

Libertarian Party of Georgia

Annual Convention – January 17, 2026

The Annual Convention of the Libertarian Party of Georgia was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Peachtree City, Georgia on Saturday, January 17, 2026. Chairman Gerred Bell called the Convention to order at 9:14 AM. Secretary Zane Placie recorded the minutes.

Introductory Business

Zane Placie presented the Credentials Committee report. There were 49 delegates who met the seasoning requirement.

Zane Placie moved to amend the standing agenda to insert the Executive Director's report after the Chairman's report, which was ruled well-taken. The agenda was then adopted.

Zane Placie, on behalf of the Bylaws Committee, moved to adopt Special Rules Proposal 1 (see Appendix A). The motion was adopted after debate.

Gerred Bell presented the Chairman's report.

Elizabeth Gallimore presented the Executive Director's report.

Mark Mosley and Laura Owens presented the Treasurer's report on behalf of Treasurer Doug Craig.

Committee Reports

Zane Placie, on behalf of the Bylaws Committee, moved to adopt Proposal 1 (see Appendix A). The motion was adopted after debate.

Zane Placie, on behalf of the Bylaws Committee, moved to adopt Proposal 2 (see Appendix A). The motion was lost after debate, but amendments were considered. Zane Placie, on behalf of the Bylaws Committee, then moved to adopt Proposal 2 as amended (see Appendix A), which was adopted.

Zane Placie, on behalf of the Bylaws Committee, moved to adopt Proposal 3 (see Appendix A). The motion was adopted.

Zane Placie, on behalf of the Bylaws Committee, moved to adopt Proposal 4 (see Appendix A). The motion was adopted after debate.

Zane Placie, on behalf of the Bylaws Committee, moved to adopt Proposal 5 (see Appendix A). The motion was adopted.

Zane Placie, on behalf of the Platform Committee, moved to adopt Proposal 1 (see Appendix B). The motion was lost after debate.

Zane Placie, on behalf of the Platform Committee, moved to adopt Proposal 2 (see Appendix B). The motion was adopted after debate.

Zane Placie, on behalf of the Platform Committee, moved to adopt Proposal 3 (see Appendix B). The motion was adopted after debate.

Zane Placie moved to amend the agenda to move the rest of the Platform Committee report to the end of the agenda, which was adopted.

The convention recessed for lunch.

Candidate Nominations and Endorsements

Daniel McGee nominated Chase Oliver for Governor. He accepted and gave a speech.

Kevin Mandarini moved to suspend the rules to allow for voting on the nomination without a paper ballot, which was adopted.

Chase Oliver was nominated for Governor by a rising vote in favor.

Joshua Maddox nominated Shane Hazel for Lieutenant Governor, but the nomination was not accepted. Colin McKinney nominated Katie Gordon for Lieutenant Governor and she accepted.

Kevin Mandarini moved to suspend the rules to allow for voting on the nomination without a paper ballot, which was adopted.

Katie Gordon was nominated for Lieutenant Governor by a rising vote in favor.

Mark Mosley nominated Allen Buckley for U.S. Senate. He accepted and gave a speech.

Zane Placie presented an updated Credentials Committee report. There were 52 delegates who met the seasoning requirement and 1 alternate who did not. Zane Placie moved to suspend the rules to waive the seasoning requirement, which was adopted.

Hiram Houck nominated himself for U.S. Senate and gave a speech.

The nomination for U.S. Senate was conducted by ballot and Zane Placie presented the teller's report. 52 votes were cast and 27 were needed for nomination. Allen Buckley received 40 votes, Hiram Houck received 9 votes, and None of the Above received 3 votes. Allen Buckley was nominated for U.S. Senate.

Brian Allen nominated Ted Metz for Secretary of State. He accepted and gave a speech.

Sergio Ortega moved to suspend the rules to allow for voting on the nomination without a paper ballot, which was adopted.

Ted Metz was nominated for Secretary of State by a rising vote in favor.

