

LWVHC Board Minutes November 13, 2025

Members Present: Liz Hill, Marcella Leshner, Nancy Pellegrini, Lynn McFarland, Ernest Mowell, Myra Woods, Pam Pazoles

Members Excused: Mary Landry

Observers:

Minutes prepared by: Lynn McFarland

Start Time: 11:04

Adjourned: 12:26

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 Barb Jackson sent 47 postcards to state legislators for the education petition. She will be sending Christmas cards as well

Membership: NJ/SB

Communications: LH

Motion to adopt previous month's minutes (Marcella moved, Liz Seconded)

Any discussion of team reports

President's Report No presidents meeting. There are now office hours for questions.

Treasurer's Report . We applied for a \$500 grant for observing Boards of Election and \$350 for Unite and Rise. Nancy attended the Treasurers meeting and the State is now getting more money from Chapter Spot.

Comments from Observers and Announcements

OLD BUSINESS

Review of changes to standing rules regarding archiving material adopted via email vote. Marcella will do an equipment inventory including where it is stored. Important papers have been scanned and uploaded to the Google drive.

- Lynn will review and update job descriptions, especially for VP for nonpartisan compliance and Treasurer for references to Per Member Payments as that has been replaced by Chapter Spot.

Lavalier (clip on) microphones - these are budgeted. The board determined they are not needed.

Civics Unlearned program - 72 people attended, we got a lot of signatures on the Resolve Education petition and added Carolina Public Press to our list for news releases. Liz reminded the board to reserve set up time at least ½ hour before start time when reserving the library for programs. We will ask the speaker going forward if they prefer us to handle questions with cards or from audience directly.

Pam shared info about annual Civics Learning week and a National Forum on September 13, 2026. She suggested we co sponsor with Public Schools Strong a teacher to attend. Possibly use funds from Students Voting for Democracy. There is a LWV NC meeting regarding a State Grant co sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation and LWV US for Youth Civics Education, a \$1 million grant.

Unite and Rise Grant App - Myra filed our application for this grant.

NEW BUSINESS

LWVNC is getting a group membership to the NC Center for Nonprofits- Lynn will be LWV HC point of contact.

November 18 5-6:30 Immigration & Citizenship: Where We Are Now & How We Got Here, Giovanni (Gio) Pleites-Hernandez UNC Asheville (Marcella)

Lynn offered her husband as a possible videographer and Marcella checked with the speaker and he agreed to be videoed.

Discussion of Honoraria for speakers. Board will have to approve. Taking them for a meal is a good idea and additional money is possible if the speaker is not local.

Discussion of Lightning Ads and Boosting FB posts. The board agreed to spend \$100 to boost FB posts as an experiment. Picking the right keywords is important. We will try this on the next event where it's deemed helpful.

Dec 10 Zoom with Summer Heatherly from Board of Elections on Poll Workers - Myra will record the Zoom (Saved to our Zoom cloud) for upload to YouTube. Registration required so we can remind attendees. Ernie will manage the Question and Answers.

Dec 14 Holiday Gathering 2 pm Historic Courthouse. Mary Kay Krakowski will manage the food. Pam will bring a holiday Trivia game. Marcella will purchase Trivia prizes and decorations. We will collect food donations for IAM's food pantry.

January -

Possible Zoom presentation on Citizens Initiatives to get issues on the NC Ballot. They suggest 7-8 pm on Monday -Thursday evening. Send Ellen Reckhow possible dates. Looking at the weeks of the 12th or 19th.

LWVHC priorities meeting and survey. This will be an in person members meeting. We need to have our LWV HC priorities in to the LWV NC by February 13, 2026. A new restaurant Local Market was mentioned as a possible meeting venue.

February or March program working title Crimmigration-Marcella is the lead.

March - Asheville Watchdog and Carolina Public Press program on the importance of local journalism for SunshineWeek - Ernie will be gone so plans to hand this over to HOT Team.

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

CALENDAR REVIEW

Program Ideas Pending

- 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?

December

14 - Holiday Gathering, Historic Court house 2 pm

January 2025

Program priorities meeting (along with survey)
Ellen Reckhow (Durham) Citizens Initiative /

February

Program-Crimmigration (Immigration Team)

March

Sunshine month / Women's History Month
3 - Primary Election

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

