

League of Women Voters of North Carolina Advocacy Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Call to Order - A board meeting of LWVNC Advocacy via Zoom on Saturday December 2, 2023. The meeting convened at 1:29 p.m. President Jennifer Rubin presiding and Sandra Mowell, secretary

Present: Jennifer Rubin, Marian Lewin, Mary Thompson, Sandra Mowell, Regan Aduddell, Sara Baysinger, Tiffany Canaday, Suzanne Fisher, and Rebecca Klase

Absent: Velvet Scoggin

Guests: Andrea Cash, Jennifer Bremer, Ellen Reckhow

1. Minutes for LWVNC Advocacy, 07/15/2023 board meeting. Minutes approved as submitted by consent.

2. Treasurer's Report. Questions on the report were dealt with during the Inc. meeting.

New Business

3. Citizens Initiative Proposal. Jennifer Bremer and Ellen Reckhow, ODC, presented information for a proposed study. Detailed information is included in the file for this board meeting. After discussion the board agreed to support the efforts of the ODC team to continue further study of Citizens' Initiative and Referendum in NC. Our recommendation is for the ODC members to put together a team that represents the state fully and to explore the best way to move forward with study and forming a position. We'd like a state board member to work with the team to serve as a liaison and advise on the best procedure to get to a state position. Mowell agreed to be the board liaison.

Recess from the Advocacy meeting at 2:32 p.m. Meeting resumed at 3:44 p.m.

4. Lawsuit. Democracy NC, et al. v. Hirsch, et al. (SB 747)

This lawsuit filed in federal court challenges the changes made to North Carolina's same-day registration laws in Senate Bill 747 (SB 747) as unlawfully restricting the right to vote of young people, including students. Rubin had a message from Southern Coalition for Social Justice representing LWVNC in the case to continue to document any cases of problems with same day registration/voting that occur. It is expected our lawsuit may be combined with similar lawsuits but that hasn't happened yet.

5. LAT. Rubin reiterated that we should try to support LATs as much as we are able. Fisher submitted information for forming a Direct Election of the President Action Team. In continuing education efforts, Lewin asked to be mindful of the fine line between motivating and discouraging voters.

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6. Motion to Adjourn. Meeting adjourned by consent at 4:12 p.m.

All documents received will be filed within the LWVNC_shared drive.

February 21, 2024

Sandra Mowell, Secretary

Approval Date