

Meeting Minutes

Libertarian Party of Indiana – State Central Committee Meeting

Date: May 31, 2025

Time: 12:30 PM EDT

Location: Virtual Meeting

Call to Order

Chair **Evan McMahon** called the meeting to order at **12:30 PM EDT**.

Roll Call:

- **Chair:** McMahon
- **Vice Chair:** Sceniak (Absent)
- **Treasurer:** Dixon
- **Secretary:** Dasbach
- **District 1 Rep:** Schick
- **District 2 Rep:** Cotton (Present until 1:02PM)
- **District 3 Rep:** Avery
- **District 4 Rep:** Lundy
- **District 5 Rep:** Shillings
- **District 6 Rep:** Lomax
- **District 7 Rep:** Glass
- **District 8 Rep:** Haynes (Absent)
- **District 9 Rep:** Curran (Present as of 12:41pm)
- **Communications Director:** Andrew Smith
- **Tech Director:** Schultheiss
- **Outreach Director:** Coquillard
- **Guest:** Greg Herch (Clark County) and LNC Alternate

Adoption of Agenda

- Chair McMahon noted that the agenda was sent late.

- No amendments or objections were raised.
- Agenda adopted without modification.

Timekeeper Appointment

- Chair McMahon asked for volunteers to serve as timekeeper.
- Andrew Smith was appointed timekeeper.

Chair's Report

- **LNC Meeting:** Attended the LNC meeting in Michigan alongside Kristi Avery.
- **Candidate Recruitment:** Encouraging candidates to run for state legislature rather than Congress, citing strategic advantages for 2026.
- **National CRM System:**
 - LNC officially **discontinued Civi CRM**; states still using it will transition to Ken Mollman's system.
 - Some states report performance improvements since Mollman took control.
- **Membership Reporting Issues:**
 - Chair McMahon identified data discrepancies affecting membership numbers.
 - Worked with National Executive Director Hannah Kennedy to pinpoint data leakage.
 - Kennedy discovered an error in membership importing, which led to incorrectly low numbers for Indiana.
 - Fixes in progress, with a goal to fully resolve the issue for all the states by August 1, 2025—ahead of the October deadline.

No Vice Chair Report

Treasurer's Report

- **Financial Transition:**
 - Treasurer Dixon and former treasurer Michael have met twice to transition financial operations.
 - Dixon is becoming familiar with QuickBooks and ensuring proper budget entries.

- **Federal Filing Deadline:**
 - July 31, 2025 is the federal filing deadline.
 - The filing requires entering all donations and expenses—several hundred transactions.
 - Dixon exploring AI automation to streamline the process.
- **Financial Overview:**
 - Expenses exceeded income by approximately \$1,800 this month.
 - Annual financial balance remains roughly break-even.
 - Bank balance: \$16,000 available.
- **Triple Member Funds:**
- Need to calculate owed funds to counties.
- Plan to track and schedule back payments.
- Treasurer Dixon committed to completing this report by June 12, 2025.
- **Questions from the Board:**
 - Funds are being sent to St. Joseph Co for an event. If the event is not secured, funds will be returned to the State Party.
 - An additional \$55 was paid to Switchboard for the use of space to hang Chase Oliver signage.

Secretary's Report

- **Meeting Minutes:**
 - March 2025 convention meeting minutes still require approval.
 - Dasbach will review feedback and present an edited version at the **next** meeting.
- **Website Updates:**
 - Plans underway to improve agenda sharing and document access.
- **Missing Minutes:**

- Will reach out to Clayton Soultz as some past minutes need to be located and uploaded.
- **Approval of Previous Minutes:**
- Motioned for approval by Secretary Dasbach and Seconded by Mr. Smith.
- Minutes from 4.26.2025 SCC meeting were reviewed and approved without objection.

LNC Update (Greg Herch)

- **LNC Meeting Summary:**
 - Held in Grand Rapids, Michigan—site of 2026 National Convention.
 - Meeting was highly divisive, dominated by policy manual amendments.
- **National Convention Planning:**
 - Venue: Amway Grand Hotel and DeVos Place Convention Center.
 - Considering buffet-style meal options.
- **Next LNC Meeting:**
- Recessed until June 1, 2025 (virtual session).
- Will resume policy manual amendments discussion.

