

**LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
AGENDA OF THE STATE MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2023**

4:00 P.M. Call to Order (Andrew Kolstee, Chair)

4:00 P.M. Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum (Mark Braiman, Secretary)

4:05 P.M. Public Comment

4:15 P.M. Adoption of Agenda

4:20 P.M. Filling of Vacancies on the State Committee

Judicial District 6 (1 vacancy)

Judicial District 7 (4 vacancies)

Judicial District 12 (1 vacancy)

Judicial District 13 (1 vacancy)

Nominations submitted and accepted before the meeting:

XXXXX, to fill a vacancy in Judicial District X

4:35 P.M. Treasurer's Report (Cody Anderson)

4:45 P.M. Communications/Outreach Report (Duane Whitmer)

4:55 P.M. Chair's Report (Andrew Kolstee)

5:05 P.M. Hearings

Hearing to remove Jacob Cornell as a member of the State Committee from Judicial District 5 due to abandonment of position.

Hearing to remove Keith Price as a member of the State Committee from Judicial District 6 due to abandonment of position.

Hearing to remove Scott Thompson as a member of the State Committee from Judicial District 10 due to abandonment of position.

Hearing to remove Angelo Veltri as a member of the State Committee from Judicial District 10 due to abandonment of position.

5:35 P.M. Rules Committee Report (Andrew Kolstee)

Consideration to adopt proposed amendments to the Rules. Click [here](#) to review the report.

5:55 P.M. Platform Committee Report (Mark Glogowski)

Consideration to adopt proposed amendments to the Platform. Click [here](#) to review the report.

6:25 P.M. Resolutions

Resolution 3 - Use of Party Resources (from the table)

Debated by the State Committee on October 23, 2023, but postponed until after the election.

Consideration to **adopt the following resolution.**

WHEREAS, Libertarian Party of New York (LPNY) resources are generally quite limited now after ballot access struggles, and this pattern is expected to be repeated in other years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in even-numbered years from June 1 through Election Day, LPNY resources may only be used to support (a) Candidates for state or local office who are both LPNY members and who will be listed on the Libertarian Party line for that office, (b) Non-LPNY members who were already nominated by the LPNY State Committee for statewide offices and who achieved ballot-access status, ~~and (c) LPNY members who were nominated by the State Committee for Governor or for President but failed to get on the pre-printed ballot and are making an effort to gain ballot access for the LPNY through a write-in campaign;~~ and the LPNY Candidate Support Committee and Executive Committee shall enjoy broad discretion allocate previously-budget funds to support such candidates.

Resolution 5 - Criteria for Ballot Access

Recommended by the Executive Committee.

WHEREAS, getting a Libertarian Presidential candidate on the New York ballot in November 2024 will require 45,000 petition signatures, a level that we did not quite achieve for Governor in 2022; and

WHEREAS, we believe our inability to petition successfully in 2022 was at least partly a consequence of our failures to lay the necessary groundwork early on, to meet the newly-stringent petition requirements; and

WHEREAS, our failure to gain sufficient petition signatures, and subsequent scrambling to achieve ballot access through even less-auspicious means, led to dispiriting internal finger-pointing and a net loss of momentum in building the Party;

WHEREAS, the Libertarian Party of New York intends to throw our enthusiastic support in 2023-2024 behind the nomination and petition-gathering for 2024 statewide candidates, including a candidate for the United States Senate; placeholder candidates for President and Vice President of the United States; as well as Presidential Electors pledged to vote for the nominees chosen by the 2024 Libertarian National Convention.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the party shall strive to attain at least three (3) out of the following five (5) criteria by December 31, 2023:

1) A total of \$300,000 is in the Libertarian Party of New York's Ballot Access bank account.

- 2) The Libertarian Party of New York has a list of at least 2,000 volunteers who have pledged, via email from a valid return email address, to collect petition signatures to get the statewide candidates on the ballot in 2024.
- 3) The Libertarian Party of New York has a list of at least 20,000 new members who have pledged via email, from a valid return address, to download and sign a copy of our Independent candidate petition, and to have it witnessed and returned via US Postal mail within the first 24 hours of petitioning in April 2024;
- 4) The Libertarian Party of New York's email list of registered New York voters who have expressed some kind of interest in Libertarianism exceeds 50,000 functioning recent email addresses.
- 5) At least 50 members of the Libertarian Party of New York have successfully petitioned during the 2023 Independent candidate petition period to be listed as Libertarian candidates for public local offices, and have consequently appeared as Libertarians on the November 2023 ballot.

Resolution 8 - Amendment to Ballot Access Threshold Bill

Submitted by Richard Purtell.

WHEREAS, the Libertarian Party of New York supports Assembly bill A3312 sponsored by Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, which was reintroduced in this session from the bill introduced in the previous session by former Assemblyman John Salka to re-establish the 15,000 petition signature threshold for statewide independent candidates to be placed on the ballot and 50,000 votes for such body to obtain recognized party status, and

WHEREAS, the introduction of **public taxpayer** financing of elections was a major justification for increasing the ballot access thresholds for an independent body,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the LPNY supports and shall promote an amendment to the A3312 bill, which would allow for two different thresholds categories:

- 1) the first would require 15,000 petition signatures for a statewide independent candidate to be placed on the ballot and 50,000 votes in order for such nominating body of that candidate to achieve recognized party status, except that such body shall be ineligible for public financing of campaigns and
- 2) the second would require 45,000 petition signatures for a statewide independent candidate to be placed on the ballot and 130,000 votes or 2% of the votes in order for such nominating body of that candidate to achieve recognized party status, in which case such body shall be eligible for public financing of campaigns as per current election law.

6:50 P.M. Old business

6:55 P.M. New business

7:00 P.M. Adjournment