

LWVHC Board Minutes April 9, 2026 on Zoom

Members Present: Myra Woods, Marcella Lesher, Liz Hill, Nancy Pellegrini, Ernest Mowell, Pam Pazoles

Members Excused:

Observers: Sharon Burlingame, Nan Jennings
Minutes prepared by: Lynn McFarland

Start time 11:02 AM
Adjourned 12:10 PM

Consent Agenda

Previous Minutes:

Leadership Team: LH/MCL/NP/LM/

Treasurer: NP

Education: ML

Home Observer Team: RP

Immigration: MCL

Nominating Committee: NJ/CK/PR

Voter Service: MW

Membership: NJ/SB

Communications: LH

Motion to adopt previous month's minutes. Mary Landry moved to adopt the March minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Any discussion of team reports

President's Report -

Treasurer's Report

Marcella stated that the Henderson County Community Association is having an Open House on April 17.

Liz reported that the State LWV Convention is 6/25-6/27 in Columbus and so far no one is attending from LWV HC. She also stated that you can participate remotely for \$150.

Liz also stated that the Council is May 1-2 and no one is attending from LWV HC.

Myra Woods brought up the topic of the reversal of the Leandro ruling and that the State League Action Team for Education is planning events in Raleigh. There is a Resolves petition to fund public education in NC and they have 3000 signatures. This may be something Ears on Main can take on and Myra will help to plan a letters and postcards party locally, as our next social, in the evening.

OLD BUSINESS

March 16 Sunshine Week program. We paid for boosting the event on Facebook but are not sure if more people came as a direct result. Good turnout with 53 people attending. There was a comment that it was hard to hear because speakers were not speaking into the microphone.

April 22 - Earth Day program (Katie Breckheimer, HOT team) With representatives from the Southern Environmental Law Center at Veterans Center. Press release and social media promo is out for this.

May - 5 - 5 pm Agudas Israel - Judiciary Program, Athena Brooks and Russ Burrell, Justice Mullins moderating. (HOT/ Peri/ Rachel) Title is ABCs of NC Judiciary. Comment - would like it to cover what is on their docket .

LWV HC will receive the WNC ACLU Evan Mahaney Champion of Civil Liberties Award- May 17 at an awards luncheon at Guidon Brewing, 1-3 pm. Open attendance, we hope 12-15 LWV people will come.

Annual Meeting June 23 5:30- We will honor Barbara Volk, Mayor of Hendersonville and 50 year LWV member (certificate and small gift.) Advice from Renee K re Barbara's history with LWV HC. Marcella and Mary will handle the food. Lynn will begin work on the annual meeting program and Liz will begin work on the script.

NEW BUSINESS

The Nominating Committee - presented the 2026-27 slate to the board

Budget/ Finance Update Nancy still needs 2026-2027 budget numbers from Voter Services and the Education teams. The budget needs to go out to members by May 20. The Finance Committee consists of Nancy, Liz, Nan Jennings and Jane DeMartini.

Coffee or social gathering - new location? Date and time possible evening? Some suggestions were to hold it at the Coop Meeting room or Local table (restaurant) or Trailside Brewing in the evening. Guidon Brewery also has a room upstairs but there is minimal parking. Late suggestion idea BurntShirt Vineyards.

Home/Observer Team suggested inviting Chris Cooper to speak on voting fraud or any other topic he wants in July. Possibly the effects of combining off year elections with even year ones and the impact on down ballot voting, or Voter Suppression particularly regarding moving voting locations off of college campuses. Ernie will follow up.

Sharon Burlingame brought up the possibility of collaborating with Public Schools Strong on a Board of Education candidate forum. Possible dates are 9/17, 9/22, 9/24. Chris Berg may also bring the NAACP in to collaborate. Liz will follow up with PSS.

Next Board Meeting is May 14 at 11 AM at the Co-op.

CALENDAR REVIEW

Program Ideas Pending

- Mountain Aging Partners (MAP)
Laura Baker-Seseika, Business Development Manager
Cell: 828-358-8300
Web: www.mapnc.org (Idea from Sally and Marcella)
- Making Public Statements at meetings / combine with advocacy 101? (utilize Dianna Wynn presentation from State)
- ABCs of Zoning or Planning Board and Land Use
- What is Affordable Housing?
- What is the Process to Run for Office
- Voting Rights (Bob Orr?)
- How a Bill becomes a Law - possible Julie Mayfield?
- Health Care for All WNCWeb: <https://healthcareforallwnc.wordpress.com/contact-us/>
- Possible Ed Team Program - ideas Mo Green (perhaps via Zoom); Speaker from Public Schools First NC (good contact Mary Hardvall); HCPS Superintendent

April

Nominating slate to Board for next year

22 - Earth Day - Katie B

May

05 - Judiciary program

Board approves next year's budget

Budget, slate, priorities to members - 30 days before annual meeting

June

23 - Annual Meeting - FCCH

Proposed LWVHC Slate 2026

Vice President	Marcella Lesher	term expires 2028
Treasurer	Jane Demartini	term expires 2028

Directors:

Mary Landry	term expires 2028
Pam Pazoles	term expires 2028
Melissa Veasey	term expires 2027

Nominating Committee members: term expires 2027

Patti Rogers
Caren Kessler
Sharon Burlingame

Proposed Appointed Directors: term expires 2027

Peri David
Lois Pasapane
Linda Morris
Laurie Watts

Continuing service on the board:

President	Liz Hill	term expires 2027
Secretary	Lynn McFarland	term expires 2027
Director	Myra Woods	term expires 2027