

**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, 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