

LWVHC Board Minutes March 12, 2026

Members Present: Liz, Myra, Marcella, Nancy, Ernest

Members Excused: Mary, Pam, Lynn

Observers: Sharon Burlingame

Minutes prepared by: Marcella Leshner

Start Time: 11:07
Adjourned: 12:15

Consent Agenda

Previous Minutes: LM

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 Marcella made Motion to approve February 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.
Motion was seconded and approved; no discussion.

Any discussion of team reports

Liz reported Francee Sherman Award deadline is May 1, the I Voted Sticker Contest runs from March 1 to April 15.
Myra mentioned that she believed gathering signatures for full funding of education (resolves initiative) continues.

President's Report-

Liz reported that the 22 participants in the 2026 LWVHC survey indicated that immigration, public education, and representative government remain our top priorities. (Survey is included as attachment to minutes.)

Membership is going well and changes to renewals via the membership portal have not hurt our revenues.

More assistance is needed with maintaining our mailing list via MailChimp. Myra asked that Voter Services mailing list be transferred to MailChimp due to its length. She will see if Barb J. is willing to maintain that list and possibly the larger general list.

Treasurer's Report - Nancy reiterated that we have not been hurt by changes in renewal. It is also much easier to help members with renewals who are having trouble with the new system.

Old Business

February 24 Immigration Program had over 100 attendees. The program and Q&A session went well. An audio recording of the speaker will be added to the Immigration page on Website.

February 28-Regional LWV NC Meeting in Hickory. Liz, Marcella, Peri D, and Melissa V attended. LWV has partnered with VoteRiders. VoteRiders is a national voting rights advocacy organization. Among many initiatives they will provide free assistance to voters who have difficulty gathering the documentation needed to comply with Voter I.D. laws. The regional meeting also explained LWVNC legislative advocacy day on April 28. They also announced that the State Board of Elections would no longer provide printed voter registration forms. All groups involved with voter registration will need to print their own copies.

March 12 Program at the Dandelion. About 9 people attended.

March 16 Asheville Watchdog Sunshine Week program 5 pm at Library (Rachel/HOT)—Program ready to go.

New Business

April 22 - Earth Day program (Katie Breckheimer, HOT team) April 22 at Veterans Center. Katie has this underway.

May 5- Judiciary Program (HOT/ Peri/ Rachel) Program will be at Agudas Israel, speakers Athena Brooks and Russ Burrell.

May 17--WNC ACLU Evan Mahaney Champion of Civil Liberties Award - Annual meeting and award ceremony, our League will be presented with their Civil Liberties Award. Awards luncheon will be at Guidon Brewing from 1-3 pm. Will include in our Update.

Civics 101 program that is currently conducted in Charlotte might be a good program to bring to Hendersonville, perhaps partnering with Boys and Girls Club.

Next Meeting: Thursday April 9 via Zoom.

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
- Chris Cooper on any topic about NC elections, voting
- Voting Rights (Bob Orr?)
- How a Bill becomes a Law - possible Julie Mayfield?
- Health Care for All WNC Web: <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

Board approves next year's budget (or May)

Nominating slate to Board for next year

22 - Earth Day - Katie B

May

5 - Judiciary program

12 - Second Primary Election May 12 (if needed)

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

June

23 - Annual Meeting - FCCH -

