

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RULES COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrew Kolstee, Chair
Mark Braiman
Daniel Castello
Pietro Geraci

MEMBERS ABSENT

Paul Grindle
Christopher Olenski

Secretary's note: Karyn Keniry-Thompson resigned from the committee on September 29, 2024.

The meeting was called to order at 7:22 p.m. by Andrew Kolstee, Chair. It was determined that quorum was present.

There was no objection to **reappoint the Rules Committee from the previous term, consisting of Andrew Kolstee as Chair, and Mark Braiman, Daniel Castello, Pietro Geraci, Paul Grindle, and Christopher Olenski as members.**

Motion by Mark Braiman to **recommend Proposal A as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Pietro Geraci and passed without objection.

8.4.1. **VOTING MEMBERS.** For meetings other than the Organization Meeting, all members of the State Committee defined in Article 6 shall be the voting members ~~The LPNY members elected to the State Committee in accordance with Article 6 shall be the voting members,~~ except that only the officers as defined in Article 7 shall be ~~LPNY Members elected to the Executive Committee shall be~~ the voting members at the meetings of the Executive Committee ~~that body.~~

Motion by Mark Braiman to **recommend Proposal B as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Pietro Geraci and passed without objection.

11.1. **GENERAL PROVISIONS.** No more than one (1) County Affiliate shall be recognized by and affiliated with the Libertarian Party for each county. The recognized County Affiliate shall officially represent the LPNY Members in the county and shall exercise all of the powers of the County Committees as set forth herein and not

prohibited by applicable law. The County Affiliate shall be organized as either a County Organization ~~as outlined in Article 11.2.~~ or as a Constituted County Committee ~~as outlined in Article 11.5.~~

11.2. UNORGANIZED COUNTIES. An unorganized county is any county in which no recognized County Affiliate exists. The State Committee may appoint an Acting County Chair ~~and County Liaison~~ from among the LPNY Member(s) in that county. ~~Both positions may be held by the same person.~~ **11.2.1. ACTING COUNTY CHAIR.** ~~The Acting Chair of an unorganized county~~ The Acting County Chair is responsible for holding a meeting or event no less than twice per quarter and promoting them for the purpose of ultimately organizing a County Affiliate and building a Libertarian Party presence in the county. Terms of office of an Acting County Chair shall be six (6) months and are subject to renewal. An Acting County Chair is ineligible for renewal if they have failed to hold a meeting or event in accordance with this section.

~~11.2.2. COUNTY LIAISON.~~ ~~The County Liaison of an unorganized county is responsible for serving as the liaison of the unorganized county to the State Committee.~~

~~11.2.3. TERMS.~~ ~~Acting County Chairs and County Liaisons shall serve until the end of the succeeding calendar quarter, subject to renewal or removal by the State Committee. Each renewal shall expire at the end of the succeeding calendar quarter.~~

Motion by Daniel Castello to **recommend Proposal C as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Pietro Geraci and passed without objection.

12.5. ABANDONMENT OF POSITION. ATTENDANCE. Members of the State Committee who fail to attend or participate in meetings of the State Committee and/or state-level committees shall be subject to removal in accordance with this section.

12.5.1. UNNOTIFIED ABSENCES. Any member of the State Committee who ~~has previously~~ failed to attend ~~or participate in~~ two (2) consecutive properly called meetings ~~and has evinced no other intent to continue in office~~ without notifying the Chair or Secretary of their absence prior to such meetings may be removed following a hearing by the State Committee for having abandoned the position; for this vote, the member or members in question need not be counted for quorum purposes.

12.5.2. STATE COMMITTEE MEETING ABSENTEEISM. Any member of the State Committee who ~~misses has~~ fails to attend or participate in three (3) consecutive or nine (9) nonconsecutive State Committee Meetings during their term may ~~shall be summarily~~ removed from the State Committee without a hearing by a majority vote.

~~12.5.1.3.~~ **STATE-LEVEL COMMITTEE MEETING ABSENTEEISM.** Any member of a state-level committee who ~~misses has~~ fails to attend or participate in three (3)

consecutive or seven (7) nonconsecutive ~~subcommittee~~ meetings of a state-level committee in which they are a member during their term shall be subject to removal from that committee ~~in accordance with Rule 12.5~~.

Motion by Daniel Castello to **include Proposal C in the Rules Committee report at the next meeting of the full State Committee** was seconded by Pietro Geraci and passed without objection.

Proposal RCMA-17 as follows adopted as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party in accordance with Article 20.6 on minor amendments without objection.

6.3.2. REPRESENTATION. [...]

~~(a)~~ 6.3.2.1. One (1) additional voting member for every six hundred (600) LPNY Members in the district, up to a maximum of five (5) members. The number of LPNY Members in each district shall be based on data obtained by the Secretary between January 1 and January 15 directly preceding the election of a State Committee.

~~(b)~~ 6.3.2.2. One (1) additional voting member for every four thousand (4,000) votes for the most recent Libertarian Party candidate for Governor in the district, up to a maximum of five (5) members.

Proposal RCMA-18 as follows adopted as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party in accordance with Article 20.6 on minor amendments without objection.

8.5.2. AGENDA. The order of business shall be as follows:

[...]

(g) Election of the officers ~~and five Members At Large of the Executive Committee~~.

Proposal RCMA-19 as follows adopted as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party in accordance with Article 20.6 on minor amendments without objection. Daniel Castello had objected but withdrew his objection.

~~11.3. COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS~~

Proposal RCMA-20 as follows adopted as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party in accordance with Article 20.6 on minor amendments without objection.

12.3.8. failure to ~~remain~~ maintain continuous enrollment in the Libertarian Party.

There was some discussion on the party objection.

There was no objection to review the county rules template. The county rules template was reviewed accordingly.

Proposal RCMA-21 as follows adopted as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party in accordance with Article 20.6 on minor amendments without objection.

7.3.2. **VICE-CHAIR.** The Vice-Chair shall act as assistant~~s~~ to the Chair. The Vice-Chair shall preside in the absence of the Chair and shall assume all the duties of the Chair in the event the Chair is unable to execute the duties of the Chair.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Pietro objected to adjournment but withdrew his objection.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 9:16 p.m. without objection.

Andrew Martin Kolstee
Chair of the Rules Committee