

# **Libertarian Party of Georgia**

## **Executive Committee Meeting – March 9, 2026**

**Present:** Chairman Gerred Bell, Vice Chairman Brian Allen, Secretary Sergio Ortega, Treasurer Doug Craig, Amber Howell, Colin McKinney, John Turpish, Mark Mosley, Mason Corey, Laura Owens, Alan Hill, Katie Gordon, Christine Austin, Kyle Davis, Daniel Fleck, David Barker, Ryan Graham, Andy Boldin, Andrea Holt, Mitchell Johnson

**Absent:** Kevin Mandarini

The regular monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Georgia was held virtually on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

### Filling the Vacancy by Mr. Oliver's Resignation

John Turpish moved for a special exemption to waive the 180-day membership requirement for Executive Committee members to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Chase Oliver from District 3 Representative on the Executive Committee. The motion was seconded by Sergio Ortega and adopted with 16 in favor and 1 opposed.

Sergio Ortega nominated Justin Jones, who spoke to their nomination.

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Brian Allen moved to conduct the election by OpaVote using Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) with a voting period of one week. The motion was seconded by John Turpish and was adopted without objection.

### Bestowing a Lifetime Membership to Elizabeth Melton Gallimore

Sergio Ortega moved to bestow an honorary lifetime membership to Elizabeth Melton Gallimore. The motion was seconded by Brian Allen and adopted with 18 in favor and 0 against.

### PM Amendment to Clarify Director Appointment Process

Ryan Graham moved to amend Section 3.1.4 of the Policy Manual. See Appendix A. The motion was seconded by Sergio Ortega.

Brian Allen moved to amend the proposal to allow the Executive Committee to make nominations from the pool of members. The motion was seconded by Andy Boldin but failed with 3 in favor and 10 opposed.

The original motion was adopted with 15 in favor and 1 opposed.

#### PM Amendment to the Contract Approval Process

Kyle Davis moved to amend Section 4.2 of the Policy Manual. See Appendix B. The motion was seconded by Ryan Graham and adopted with 15 in favor, 0 opposed.

#### Reports

Reports were given by Chair Gerred Bell, Vice Chair Brian Allen, Secretary Sergio Ortega, and Treasurer Doug Craig.

During the Treasurer report, Mark Mosley moved to adopt a resolution entitled the "2026 Budget Resolution." The motion was seconded by Doug Craig and adopted with 14 in favor and 1 opposed.

During the Treasurer report, Mark Mosley moved to pay the processing fees of donations earmarked to candidates that are collected through the Libertarian Party of Georgia and to report as an in-kind contribution as needed. The motion was seconded by Doug Craig. Brian Allen moved to postpone consideration of the motion for the April 2026 Executive Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Amber Howell and adopted with 7 in favor and 7 opposed with Chair Gerred Bell breaking the tie by voting in favor of postponement.

During the Treasurer report, Mark Mosley moved that money raised during the 2024 Annual Convention of the Libertarian Party of Georgia for the filing fees for Victoria Salvia's Public Service Commission campaign be located and directed to the 2026 Tom Blooming Public Service Commission campaign. The motion was seconded by Doug Craig. Ryan Graham moved to amend the motion by substitution to approve a contribution by the Libertarian Party of Georgia to the 2026 Tom Blooming Public Service Commission campaign in the amount of \$230. The motion was seconded by Andy Boldin and adopted with 13 in favor and 0 opposed. The main motion, as amended by substitution, was adopted with 13 in favor and 0 opposed.

Sergio Ortega moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Brian Allen and adopted without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.

## Amendment to Section 3.1.4 of the Policy Manual

**Purpose:** To align the appointment process for Standing Committee Directors with the transparent, membership-inclusive process used for Executive Committee vacancies, while ensuring operational continuity during leadership transitions following an Annual Convention.

<b>Current Language + Amendments</b>	<b>New Language</b>
<p>The Committee Director shall be appointed by the LPGa Chairman and approved by the Executive Committee as required by the LPGa Bylaws. <del>The Director shall be appointed following each regular Convention.</del> <u>To ensure organizational continuity, Directors appointed by the previous Executive Committee shall continue to serve in their roles until the new Executive Committee completes the appointment process, or until the second regular Executive Committee meeting following the close of the Convention, whichever occurs first.</u></p> <p><u>The process for appointments following a regular Convention, or to fill a vacancy, shall be as follows:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>1. Within thirty (30) days following the close of an Annual Convention (or the occurrence of a vacancy), the Secretary shall send an email to the current membership soliciting applications for Director positions. The email will include the date, time, and location of the Executive Committee meeting where appointments will be considered and will invite prospective applicants to attend. The email will contain a link to an application form. Submitting an application is not mandatory for nomination.</u></li> <li><u>2. At least two (2) business days before the relevant Executive Committee meeting, all applicants will be emailed to attend the meeting and speak to their nomination.</u></li> <li><u>3. During the Executive Committee meeting, members of the Executive Committee may make nominations from the pool of applicants or other members.</u></li> <li><u>4. Upon closure of nominations, the Executive Committee will conduct the confirmation or election in a manner consistent with the LPGa Bylaws and the Policy Manual.</u></li> </ol> <p>Unless explicitly specified in the Committee Description, the Committee Director selects members of their own Committee. The current list of Committee members shall always be made available to the Executive Committee. <del>The Committee shall be allowed to conduct business as soon as either all positions are filled or after the second regular Executive Committee meeting after Convention, whichever comes first.</del></p>	<p>The Committee Director shall be appointed by the LPGa Chairman and approved by the Executive Committee as required by the LPGa Bylaws. To ensure organizational continuity, Directors appointed by the previous Executive Committee shall continue to serve in their roles until the new Executive Committee completes the appointment process, or until the second regular Executive Committee meeting following the close of the Convention, whichever occurs first.</p> <p>The process for appointments following a regular Convention, or to fill a vacancy, shall be as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Within thirty (30) days following the close of an Annual Convention (or the occurrence of a vacancy), the Secretary shall send an email to the current membership soliciting applications for Director positions. The email will include the date, time, and location of the Executive Committee meeting where appointments will be considered and will invite prospective applicants to attend. The email will contain a link to an application form. Submitting an application is not mandatory for nomination.</li> <li>2. At least two (2) business days before the relevant Executive Committee meeting, all applicants will be emailed to attend the meeting and speak to their nomination.</li> <li>3. During the Executive Committee meeting, members of the Executive Committee may make nominations from the pool of applicants or other members.</li> <li>4. Upon closure of nominations, the Executive Committee will conduct the confirmation or election in a manner consistent with the LPGa Bylaws and the Policy Manual.</li> </ol> <p>Unless explicitly specified in the Committee Description, the Committee Director selects members of their own Committee. The current list of Committee members shall always be made available to the Executive Committee.</p>

