

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLATFORM COMMITTEE  
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2024 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Daniel Castello, Chair  
Andrew Kolstee, Secretary  
Erinn Rose Leatherman  
Jennifer O'Connor  
Richard Purtell  
Robert Schuon  
Christopher Skelly  
Blay Tarnoff

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Paul Grindle  
Christopher Olenski  
Karyn Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Daniel Castello, Chair.

Motion by Robert Schuon to **reappoint the Platform Committee from the previous term, consisting of Daniel Castello as Chair, Andrew Kolstee as Secretary, and Paul Grindle, Christopher Olenski, Richard Purtell, Robert Schuon, Blay Tarnoff, and Karyn Thompson as members** passed without objection.

**Erinn Rose Leatherman, Jennifer O'Connor, Christopher Skelly were added to the committee as members** without objection.

Daniel Castello recited the Platform of the Libertarian Party of New York.

There were numerous discussions on issues to implement interpretation of the platform in a framework known as *The Liberty Test*. The following framework was drafted as a workflow from the platform to messaging to activism.

**1. Government Action**

What is the specific action or policy the government is implementing?

**2. Government Justification**

What reasons does the government give for this action?

**3. Libertarian Response to the Action**

How does the Libertarian Party view this action based on its principles?

**4. Libertarian Response to the Justification**

How does the Libertarian Party address the government's reasoning for this action?

**5. Why the Government Fails at This**

Why is the government ineffective or counterproductive in achieving the stated goals?

**6. Practical Libertarian Alternatives**

What are specific, practical Libertarian alternatives to the government's action?

**7. Call to Action**

Depending on the issue: education (speaking out), volunteer, lobbying, lawsuits

There was a discussion to make *The Liberty Test* a framework for specific issues, from the issue itself, to the Libertarian response, and further actions. The Communications Division will be able to take these actions and implement them. A podcast was also discussed to promote this messaging.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 7, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **adjourn** was seconded by Christopher Skelly.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 9:28 p.m. without objection.

Andrew Martin Kolstee  
Secretary of the Platform Committee