

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrew M. Kolstee, Chair
Duane J. Whitmer, 1st Vice-Chair
Richard F. Purtell, 2nd Vice-Chair
Mark S. Braiman, Secretary
Justin N. Carman, Member-At-Large (JD3)
William Cody Anderson, Treasurer
Karyn A. Keniry-Thompson, Member-At-Large (JD4)
Keith C. Redhead, Member-At-Large (JD5)
Maura E. Botsford, Member-At-Large (JD8)
William K. Schmidt, Member At-Large (JD9)

OBSERVERS

David B. "Chance" Haywood, State Committee Member, Judicial District 1
Christopher M. Olenski, State Committee Member, Judicial District 6
James M. Ziobro, State Committee Member, Judicial District 7
Michael Rebmann, State Committee Member, Judicial District 8

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Andrew Kolstee, Chair. Secretary Mark Braiman conducted a roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

A request for public comment by Chair Andrew Kolstee received no comments.

Secretary Mark Braiman issued a written report (**Exhibit 1**). Chair Andrew Kolstee stated that he had found some things that needed to be corrected in the minutes of the State Committee meetings of March 5, 2023; March 19, 2023; and June 4, 2023, so consideration of approval of these minutes was postponed until the next meeting of the Executive Committee. **The reading of the minutes for Executive Committee meetings of May 21, 2023; and June 25, 2023 was waived, and these minutes were approved** without objection.

Treasurer William Cody Anderson issued a **Treasurer's Report in writing (Exhibit 2) and the report was accepted** without objection.

Chair Andrew Kolstee issued a report. He has created an itemized list of tasks that need to be done by the Executive Committee, allowing individual members of the Committee to prioritize their own contributions to completion. Data migration has begun to the new database with Humanitru. The credit-card acceptance app will also be migrated to Humanitru. Chair Andrew Kolstee also announced his intent to create a special 2024 Petitioning Committee to investigate the process and possible resources needed for statewide petitioning. No funds are to be expended by this committee, in accordance with our earlier resolution regarding petitioning. No Petitioning Committee Chair has yet been identified. There was discussion, and **the Petitioning Committee was created** without objection.

Events Committee Chair Karyn Keniry-Thompson issued a report regarding planning for the November in-person event. She outlined the budget. The Events Committee has identified four or five speakers, who are mostly willing to come to speak without charge. Motion by Karyn Keniry-Thompson on behalf of the Events Committee to **authorize the Chair to sign the**

attached contract (Exhibit 3) with Crowne Plaza hotel for the November 10-12 event was debated. Andrew Kolstee expressed a concern about the anticipated cost of \$500 per day for meeting room rentals, totaling \$1000. Duane Whitmer asked for a clarification of the estimated number of attendees needed to break even. The Events Committee estimate is fifty (50) attendees at a cost of \$100 per ticket, of whom twenty-five (25) will need to be donors at the Saturday fundraiser at an additional \$100 per person. The original motion failed by voice vote. The sense of the meeting was that the Events Committee should scale back the event to a smaller one-day event without a hotel contract, focusing less on Presidential Candidates and more on training and workshops to be held at the Rail Line in Syracuse, which will likely be able to offer us the use of its space for free.

Motion by Communications Director Duane Whitmer to **authorize the expenditure of up to \$500 in copying and mailing costs to send a letter to the Department of Taxation and finance and all state Legislators requesting the cessation of unannounced in-person visits.** was seconded by William Cody Anderson and debated. Anderson spoke in favor of the motion and announced that he is making an unrestricted donation of \$100 in support. The original motion passed without objection.

Motion by William Cody Anderson to **authorize the expenditure of up to \$600 for printing and mailing costs for the reply in support of the certiorari petition before the Supreme Court of the United States** was seconded by Mark Braiman and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Karyn Keniry-Thompson to **request a hearing by the Full State Committee to consider the revocation of the affiliation of the Manhattan affiliate on the grounds that they have not had quarterly meetings in the previous three calendar quarters** was seconded by William Schmidt. The affiliate has not held a meeting since the September 2022 convention, nor has its Executive Committee held a meeting. There was not a quorum at the September 2022 meeting. By the Manhattan affiliate's Bylaws, only the affiliate Chair can call a meeting, and the current chair has not called a meeting in almost a year.

Motion by William Schmidt to enter Executive Session in order to discuss a personnel matter was seconded by William Cody Anderson and passed by voice vote.

Executive Session began at 8:10 p.m.

Executive Session adjourned at 8:26 pm

The motion to **request a hearing by the Full State Committee to consider the revocation of the affiliation of the Manhattan affiliate on the grounds that they have not had quarterly meetings in the previous three calendar quarters** passed by voice vote.

Motion by William Cody Anderson to **adjourn** was seconded by Karyn Keniry Thomson and passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Mark Stephen Braiman,
Secretary.

