

LWVHC Board Minutes December 11, 2025

Members Present: Liz Hill, Marcella Leshner, Myra Woods, Mary Landry, Pam Pazoles

Members Excused: Nancy Pellegrini, Lynn McFarland, Ernest Mowell

Observers: Sue Hall

Minutes prepared by: Marcella Leshner

Start Time: 11:05
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 (Mary moved, Pam seconded)

Any discussion of team reports

President's Report - The nominating committee is busy doing their work. The LWVNC State Board is in alignment with other groups opposing the loss of a voting precinct on the WCU campus. There is also great concern over legislation that would require the DMV to use the entire social security number for voter registration

Treasurer's Report

Comments from Observers and Announcements—Marcella mentioned that Sandra Mowell has not been able to match new members with experienced members for the mentorship program. There have not been enough experienced members. Mary suggested that mentorships within the teams might be a better solution. If new members have not indicated a team preference, then we might have a group of mentors specifically ready for those new members. This can be discussed at the Holiday Party.

Myra discussed the myriad of education legislation in North Carolina that is backlogged. Proposed legislation represents many opposing views from legislators who want to fully fund public education and legislators who want to provide funding for private school vouchers. The Education Team will make an effort as part of their 2026 goals to make the public aware of what is happening with public education in the legislature. Mary will ask Jane Pulling to help with this issue.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of updated job description to include nonpartisan requirement for President, Vice President and addition of job description for Voter Services Chair to include nonpartisan requirement. We will move this to an online vote after further review.

Follow up of November 18 Immigration & Citizenship: Where We Are Now & How We Got Here, Giovanni (Gio) Pleites-Hernandez UNC Asheville (Rachel, Marcella) -The program went very well. There have been 86 views on our YouTube channel.

Follow up Dec 10 Zoom with Summer Heatherly -This program (Poll Worker application and training) went very well. For future presentations we may want to ask for handouts to proceed the presentation. Liz has sent the link to the Social Justice Network and to the Republican and Democratic parties in Henderson County and to attendees who registered for the program.

Dec 14 Holiday Gathering 2 pm Historic Courthouse - final planning

Core of the City training - do we want to try to send someone from Board or Teams? We will publish information in the Update, but not designate a board rep for the training.

NEW BUSINESS

January - Zoom on Citizens Initiatives Jan 20 4 pm
Presenter will be Dr. Jennifer Bremer Bremer.jennifer@gmail.com 301 955 6333

February 24- Immigration Program
Immigration Enforcement Policy in North Carolina and Beyond
February 24, 11:30-1:00

First Congregational Church, Presented by Dr. Felicia Arriaga (Hendersonville native and Assist. Prof. at Baruch College)
Marcella is drafting a press release and will contact speaker to see if she would be willing to do media interviews.

Set date for priorities meeting and put out survey via Update (Need board members to review survey) Note - input due to LWVUS by March 10—Suggestion to schedule during second week of February. Myra /Liz/ Ernie

March - Asheville Watchdog for Sunshine Week - (Rachel/HOT)
Ruth Birge, former NYT reporter, has committed. John Boyle has been invited but not confirmed.

April 22- Earth Day program (Katie Breckheimer, HOT team)—

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
 - Save Our Swimmers (SOS) 20 minute presentation on swimming ideas in HC
 - Voting Rights (Bob Orr?)
- How a Bill becomes a Law - possible Julie Mayfield?

Health Care for All WNCWeb:

<https://healthcareforallwnc.wordpress.com/contact-us/>

Another possible speaker—the new executive director of IAM Matt Hutcherson

December

14 - Holiday Gathering, Historic Court house 2 pm

January 2025

20 Jennifer Bremer Citizens Initiative Zoom

February

XX Program priorities meeting (along with survey)

24 - Immigration Enforcement Policy in North Carolina and Beyond
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March

3 - Primary Election

XX - Sunshine month Program (HOT Team)

April

Board approves next year's budget

Nominating slate to Board for next year

Possible Program Earth Day - Katie B?

May

12 - Second Primary Election May 12 (if needed)

Budget, slate, priorities to members - 30 days before annual meeting
Possible Ed Team Program - ideas Mo Green (perhaps via Zoom); Speaker
from Public Schools First NC (good contact Mary Hardvall); HCPS
Superintendent

June

23 - Annual Meeting - FCCH - NOTE NEW DATE