Tom Blooming nominated himself for Public Service Commissioner, District 5. Danny Dolan nominated Mark Mosley for Commissioner of Agriculture. Katie Gordon nominated Colin McKinney for Commissioner of Insurance. Kyle Davis nominated Brian Allen for Public Service Commissioner, District 3. All accepted and gave speeches.

Kevin Mandarini moved to suspend the rules to allow for voting on the nominations without a paper ballot, which was adopted.

Tom Blooming was nominated for Public Service Commissioner, District 5 by a rising vote in favor.

Mark Mosley was nominated for Commissioner of Agriculture by a rising vote in favor.

Colin McKinney was nominated for Commissioner of Insurance by a rising vote in favor.

Brian Allen was nominated for Public Servicer Commissioner, District 3 by a rising vote in favor.

Andrew Underwood, the party's nominee for the special election in the 14th congressional district, gave a speech. Chase Oliver nominated Andrew Underwood for the regular election in the 14th congressional district and he accepted. He was nominated by a rising vote in favor.

Zane Placie moved to endorse Zane Placie for Fulton County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor and gave a speech. The motion was adopted.

Chase Oliver moved to recess for 15 minutes, which was adopted.

Party Elections

Nominations for Vice Chair were opened. Sergio Ortega nominated Brian Allen for Vice Chairman and he accepted.

Kevin Mandarini moved to suspend the rules to allow for voting on all positions for which there is only one candidate without a paper ballot, which was adopted.

Brian Allen gave a speech and was elected Vice Chairman by a rising vote in favor.

Nominations for Secretary were opened. Joshua Maddox nominated Sergio Ortega, Kyle Davis nominated Daniel Fleck, and Brian Allen nominated Zane Placie. All accepted and gave speeches.

The election for Secretary was conducted by ballot and Brian Allen presented the teller's reports. 51 votes were cast and 26 were needed for election. In the first round, Sergio Ortega received 21 votes, Zane Placie received 16 votes, and Daniel Fleck received 14 votes. In the second round, Sergio Ortega received 31 votes, and Zane Placie received 20 votes. Sergio Ortega was elected Secretary.

The district caucuses met to elect their members of the Executive Committee.

Mark Mosley and Mason Corey were elected from District 1.

Laura Owens, Katie Gordon, and Alan Hill were elected from District 2.

Kyle Davis, Chase Oliver, and Christine Austin were elected from District 3.

David Barker, Daniel Fleck, and Ryan Graham were elected from District 4.

Andy Boldin, Amanda Underwood, Andrea Holt, and Mitchell Johnson were elected from District 5.

Nominations for At-Large members of the Executive Committee were opened. Andy Boldin nominated William Richards, Tiffany Gore nominated Colin McKinney, Ted Metz nominated Zane Placie, William Richards nominated Keri McClain, and Colin McKinney nominated Amber Howell, Kevin Mandarin, and John Turpish. All (except Zane Placie) accepted and gave speeches.

The election was conducted by ballot and Zane Placie presented the teller's report. 50 votes were cast. Colin McKinney received 41 votes, John Turpish received 38 votes, Kevin Mandarin received 35 votes, Amber Howell received 31 votes, Keri McClain received 29 votes, and William Richards received 21 votes. Colin McKinney, John Turpish, Kevin Mandarin, and Amber Howell were elected.

Other Business

Without objection, a slate of delegates and ranked alternates to the 2026 Libertarian National Convention were elected (see Appendix C).

Mike Seebeck addressed the convention for three minutes.

Chase Oliver moved adoption of *LNC Regional Resolution* (see Appendix D). The resolution was adopted after debate.

The convention adjourned sine die at 5:22 PM.

