

# Libertarian Party of Brevard County - Business Meeting Agenda

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Meeting to be held on 5/16/2022

Cape Royal Professional Business Center

1980 N Atlantic Ave Second Floor, Cocoa Beach

Sign in

Meet-and-Greet

1. Call to order
2. Officer Roll Call
  - Determination of quorum (75% of Executive Committee or 25% of all voting members)
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of the minutes from April 18 Monthly Business Meeting.
5. Officer Reports
  - Chair
  - Vice Chair
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Director At Large
6. Committee Reports
  - Gala 2022 Committee
  - Outreach Committee
7. LPF Report
  - Region Rep.- Brian Fleming
8. Old Business
  - ***Motion 2022-15 “Motion to Endorse Ordinance 74-10 Option for BCSO to issue a civil citation in lieu of a criminal charge.”***  
***CHANGE IAW R.Klimkowski***

ORDINANCE 2022-(10) AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE COUNTY OF BREVARD BY AMENDING CHAPTER 74 OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS BY CREATING SECTION 74-9 TO PROHIBIT POSSESSION OF CANNABIS AND DRUG PARAPHERNALIA UNINCORPORATED COUNTY; BY AMENDING CHAPTER 20 BEACH CODE, ARTICLE IV CONDUCT, TO CREATE SECTION 20-128 PROHIBITING POSSESSION OF CANNABIS AND DRUG PARAPHERNALIA ON THE ATLANTIC OCEAN BEACH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; BY PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AUTHORIZING INCLUSION IN CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Resolution 2022-10

Whereas, A community will only allow a crime to rise to the level it will tolerate,

Whereas, A majority of that community no longer sees Cannabis usage as a crime.

Whereas, 7 other counties in Florida and several other cities have passed similar text.

Whereas, allocation of earmarked resources to violent crimes have proven to be a better use of taxpayers funds.

Whereas, based on evidence from our neighboring counties and cities, caging people for a plant does not make people safer.

Whereas, Brevard County should join the growing number of Florida counties and cities that recognize the individual liberties of their constituents, meaning that the constitution is we the people of Brevard's internal policy on cannabis.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Libertarian Executive Committee of Brevard County Supports Ordinance 2022-10, which amends county ordinance to a civil citation for cannabis usage in lieu of a criminal citation. We urge all other political parties and clubs in Brevard County to support Ordinance 2022-10.

Citation-

<https://norml.org/laws/local-decriminalization/florida-local-decriminalization/>

9. New Business

- Motion 2022-17 “LPF Political Action Waiver.”  
See addendum 1
- Motion 2022-18 “Motion to Amend Constitution for Special Meetings and Electronic Participation.”  
Se addendum 2
- Motion 2022-19 "Motion to Add Section Titles to Constitution."  
See addendum 3

10. Discussion - LNC Convention

11. Public Comments

12. Notice & Announcement of Next Meeting

- Next Meeting Date & Location  
June 20, 2022
- Next Social Date & Location

13. Adjournment

# Addendum 1: Motion 2022-17

**Title:** Motion to Authorize LPF Political Action in Brevard

**Mover:** Greg Peele

I move to adopt the following resolution to authorize LPF Political Action in Brevard under certain conditions:

Whereas the Libertarian Party of Florida Bylaws declare that the LPF shall not initiate most political actions within the jurisdiction of an established LPF county affiliate, and;

Whereas the Libertarian Party of Florida Bylaws also affirm that LPF county affiliates may request political action from the LPF;

Be it resolved that the Libertarian Party of Brevard County (LPBC) hereby initiates this request and grants permission to invite the Libertarian Party of Florida to recruit and support Libertarian candidates in Brevard County to the mutual benefit of all parties involved, subject to the following conditions:

- The LPF shall not recruit candidates for any election in Brevard County for which a registered Libertarian is already filed to run
- The LPF shall provide in a timely fashion the name and contact information of any candidate recruited for office in Brevard County to (at minimum) the LPBC Chair and Director At-Large
- The LPF shall notify the LPBC Executive Committee in advance of all events and activities to be conducted within Brevard County under this agreement
- The LPF shall not host or promote any events or activities within Brevard County that conflict with LPBC events except with prior written approval of the LPBC

This resolution shall automatically sunset at the next Annual Business Meeting of the Libertarian Party of Brevard County or upon violation of any of the agreed conditions.

The Libertarian Party of Brevard County reserves the right to rescind approval of this resolution at any time by majority vote.

## **Addendum 2: Motion 2022-18**

**Title:** Motion to Amend Constitution for Special Meetings and Electronic Participation

**Mover:** Greg Peele

I move to amend the LBPC Constitution to make the following changes:

- Amend existing Article II Section II to strike the word “regular” from the phrase “regular business meetings”
- Create a new Article VI titled “Meeting Notice and Procedure”
- Move existing Article V Section IV to become Article VI Section I and title it “Regular Meetings”, insert the word “regular” before “business meetings”, and insert the words “date, time, and location” prior to the words “posted to the public and functioning website”
- Create a new Article VII titled “Committees”
- Move existing Article V Section V to become Article VII Section I and title it “Standing Committees”
- Move existing Article V Section VI to become Article VII Section II and title it “Special Committees”
- Create new Article VI Section II and Section III with the following text:

### **SECTION II: SPECIAL MEETINGS**

The Executive Committee may call special business meetings with advance notice of the meeting date, time, location, and purpose posted to the public and functioning website, subject to any additional policies and procedures defined in the bylaws or other subordinate governing documents. No business may be conducted at the special meeting inconsistent with the stated purpose.