## Allen Amendment

**Purpose:** Preserves separation of powers between the Chair and ExComm while giving ExComm the ability to override the Chair when necessary.

<b>Graham's Language + Amendments</b>	<b>New Language</b>
<p>3. During the Executive Committee meeting, the Chairman shall <del>nominate</del> <u>appoint</u> their preferred candidate(s) <u>for confirmation by the Executive Committee by a majority vote</u>. <del>Members of the Executive Committee may also make additional nominations from the pool of applicants or other members.</del></p> <p>4. <u>Nominations by members of the Executive Committee shall then be opened to fill any remaining vacancies from the pool of applicants or other members.</u></p> <p>5. Upon closure of nominations, the Executive Committee will conduct the <del>confirmation or</del> election(s) in a manner consistent with the LPGa Bylaws and the Policy Manual, <u>with nominees requiring a 2/3 vote to be elected.</u></p>	<p>3. During the Executive Committee meeting, the Chairman shall appoint their preferred candidate(s) for confirmation by the Executive Committee by a majority vote.</p> <p>4. Nominations by members of the Executive Committee shall then be opened to fill any remaining vacancies from the pool of applicants or other members.</p> <p>5. Upon closure of nominations, the Executive Committee will conduct the election(s) in a manner consistent with the LPGa Bylaws and the Policy Manual, with nominees requiring a 2/3 vote to be elected.</p>

## Amendment to Section 6.2 of the Policy Manual

**Purpose:** This change would require all contracts and expenditures to be approved by the Executive Committee if they amount to over \$500.00 in a year.

<b>Current Language + Amendments</b>	<b>New Language</b>
<p>All contracts or modifications thereto shall be in writing and shall document the nature of the products or services to be provided and the terms and conditions with respect to the amount of compensation/reimbursement or other consideration to be paid.</p> <p><del>The Chairman shall approve any contract in excess of \$5,000.</del></p> <p><del>No agreement involving a financial transaction with a related party shall be executed unless first approved by the Executive Committee. Any such agreement shall be disclosed in a conflict of interest statement.</del></p> <p><u>The Executive Committee must approve all contracts/payments above \$500.00 or which renew with above a yearly aggregate of \$500.00. The motion does not require a second. If the chair is presiding officer and wishes to present a contract for consideration, they must relinquish the Chair for the duration of the contract's consideration to engage in debate. Each contract must include an accompanying Disclosure of Conflicted Interests.</u></p> <p>Independent contractors doing business with the Executive Committee are required to sign formal contracts that clearly set forth the parties' intention that they be treated as independent contractors. Each contract for director-level employment must be circulated to the Executive Committee on a strictly confidential basis no later than 10 days prior to the Chairman signing the contract.</p>	<p>All contracts or modifications thereto shall be in writing and shall document the nature of the products or services to be provided and the terms and conditions with respect to the amount of compensation/reimbursement or other consideration to be paid.</p> <p>The Executive Committee must approve all contracts/payments above \$500.00 or which renew with above a yearly aggregate of \$500.00. The motion does not require a second. If the chair is presiding officer and wishes to present a contract for consideration, they must relinquish the Chair for the duration of the contract's consideration to engage in debate. Each contract must include an accompanying Disclosure of Conflicted Interests.</p> <p>Independent contractors doing business with the Executive Committee are required to sign formal contracts that clearly set forth the parties' intention that they be treated as independent contractors. Each contract for director-level employment must be circulated to the Executive Committee on a strictly confidential basis no later than 10 days prior to the Chairman signing the contract.</p>

## **2026 Budget Resolution**

Whereas, the Libertarian Party of Georgia is an enduring institution, with purpose, and for all time;

Whereas, that end requires impeccable stewardship of all our resources;

Whereas, that impeccable stewardship requires precise clarity, and diligent care for all of our resources; and,

Whereas, our monetary resources are most basic to that end.

Resolved, the Libertarian Party of Georgia commits to monthly review of our Discretionary Income, our decided Budget, and whatever actions must be taken to balance this Budget for the duration of 2026.