

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLATFORM COMMITTEE  
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Daniel Castello, Chair  
Andrew Kolstee, Secretary  
Christopher Olenski  
Richard Purtell  
Michael Rebmann  
Robert Schuon  
Blay Tarnoff  
Karyn Thompson

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Justin Carman  
Paul Grindle  
Keith Redhead

**OBSERVERS**

Charles Roggen

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Daniel Castello, Chair. It was determined that quorum was present.

Daniel Castello read the approved version of the Platform along with text that had not yet been voted on.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **recommend Proposal CR as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Platform of the Libertarian Party of New York, including amending Proposal CP** passed without objection.

~~3. **Conflict Resolution.** The resolution of conflicts initiates at the individual level, where individuals and groups have the right to freely resolve conflicts as they see fit, respecting the unalienable rights of all involved. Individuals may delegate conflict resolution to an individual or association of individuals, tasked with safeguarding fundamental rights such as life, liberty, and property, in cases where individual resolution proves insufficient or ineffective. Specifically:~~

3. **The Principle of Defending Rights.** The most basic implication of a right is that it may be defended and the preservation and defense of individual rights are paramount in a just society. This right encompasses the ability of individuals and groups to resolve conflicts concerning their rights, respecting the inherent freedoms of all involved. In

cases where personal resolution is insufficient, individuals may delegate this responsibility to others tasked with protecting fundamental rights such as life, liberty, and property.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **amend Proposal CR as follows by inserting the text as indicated in purple and striking the text as indicated in orange** passed without objection.

**3. The Principle of Defending Rights.** The most basic implication of a right is that it may be defended and the preservation and defense of individual rights are paramount ~~in a just society to liberty~~. This right encompasses the ability of individuals ~~and groups~~ to resolve conflicts concerning their rights, respecting the inherent freedoms of all involved. ~~In cases where personal resolution is insufficient,~~ individuals may **form groups to defend these rights** or delegate this responsibility to others tasked with protecting fundamental rights such as life, liberty, and property.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **recommend Proposal DE as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Platform of the Libertarian Party of New York** passed without objection.

**3.1. The Right to Defensive Response.** Individuals have the right to use reasonable and necessary force, including the use of weapons, to protect themselves, others, and property, and therefore have the right to keep and bear any arms they may need to do so. The right of defensive response requires the need for immediate action in situations where rights are under direct and imminent threat.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **replace the text of Proposal DE with the text of Proposal DJ as follows which includes the addition of the text as indicated in purple** was seconded by Richard Purtell and passed without objection.

**3.1. The Right to Defensive Response.** Individuals have the right to use reasonable and necessary force, including the use of weapons, to protect themselves, others, and property, and therefore have the right to keep and bear any arms they may need to do so. The right of defensive response requires the need for immediate action in situations where rights are under direct and imminent threat. **Individuals may allow others to aid in their defense or decline assistance.**

Motion by Michael Rebmann to **adjourn**. Andrew Kolstee because the date of the next meeting was not scheduled.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

*Secretary's note: the meeting was later changed to Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.*

Motion by Michael Rebmann to **adjourn** was seconded by Andrew Kolstee.

Charles Roggen joined the Platform Committee.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:37 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee  
Secretary of the Platform Committee