Appendix A

Special Rules Proposal 1

To amend Rule 5 of Appendix B to read:

Rule 5: Debate and Voting on Bylaws and Platform Committee Reports

1. During the committee's report, the committee Chair shall report each recommendation of the Committee to the Convention separately. The committee Chair shall have two minutes to explain each recommendation.
2. A dissenting report may be adopted by a majority of the losing side on any recommendation adopted by the Committee. The author of the report or their designee shall present the dissenting report and shall be given equal time as the committee report.
3. The Convention Chair shall then open the recommendation to debate without amendment. The time limit is 8 minutes for the Bylaws committee report and 15 minutes for the Platform committee report.
4. After debate, the Convention Chair shall bring the recommendation to a vote. If the recommendation fails, the Convention Chair shall open the recommendation to amendment for an additional 10 minutes.
5. After the committee report, any delegate may propose amendments if time allows. Debate and voting shall proceed according to sections 1-3 above.

To strike Rules 6 and 7 of Appendix B.

Proposal 1

To amend Article VII, Section F, Subsection 1 to read:

1. All candidates for public office placed in nomination at the Annual Convention shall be a member of the LPGa. This requirement may be suspended for well-qualified candidates by three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the voting delegates. Candidates shall be nominated in accordance with the procedure in Appendix B.

To strike Article VII, Section F, Subsections 2 and 4.

To amend Paragraph (1) of Rule 9 of Appendix B to read:

1. The Party's nominee for Public Office shall be chosen by a majority vote. If no candidate has attained a majority, the candidate with the fewest votes and any candidates polling less than 10% shall be struck from subsequent ballots. This procedure shall be repeated after every ballot in which no candidate has received a majority vote, until one candidate attains a majority.

To amend Paragraph (1) of Rule 10 of Appendix B to read:

1. The officers of the Executive Committee shall be chosen by majority vote. If no candidate has attained a majority, the candidate with the fewest votes and any candidates polling less than 10% shall be struck from subsequent ballots. This procedure shall be repeated after every ballot in which no candidate has received a majority vote, until one candidate attains a majority.

To amend Rule 12 of Appendix B to read:

Rule 12: None of the Above

1. Votes cast for "None of the Above" in voting on the Party's nominees for public office, the Officers, and at-large members of the Executive Committee shall be considered valid.
2. Should a majority of the votes be cast for "None of the Above" in selecting a nominee for public office, the Chairman shall immediately call for new nominations for that office and voting shall be done again in accordance with Rule 9.1. Should a majority of the votes again be cast for "None of the Above", then no candidate shall be nominated for that office.
3. Should a majority of the votes be cast for "None of the Above" in electing a party Officer, that position shall be declared vacant and none of the losing candidates for that position may be selected to fill the vacancy for that term of office.

Proposal 2

To amend Article IV, Section I to read:

Each member of the Executive Committee of the LPGa shall have been a member of the LPGa at least 180 days prior to election to the Executive Committee and shall be a member of the LPGa at the time of election to the Executive Committee. Each officer of the Executive Committee of the LPGa shall have been a member of the LPGa for at least 367 days prior to election to the Executive Committee. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the voting delegates can suspend this rule, at convention, on an individual candidate basis.

To strike Article IV, Section K.

Proposal 2 as amended

To amend Article IV, Section I to read:

Each member of the Executive Committee of the LPGa shall have been a member of the LPGa at least the 180 days prior to election to the Executive Committee, shall be a member of the LPGa at the time of election to the Executive Committee, and must first have been a delegate for at least one convention held no more recently than six months prior to such service on the Executive Committee. Special exemptions to the eligibility requirements to the Executive Committee could be made with three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the Executive Committee. Each officer of the Executive Committee of the LPGa shall have been a member of the LPGa for at least the 367 days prior to election to the Executive Committee. Three-fourths (3/4) of the voting delegates can suspend this rule, at convention, on an individual candidate basis.

To strike Article IV, Section K.

Proposal 3

To strike Paragraph (3) of Rule I of Appendix A.

Proposal 4

To strike Rules VII and VIII of Appendix A.

Proposal 5

To amend Article VIII, Section B to read:

ARTICLE II- Principles and Objectives shall require a seven-eighths (7/8) majority vote of the delegates present and voting at the Annual Convention. This threshold also applies to amending the Statement of Principles of the Platform (in accordance with Article VII, Section I) and to amending Article VIII, Section B.