### **SECTION III: ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION**

Electronic participation may be authorized for any meeting. The electronic platform, call-in information, and any other necessary information to participate electronically if authorized shall be provided in the public notice of the meeting. Any Member participating electronically shall notify the Secretary in writing at least 24 hours prior to the meeting of intent to do so and shall announce participation on the authorized electronic platform during the meeting. Members participating by authorized electronic means shall count as present and in attendance for all purposes.

## **Informational Reference:**

Changes with Markup (new underlined, removed ~~striketrough~~)

### ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

#### SECTION I

(No changes)

#### SECTION II: MEMBERSHIP

A Voting Member of the LPBC is any person who is an Associate Member and attends three (3) of the previous six (6) and/or six (6) of the previous twelve (12) ~~regular~~ business meetings, is registered to vote in Brevard County, Florida with a listed party of Libertarian Party of Florida (LPF) as verified by Voter ID, and is not otherwise a member of any other political party. Voting membership shall take effect immediately on attendance of the qualifying meeting. Any member who fails to maintain this level of attendance, whose voter registration cannot be verified, or who is shown to be registered with or is otherwise a member of another political party shall be downgraded to associate membership until all qualifications for voting membership are met again.

(No changes)

### ARTICLE V: PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

(No changes)

#### SECTION III

The Executive Committee may create additional standing rules or other written governing documents that are wholly subordinate to and may not conflict with this constitution, the bylaws, and the adopted parliamentary authority.

### ARTICLE VI: MEETING NOTICE AND PROCEDURE

#### SECTION ~~I~~ IV: REGULAR MEETINGS

The Executive Committee shall call regular business meetings at least monthly with advance notice of the meeting date, time, and location posted to the public and functioning website, subject to any additional policies and procedures defined in the bylaws or other subordinate governing documents.

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## ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

### SECTION V I: STANDING COMMITTEES

Permanent standing committees may be defined in the bylaws, to include the committee's name, membership composition and qualifications, term of service, duties, powers, and any other policies and procedures prescribing the actions of the committee.

### SECTION V II: SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Executive Committee may create special committees in accordance with the adopted parliamentary authority. Any such special committees shall operate for the duration specified by the Executive Committee or until the next regular Executive Committee election, whichever is sooner.

### **Rationale for Changes:**

Currently the LPBC Constitution does not provide for electronic participation, and electronic participation would not count for voting membership. However, we have a number of members who are actively involved in the party and have a desire to participate in discussion and votes yet due to health or other personal factors beyond their control may be unable to physically attend Monday evening meetings. I believe it prudent to provide an avenue for electronic participation to our members while ensuring such participation requires advance notice and is not easily abused. The option for electronic participation would remove the need for other alternatives such as proxy voting.

Related to meeting attendance, currently nothing in the LPBC Constitution authorizes special meetings as detailed in the Bylaws (although nothing explicitly forbids it either) and the current attendance requirements do not reward attendance of special meetings since only regular meetings count for voting membership. This proposal would allow all meetings to count for attendance and to codify the current practice on special meetings.

This motion is intended to be compatible with the “Motion to Add Section Titles to Constitution” - new titles added to existing sections should match in both motions.

## **Addendum 3: Motion 2022-19**

**Title:** Motion to Add Section Titles to Constitution

**Mover:** Greg Peele

I move to amend the LPBC Constitution to add section titles to all sections as follows:

- ARTICLE I: NAME AND OBJECT
  - SECTION I: NAME
  - SECTION II: PURPOSE
  - SECTION III: AFFILIATION
  - SECTION IV: STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES
  - SECTION V: ADOPTION OF LPF CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
  - SECTION VI: SECESSION VOTE
  - SECTION VII: SECESSION EFFECTS
- ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES
  - SECTION I: ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
  - SECTION II: VOTING MEMBERS
  - SECTION III: REVOCATION OF MEMBERSHIP
  - SECTION IV: PROHIBITION ON DUES
- ARTICLE III: OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
  - SECTION I: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMPOSITION
  - SECTION II: ELECTION TERMS
  - SECTION III: ELECTION QUALIFICATIONS
  - SECTION IV: WAIVER OF QUALIFICATIONS
  - SECTION V: CHAIR
  - SECTION VI: VICE-CHAIR
  - SECTION VII: SECRETARY



- SECTION VIII: TREASURER
- SECTION IX: DIRECTOR AT-LARGE
- SECTION X: RESIGNATION
- SECTION XI: RECALL
- SECTION VII: VACANCIES
- ARTICLE IV: ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS
  - SECTION I: ADOPTION OF NEW CONSTITUTION
  - SECTION II: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
  - SECTION III: BYLAWS AMENDMENTS
  - SECTION IV: PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENT
  - SECTION V: EFFECTIVE DATE
- ARTICLE V: PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE
  - SECTION I: ADOPTION OF RONR
  - SECTION II: SUBORDINATION AND SEVERANCE
  - SECTION III: STANDING RULES
  - SECTION IV: REGULAR MEETINGS
  - SECTION V: STANDING COMMITTEES
  - SECTION VI: SPECIAL COMMITTEES

**Rationale for Changes:**

Adding section titles helps make it much easier to find sections and clauses relevant to any particular topic of interest, and therefore would help anyone reading the Constitution. By definition it does not change the meaning or effect of any existing Constitutional rules; it is purely internal housekeeping. Furthermore, while conducting a reconciliation of complex and conflicting amendments for the LPF Constitution and Bylaws, I determined that having titles for every section makes it much easier to cite references and to track which section any particular change was intended to modify, remove, or replace.