**Libertarian Party of Georgia**

**Executive Committee Meeting – February 10, 2025**

**Present:** Chairman Gerred Bell, Vice Chairman Brian Allen, Secretary Zane Placie, Treasurer Mason Corey, Christine Austin, Scott Boykin, Doug Craig, Warren Cunningham, Danny Dolan, Marc Douglass, Andrea Holt, Mitchell Johnson, Colin McKinney, Mark Mosley, Steve Phillips, William Richards, Victoria Salvia, Jim Sheehan, Zach Varnell, Laura Williams

**Absent:** David Barker, Brad Lindborg

The regular monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Georgia was held virtually on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

Brian Allen moved adoption of *A Resolution to Support the Defend the Guard Act of 2025 – 2026*. The motion was adopted.

Chairman Gerred Bell, Vice Chairman Brian Allen, Executive Director Elizabeth Melton, Secretary Zane Placie, and Treasurer Mason Corey gave reports.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

**A Resolution to Support the Defend the Guard Act of 2025 - 2026**

*Whereas* on January 28, 2024, the Libertarian Party of Georgia adopted *A Resolution to Call for Defend the Guard Legislation* at its regular annual convention; and,

*Whereas* on February 12, 2024, the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Georgia adopted *A Resolution to Support the Defend the Guard Act*; and,

*Whereas* on March 28, 2024, the Georgia General Assembly adjourned sine die without passing the Defend the Guard Act; and,

*Whereas* on July 31, 2024, two Georgia Army National Guard soldiers were killed while deployed overseas in Iraq; and,

*Whereas* on September 24, 2024, Governor Brian Kemp issued Executive Order 09.24.24.01 declaring a State of Emergency due to Tropical Storm Helene in which five hundred Georgia National Guard troops were called up to State Active Duty; and,

*Whereas* on September 27, 2024, Governor Brian Kemp issued Executive Order 09.27.24.01 in which an additional one thousand Georgia National Guard troops were called up to State Active Duty in response to Tropical Storm Helene; and,

*Whereas* on September 30, 2024, Governor Brian Kemp issued Executive Order 09.30.24.01 in which an additional one thousand Georgia National Guard troops were called up to State Active Duty in response to Tropical Storm Helene; and,

*Whereas* these two thousand five hundred Georgia National Guard troops cleared roads, delivered supplies, operated distribution sites, facilitated communications, and provided other assistance during the State of Emergency; and,

*Whereas* Georgia National Guard troops who are in Georgia are able to offer assistance to their communities during emergencies while Georgia National Guard troops stationed overseas are not; and,

*Whereas* on January 30, 2025, Senate Bill 62, also known as the Defend the Guard Act, was introduced for the 2025 - 2026 biennium of the Georgia General Assembly; and,

*Whereas* the Defend the Guard Act as introduced would amend Title 38, Chapter 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to state that the Georgia National Guard and any member thereof shall not be released from the state into active duty combat or combat support operations unless the United States Congress has passed an official declaration of war or has taken an official action pursuant to Article I, Section 8, Clause 15 of the United States Constitution to explicitly call forth the Georgia National Guard and any member thereof for the enumerated purposes to expressly execute the laws of the union, repel an invasion, or suppress an insurrection;

*Therefore, be it resolved*, that the Libertarian Party of Georgia supports the passage of the Defend the Guard Act during the 2025 - 2026 biennium of the Georgia General Assembly.

**Secretary’s Report**

Since the previous regular Executive Committee meeting, there was an e-ballot to fill the vacant Treasurer position. The e-ballot was opened on January 27, 2025, and closed February 3, 2025. All members cast ballots. Under Instant Runoff Voting, Mason Corey was elected in the first round with 12 votes. Kyle Davis received 6 votes and None of the Above received 3 votes.