Appendix B

Proposal 1

To amend Plank 2.5 to read:

Government debt is wholly illegitimate, as it burdens the people without their consent. We support repudiating all government debts at all levels as a means of both relieving unjust financial burdens and limiting the growth of government.

Proposal 2

To amend Plank 3.1 to read:

The United States should avoid entangling alliances and attempts to police the world. We oppose any form of compulsory service, including the draft, and condemn military actions that unjustly endanger lives, especially those of civilian non-combatants. We support a non-interventionist national defense of the United States against attacks.

Proposal 3

To amend Plank 2.0 to read:

The economic liberty to trade and transact is inherent to the individual. Libertarians advocate for free markets and oppose a regulatory administrative state that interferes with individuals' rights to voluntarily exchange goods and services, enter into contracts, or decline participation in transactions.

Free markets create abundant opportunities and allocate resources in the most efficient manner, without violating property rights. The only proper role of government in the economic realm is to protect property rights, adjudicate disputes, and provide a legal framework in which voluntary trade is protected.

We recognize the right of people to manage their resources according to their own principles or preferences; we therefore oppose interference in voluntary trade and forcible redistribution of resources by taxation, regulation, government spending, and inflation of the currency.

Appendix C

LPGa Chairman	Gerred Bell
Delegate	Brian Allen
Delegate	Christine Austin
Delegate	David Barker
Delegate	Sean Beam
Delegate	Thomas Blooming
Delegate	Andy Boldin
Delegate	Michael Burns
Delegate	Timothy Canney
Delegate	Raymond Craig
Delegate	Kyle Davis
Delegate	Daniel Fleck
Delegate	Ruby Gordon
Delegate	Ryan Graham
Delegate	Cat Hartley
Delegate	Andrea Holt
Delegate	Amber Howell
Delegate	Hiram Houck
Delegate	Kevin Mandarini
Delegate	Frank Manske
Delegate	Daniel McGee
Delegate	Colin McKinney
Delegate	Ramon Miller
Delegate	Mark Mosley
Delegate	Chase Oliver
Delegate	Sergio Ortega
Delegate	Laura Owens
Delegate	Stephen Phillips
Delegate	Zane Placie
Delegate	William Richards
Delegate	John Turpish
Alternate #1	Mitchell Johnson
Alternate #2	Stephanie Boldin

Appendix D

LNC Regional Resolution

WHEREAS, the situation with the Libertarian Party is unstable with palpable tension that requires the Libertarian Party of Georgia to be in control of its autonomy.

WHEREAS, the Libertarian National Convention is scheduled to take place in Grand Rapids, Michigan on May 21st-25th, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Libertarian Party of Georgia is authorized to join into agreements with other state affiliate parties to send a Region Representative to the Libertarian National Committee (LNC) under Article 7.2(c) of the Libertarian Party bylaws.

WHEREAS, traditionally, the Chair of the Libertarian Party of Georgia has been authorized to agree to these agreements.

BE IT RESOLVED by the delegates of the Libertarian Party of Georgia, assembled in convention, that:

- (a) The Chair is only authorized to join in an agreement with other state affiliates for the purposes of representation to the Libertarian National Committee (LNC) if the following subsections are met:
 - a. The Chair shall transmit the text of any prospective agreement to the Executive Committee as soon as possible but not less than twelve (12) hours before any such agreement may be due to the LNC Secretary.
 - b. The agreement allows the withdrawal of the Libertarian Party of Georgia upon a three-fifths majority vote by the Executive Committee.
- (b) If the Chair violates this resolution, it is the recommendation of the delegates of the Libertarian Party of Georgia that the Chair be suspended for cause under Article IV, Section J of the LP Georgia bylaws. Furthermore, any LP Georgia officer or member of the Executive Committee may preserve the right to appeal a violative agreement by communicating to other state affiliates the lack of authority of the Chair to join into an agreement that does not conform with this resolution.
- (c) This resolution will only apply to the 2026 Libertarian National Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan.