



Minutes from LP Oregon Exec Committee Meeting
June 6th, 2026
12:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order** - The regular meeting of the Libertarian Party of Oregon (LPO) Executive Committee was called to order in person at the Western Liberty Network Office, Chair Sonja Feintech being in the chair. Meeting was called to order.

Attendance was as follows:

Present	Absent	Observers
Sonja Feintech	Helios	
Joe Christman		
Richard Burke		
Benjamin Feintech		
Brad Lee		
Thomas Busse		

2. Approval of Agenda.

Richard Burke moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and adopted, with **Brad Lee** abstaining.

3. Minutes:

Richard Burke moved to postpone approval of the previous meeting's minutes until the next meeting. The motion was seconded and adopted by voice vote.

4. Open Forum: Please limit comment to five minutes

No Open Forum

5. Officer Reports:

- Secretary's Report: Joe Christman
 - Reported on the status of pending meeting minutes.
- Treasurer's Report: Tom Busse
 - Treasurer entered the meeting during reports.
 - Reported a current bank balance of approximately **\$9,200**.
 - Reported recent expenditures, including the purchase of a Zoom recorder and the deposit for the Candidate Nominating Convention venue.
 - Requested reimbursement of approximately **\$200** to Multnomah County for mailbox related expenses.
 - Reported that individual membership continues to increase, with total membership exceeding 50.
- Vice Chairman's Report: Richard Burke
 - Reported on attending the Libertarian National Convention.
 - Reported meetings with Ed Diehl and a telephone conversation with Christine Drazan.
 - Reported that Angela and Glenn are interested in seeking nominations, that DeSpain is considering a candidacy, and that Patti Adair has also expressed interest.
 - Discussed strategic considerations regarding elections, party messaging, and candidate recruitment.
- Chair's Report: Sonja Feintech
 - Reported serving as Oregon's delegation chair.
 - Reported that Oregon did not fill its full delegation and that remaining delegate slots were filled by out-of-state delegates.
 - Reported that Oregon is now part of Region 1.
 - Reported that several proposed resolutions were drafted in response to events at the national convention.
 - Reported additional discussions with Ed Diehl.

6. Committee Reports

- Campaigns Committee
 - Reported efforts to avoid interfering with Green Party campaigns.
 - Reported discussions with Christine Drazan.
 - Reported continued coordination with the Libertarian Green Liaison.
 - Reported that Joseph Lehman and Christopher Peters now have access to the party CRM.
 - Reported the committee's goal of recruiting as many Libertarian candidates as possible.
- Convention Committee
 - Reported that the Board's previously selected venue remains the Holiday Inn Columbia Riverfront Hotel.
 - Reported that convention planning is proceeding as scheduled.
- Fundraising Committee
 - Reported ongoing efforts to cultivate major donors.
 - Reported plans to launch a fundraising appeal to the general membership.
 - Reported outreach to Jim Lark.
- County Committee
 - Reported that additional committee members are needed.

7. New Business

Richard Burke moved to adopt Resolution 1. The motion was seconded.

Joseph Christman moved to strike the "Whereas" clause referencing Article XVI. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Joseph Christman moved the previous question. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

Resolution 1, as amended, was adopted by voice vote.

Joseph Christman moved to adopt Resolution 2. The motion was seconded.

Joseph Christman moved to strike the word "candidates." The motion was seconded and adopted by voice vote.

Richard Burke moved to postpone further consideration of Resolution 2. The motion was seconded.

The motion to postpone was adopted, with **Richard Burke**, **Benjamin Feintech**, and **Thomas Busse** voting in favor and the remaining members abstaining.

Richard Burke moved to adopt Resolution 3. The motion was seconded.

Richard Burke moved to amend the resolution by changing "registered members" to "registered members for whom the party has email addresses." The amendment was adopted by voice vote.

Richard Burke moved to amend the resolution by directing the Platform Committee to proceed expeditiously with its work so that a proposed state platform may be presented for consideration at least 60 days prior to the earliest business convention at which platform amendments may be considered.

Joseph Christman moved the previous question on the amendment. The motion was seconded and adopted by voice vote.

Richard Burke moved to postpone further consideration of Resolution 3. The motion was adopted, with two members voting in favor and three abstaining.

Joseph Christman moved to adopt Resolution 4. The motion was seconded and adopted by voice vote.

Richard Burke moved to adopt Resolution 5. The motion was seconded.

Richard Burke moved to postpone Resolution 5 indefinitely. The motion was seconded.

The motion to postpone indefinitely was adopted, with **Richard Burke**, **Joseph Christman**, and **Thomas Busse** voting in favor, **Benjamin Feintech** abstaining, and **Brad Lee** voting against.

Thomas Busse raised a Point of Order that the model resolution was not properly before the Board.

Richard Burke moved to suspend the rules to add the model resolution to the agenda. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Joseph Christman moved to strike all language following "Libertarian National Committee" in Point 5 and replace the following comma with a period. The amendment was adopted without objection.

The main motion, as amended, was adopted by voice vote.

Agenda item to consider an ad hoc Platform Committee was ruled out of order.

Richard Burke moved to suspend the rules to permit consideration of an ad hoc Platform Committee. The motion was seconded and adopted without objection.

Discussion followed. No action was taken.

8. Old Business

None

9. Next Meeting

Richard Burke moved that the next Board meeting be held on **July 18**. The motion was seconded and adopted by voice vote.

10. Adjournment.

Joseph Christman moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

Appendix A (Model Resolutions):

Resolution 1: Reaffirmation of LPO Sovereignty and Autonomy

WHEREAS, the Libertarian Party of Oregon is a fully sovereign and independent political party organized under the laws of the State of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the national Libertarian Party serves only as a voluntary parent organization as described in Article V, Section 1 of the LPO bylaws and possesses no binding authority over the LPO's internal governance, platform, or operations; and

WHEREAS, Article XVI of the bylaws expressly supersedes any conflicting external rules that would impair LPO autonomy;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee hereby reaffirms the complete sovereignty and independence of the Libertarian Party of Oregon in all matters including but not limited to candidate selection, messaging, internal rules, and state-level policy positions.

Resolution 2: Support for the LPO Platform Committee and Adoption of Independent State Positions

WHEREAS, at the annual business convention held on March 21, 2026 the LPO membership created a Platform Committee charged with developing a comprehensive new state platform;

and

WHEREAS, Article XIV of the LPO bylaws expressly authorizes the Libertarian Party of Oregon to adopt, amend, or rescind its own positions on political issues in Oregon not addressed by the national Libertarian Party platform, and nothing in these bylaws requires the LPO to adopt or endorse any specific national platform plank; and

WHEREAS, it is the clear will of the LPO membership that the party articulate clear, principled positions that best represent Oregon libertarians and the LPO's sovereign priorities;

BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Executive Committee fully supports the work of the Platform Committee in drafting a new, independent LPO state platform;
2. The LPO shall adopt its own positions on all issues in accordance with the will of its

members as expressed through the Platform Committee and future conventions;

3. All LPO officers, candidates, spokespersons, and representatives are directed to communicate that the LPO's platform and policy positions are determined solely by the membership of the Libertarian Party of Oregon and are independent of national party planks.

Resolution 3: Directives to Officers and Public Communication

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

a) The Chairperson and Secretary shall prominently post these resolutions on the LPO website and distribute them to all regular and registered members within seven days;

b) All LPO officers and candidates shall prioritize and emphasize the LPO's independent state platform development in public communications;

c) The Executive Committee directs the Platform Committee to proceed expeditiously with its work so that a proposed new state platform may be presented for consideration at the earliest appropriate convention;

d) Any delegate or alternate selected to represent the LPO at a national convention shall be clearly instructed that they represent the autonomous positions of the LPO first and foremost.

Resolution 4: Defense of Autonomy

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Committee declares that any attempt by the Libertarian National Committee (LNC) or national Libertarian Party to interfere with, override, or dictate the LPO's internal governance, platform development, or operations shall be considered null and void, and the Executive Committee stands ready to take all lawful measures to defend the sovereign rights of the Libertarian Party of Oregon.

~Upon advisement of the Executive Committee Resolution 5 could be adopted as well if the Executive Committee wants additional targeted clarification ~

Resolution 5: Clarification of LPO Positions Pending Adoption of New State Platform

WHEREAS, the Platform Committee created by the membership at the March 21, 2026 annual business convention is actively developing independent LPO positions; and

WHEREAS, Article XIV grants the LPO full authority to adopt its own positions on any issue;

BE IT RESOLVED that, pending final adoption of the new state platform, the Executive Committee provides the following interim guidance:

1. The LPO does not adopt or endorse any specific national Libertarian Party platform planks that conflict with positions developed by the LPO Platform Committee or the sovereign will of LPO members;
2. All LPO officers, candidates, and spokespersons are authorized and encouraged to clearly state that the Libertarian Party of Oregon determines its own policy positions independently;
3. The Platform Committee is encouraged to examine all national planks and recommend to the membership any that should be replaced with Oregon-specific positions that better reflect the values and priorities of Oregon libertarians.