EXHIBIT 1

Secretary's Report for LPNY Executive Committee Meeting of September 25, 2023.

The Secretary requests approval today of the posted (Draft) Minutes for Executive Committee meetings of May 21, 2023; and June 25, 2023; and State Committee meetings of March 5, 2023; March 19, 2023; and June 4, 2023. (See https://lpedia.org/wiki/Index_of_New_York_State_Party_Meetings. Scroll to near the bottom of the page for the list of 2022-2024 meetings, and then click on the appropriate link in the rightmost column for the minutes).

These minutes are complete as of 8/23/2023. My apologies for not having yet finished correcting and reformatting my drafts of Executive Committee meetings of December 18, 2022 and January 15, 2023; and the State Committee meeting of October 23, 2022. These earlier meetings took place before I had my system in place for getting the minutes recorded and formatted accurately and efficiently. In case anyone needs to check back on what transpired at those meetings, the incorrectly formatted drafts already have essentially all the information that will end up in the final minutes, except Porcupine vote details for the October 23, 2022 meeting.

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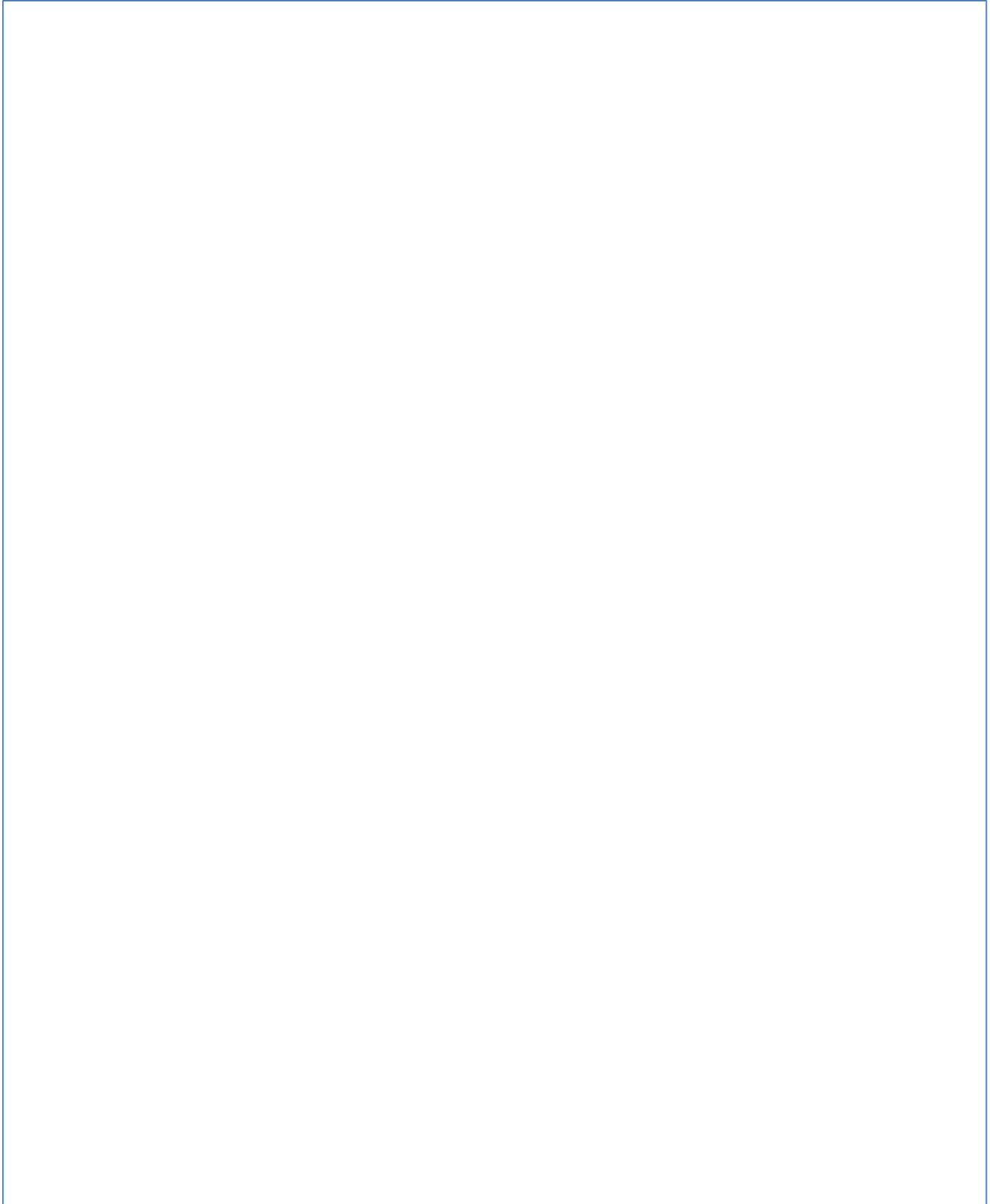


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