

Special Rules of Order for Meetings of the State Committee of the Libertarian Party of New York

Adopted at a meeting of the full State Committee on March 5, 2023

Rule 1. GENERAL.

Rule 1.1. **APPLICATION AND SUSPENSION.** These Special Rules of Order shall apply to all meetings of the full State Committee of the Libertarian Party of New York, unless otherwise amended or suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

Rule 1.2. **VOTING PLATFORM.** The platform used for voting and parliamentary procedure shall be the Porcupine App.

Rule 2. **CREDENTIALS.** The Secretary, directly after the opening ceremonies of the business meeting, shall call the roll of the elected members of the State Committee.

Rule 3. **IDENTIFICATION OF VOTING MEMBERS.** To facilitate identification, seating, and voting, members and others shall be required to retain and display upon request the wristbands, voting cards, or other indicia issued by the organizers of the meeting upon registration. Division votes, whether simple or counted, shall be taken by members' standing and display of such voting member indicia. For meetings held by teleconference, voting members shall be identified within the platform or platforms used to conduct the meeting.

Rule 4. DEBATE.

Rule 4.1. No member shall speak in debate on the same question a second time until every other member who wishes to speak had the opportunity to do so.

Rule 4.2. No member shall speak in debate on the same question more than twice or longer than three (3) minutes in total without permission of the State Committee granted by a two-thirds vote without debate.

Rule 5. **VOTING.** Voting shall be conducted using the Porcupine App. The Chair shall conduct each vote in the following order: a) the Chair may ask if there is any objection to a motion and if there is no objection, the Chair shall declare the motion passed; b) if the Chair is unable to determine whether a motion has passed or failed after a voice vote, the Chair shall proceed to a poll using the Porcupine App. Any member of the State Committee may call for an immediate vote using the poll feature of the Porcupine App.

Rule 6. **FILLING OF VACANCIES.** If there is no candidate to fill a vacancy for a particular district, the Chair may move to the next district or item on the agenda.

Rule 7. **ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF PARTY RULES.**

Rule 7.1. If discussion on an amendment has begun, any recognized speaker may also discuss alternative proposed amendments that deal with the same issues and may use that text to propose a substitution to the current amendment.

Rule 7.2. If a member of the State Committee proposes more than one amendment, their subsequent proposals shall be taken up only after every other member's first proposed amendment has been considered.

Rule 7.3. Debate on each amendment shall be limited to ten (10) minutes. Each speaker is limited to one (1) minute at a time. The Chair shall alternately recognize those speakers in favor of and opposed to the amendment.

Rule 8. **CANDIDATE SPEECHES.**

Rule 8.1. Candidates for Chair shall each be allowed five (5) minutes to speak; candidates for all other Party offices shall each be allowed three (3) minutes to speak. Candidates to fill vacancies on the State Committee shall be allowed ninety (90) seconds to speak. Candidates may cede their time only to other members of the State Committee to speak on their behalf during their allotted time. Speeches will not be allowed for uncontested positions, in which candidates are only running against NOTA.

Rule 8.2. Candidates seeking endorsement for the highest public office shall each be allowed five (5) minutes to speak; candidates seeking endorsement for all other public offices shall each be allowed three minutes to speak; candidates seeking endorsement for any public office shall also each be allowed one nominating speech and one seconding speech of one minute each.

Rule 9. **ENDORSEMENTS AND NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES.** Endorsements and nominations of candidates for public office shall be made in the same manner as elections for Party officers.

Rule 10. **PLATFORM.** When discussing the Platform, the previously adopted Platform shall be the base on which amendments, additions, or deletions shall be offered. Such changes to the Platform shall require a vote in accordance with the Rules of the Libertarian Party.

Rule 11. **RESOLUTIONS.** A resolution offered by an individual member shall be submitted by the maker and the seconder – each of whom shall be a member of the State Committee – and shall be sent by email directly to the Secretary. The State Committee may appoint a Resolutions Committee to review and consider resolutions during the meeting.

Rule 12. **PERMANENT RECORD.** All reports and other material for the permanent record or printed proceedings shall be typewritten and, immediately on presentation, shall be sent to the Recording Secretary in electronic form.