District Reports

- **D1 (Schick):**
 - Porter County registered with an Adopt-a-Highway program—first cleanup scheduled soon.
- **D2 (Cotton):**
 - St. Joe County hosting "Whiskey Rebellion" event (June 15) for property tax appeals.
 - District party is on the list for a booth for the 100th anniversary of St. Joe County.
 - Third Friday events for Kosciusko Co are still continuing.
 - July 4th parade participation planned in Elkhart Co.

- **Recommendations from Chair McMahon:**
 - Suggested Mr. Cotton reach out to the Social Media Team to send out a press release for the event and post on social media pages.
 - County Facebook Events should add LPIN as a co-host to further content reach.
- **D3 (Avery):**
 - Hosting Chase Oliver at Fort Wayne Pride (July 26).
 - Volunteers and LGBTQ-themed outreach materials needed.
- **D4 (Lundy):**
 - No changes in District 4, 1994 Society, or membership.
 - Food bank volunteer event in Lafayette, IN (June 15)—open invite for participation.
- **D5 (Shillings):**
 - Hamilton will be participating in CarmelFest —volunteers requested.
 - Sign-up link is in the attached report.
- **D6 (Lomax):**
 - Four County Fair booth (June 17-22)—seeking volunteers.
 - Interested volunteers should contact Luke Lomax or Larry Silver Jr.
- **D7 (Glass):**
 - Monthly meetings are held the third Wednesday, every month, at Centerpoint Brewery—new members joining.
- **D8 (Haynes):**
 - No Report
- **D9 (Curran):**
 - Report is attached.

Director Reports

- **Communications (Smith):**

- May social media reach: 110,000+ viewers—up 50% from last month.
- Viral posts: Property taxes & Republican spending meme by Mr. Cotton.
 - Current engagement is up and rising, especially when we speak out against the current establishment and leaders.
- Press releases: Shillings for SOS Exploratory Committee - Published by Indiana Capital Chronicle & CNHI papers.
- Op-ED on homelessness was published.
- Continue looking for content for Op-Eds
- **Chair's Note:** Pre-nomination, any candidate who is a valid candidate, meets the requirements and is a party member and has declared they are seeking the nomination, the LPIN will send press releases for those individuals.
- **Tech (Schultheiss):** Referred to the written report.
- **Outreach (Coquillard):**
 - Drafted role definition—requests feedback before next meeting vote.
 - Working on 90-day and one-year plan.
 - Preparing introductory email to membership.
 - Chair requests the final version be submitted by Wednesday (June 25th, 2025), prior to the next SCC Meeting

National Convention Discussion

- **Kristi Avery:**
 - Does believe there's value in attending these meetings.
 - Friday night mixer was nice and connecting.
 - Saturday night event was
 - **Fundraising Event:**
 - Featured Steven Nekhalia, Justin Amash as speakers.
 - Larry Sharpe emceed the event.
 - Fundraiser raised significant funds (exact amount undisclosed).

- **Chair McMahon:**

- 4-day event: May 22-25, 2026.
 - Arrive early and be prepared to leave on Tuesday, May 26, 2026
- Rich Bowen has rejoined the convention committee.
- Suggestions are being accepted for speakers.
- Chris Rufer gave a presentation on The Philosophy of Human Respect as a guiding principle for the Libertarian Party.
- Possible 2028 convention shift to March.
 - Also a 4-day event.
 - Indiana will need to adjust the state party bylaws in 2026 to meet the requirements for delegates.
 - Indiana counties may need to adjust the county bylaws in 2026 to hold the state convention in time to send delegates to National Convention.
- Danny Lundy as if there was any proposal for digital voting at conventions. Per Chair McMahon, this change requires bylaws amendment.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: Lomax.
- Seconded by: Glass.
- Approved unanimously.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM EDT.
- Next meeting: Saturday, June 28, 2025 at 10:30AM. In-person at Switchboard.