- Peter Vandenberg - Y
  - Rob Rhoads - Y
  - Joe Christman - Ab
  - Michelle Binker - Y
  - **Motion carries.**
- 2026 Election Strategy: Chair: wanted Rowe here (he isn't), and people clearly want to move on to Old Business.
    - Burke moves to postpone consideration of 2026 election strategy, Binker seconds. **Motion carries without objection.**

## 8. Old Business

- Bylaws/Cox Proposal Discussion
  - *Binker makes the motion to adopt [Cox Proposal](#), Burke seconds.*
  - Chair rules the motion Out of Order. Argues that he is unclear on the legality of the proposal.
  - *Binker appeals the ruling of the chair. Burke seconds.*
  - Chair explains he does not believe it would be legal to pursue this plan, and wants to seek a neutral opinion. RRoO does not permit us to lower our quorum by bylaws amendment.
  - Burke: 2013 bylaws are valid, per Judicial Committees. "Gobs" of people and legal authorities have weighed in on this. The judges have said our Judicial Committee's are the highest authority.
  - Binker: After long involvement in the party and observing how current bylaws fail to serve, believes restoring 2013 bylaws is in the best interest of furthering the growth and relevance of the party.
  - Christman: I don't like the current bylaws, but we have a fiduciary duty to change that legally and with proper neutral legal advice.
  - Burke: We have all the opinions we need and our erstwhile supporters and members were and are furious with the improperly adopted bylaws we currently have. Seeking to bring more "experts" in is obstructionist. We need to move forward.
  - S. Feintech: Point of Clarification? in discussing "legality"... I'm not that clear that there is legal danger. I haven't seen a compelling argument.
  - Chair Christman: Current bylaws give us no authority to amend bylaws. Under RRoO we cannot lower our quorum. It's even questionable if the 2013 bylaws are THE bylaws we should follow.

- Burke: RRoO and our bylaws are subordinate to court ruling, which has said the Judicial Committees decide the issue, which they have, in favor of the 2013 bylaws.
- Christman: Will step down from Chair if motion passes.
- Vote to sustain the chair's ruling:
  - Richard Burke - N
  - Sonja Feintech - N
  - Benjamin Feintech - N
  - Peter VandenBerg - N
  - Rob Rhoads - N
  - Michelle Binker - N
  - Joe Christman - Y
  - **Ruling overturned.**
- Returning to main motion.
- *Richard moves to remove Cox resolution one (parliamentary authority already adopted), and combine resolutions two, three and four (hereafter "Cox Proposals"). Binker seconds.*  
**Motion carries without objection.**
- Vote on the main motion to adopt Cox Proposals:
  - Richard Burke - Y
  - Sonja Feintech - Y
  - Benjamin Feintech - Y
  - Peter VandenBerg - Y
  - Rob Rhoads - Y
  - Michelle Binker - Y
  - Joe Christman - Abstain
  - **Motion carries**
- Christman gives notice that he will resign the position of board chair effective at the end of this meeting.

- Oct. 18th LPO Board retreat

- Rhoads makes the motion to cancel the October board retreat, seconded by S. Feintech. **Motion carries without objection.**

9. Next Meeting - The LPO Board of Directors next regular meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom (*NB: this reminder is an artifact of our previous meeting schedule under former bylaws and no longer applicable*).

10. Adjournment. *VandenBerg moves, Rhoads seconds.*

- Much appreciation expressed to Joe for his stepping up as chair, looking forward to working with Joe as we move forward.
- **Motion carries without objection.** 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Binker  
Secretary, Libertarian Party of Oregon



## **LPO Board Meeting**

**October 15th, 2025**

**7:00 P.M.**

**via [Zoom](#)**

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  - a. Vice-Chair Election
  - b. Setting Deadlines for Primaries and National Convention
  - c. 2026 Election Strategy
8. Old Business
  - a. Bylaws/Cox Proposal Discussion
  - b. Oct 18th Retreat
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