

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RULES COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrew Kolstee, Chair
Mark Braiman
Justin Carman
Daniel Castello
Pietro Geraci
Adam Magoon
Christopher Olenski
Michael Rebmann
Karyn Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Paul Grindle

OBSERVERS

Richard Purtell
Keith Redhead

The meeting was called to order at 7:22 p.m. by Andrew Kolstee, Chair.

The reading of the minutes of August 10, 2022, August 24, 2022, August 30, 2022, September 8, 2022, November 29, 2022, December 13, 2022, January 10, 2023, January 24, 2023, January 31, 2023, February 5, 2023, March 21, 2023, May 9, 2023, June 13, 2023, August 8, 2023, October 24, 2023, and November 28, 2023 meetings of the Rules Committee were waived and the minutes were approved without objection.

The Chair asked if there were any objections to Proposal K. Christopher Olenski objected and then withdrew his objection.

Proposal K as follows was recommended to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to Rules of the Libertarian Party without objection.

9.3.3. **NONE OF THE ABOVE (“NOTA”) AS A CANDIDATE.** All ballots in all elections shall have “None of the Above” (“NOTA”) as an option. This option is to be explicitly mentioned as valid when listing the candidates for the election. If NOTA receives a majority of the votes in any given election, there will be a new round of nominations and a new election, in which all of the nominated candidates who were

outpolled by NOTA are ineligible. Candidates outpolled by NOTA are only disqualified for the given election and remain eligible for nomination in all future elections.

Motion by Pietro Geraci to **recommend Proposal J as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Daniel Castello and debated.

5.5. OTHER CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP. The term “Supporting LPNY Member” shall refer to any LPNY Member who has financially supported the LPNY and is eligible to be an LPNU Member. The term “Associate Supporters” shall refer to any non-LPNU Member who has financially supported the LPNY. The State Committee is responsible for establishing the different levels of membership for both Supporting LPNY Members and Associate Supporters. The Treasurer shall be responsible for tracking these classes of membership.

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The original motion to **recommend Proposal J as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party as amended** passed by without objection.

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Motion by Adam Magoon to **recommend Proposal C3 as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Pietro Geraci and debated.

10.1. GENERAL. Standing and special committees may be created to carry out specific tasks and projects of the LPNY as determined by the State Committee.

10.2. STANDING COMMITTEES. The LPNY shall have the following standing committees: Communications, Field Development, Finance, Political, IT, Legislative Affairs, Outreach, Personnel, each chaired by a Director who shall be considered as a Chair for the purposes of governance and procedure; additionally, the Rules Committee and the Platform Committee shall also be standing committees to be chaired specifically by a designated Chair.

10.3. CREATION AND DISSOLUTION. The State Committee shall have the power to create and dissolve standing ~~or~~ and special committees and to appoint and remove their members and chair. ~~The Chair of the State Committee shall have the power to create special committees and appoint their members and chair.~~

10.4. COMMITTEE CHAIRS. The chair of each standing and special committee shall call and preside over meetings and represent the committee and provide reports to the State Committee. ~~**POWERS.** Unless determined otherwise by the State Committee, the chair of each standing and special committee shall have the power to appoint members and fill vacancies~~

10.4.1. VACANCIES. In the event of a vacancy in the Chair of a committee, the Chair of the LPNY shall have the power to appoint a Chair of any standing or special committee. If such an appointment has not occurred by the next meeting of the committee, the members of the committee shall elect their own Chair. If such an election has not occurred by the next meeting of the full State Committee, the State Committee shall elect the Chair of that committee.

10.4.2. **REMOVAL.** Members of a standing or special committee may remove the committee chair by a three-quarters (3/4) vote.

10.5. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS.** The chair of each committee shall have the authority to appoint and remove members of their committee, except in cases where these appointments have been made by the State Committee or by election in accordance with these Rules.

10.6. **TERMS OF OFFICE.** The chair and members of each committee shall serve until the end of the first Executive Committee meeting following the next organization meeting, or until their resignation, removal, or reappointment.

~~10.4.~~ 10.7. **RECORDS.** All committees shall keep a record of their proceedings. The Secretary shall keep a record of all committees and their membership. The Chairs of all committees must maintain a digital roster of all current committee members, a list of dates meetings were held and the attendance of those meetings, that is accessible to the Chair and Secretary.

Proposal C3 was amended as follows with struck out text as indicated in orange without objection and further debated.

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The original motion to **recommend Proposal C3 as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party as amended** passed by voice vote.

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Motion by Adam Magoon to **recommend Proposal O as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Daniel Castello and passed by voice vote.

Article 24. Policies

24.1. **GENERAL.** The LPNY may establish a Policy Manual to address operational procedures, organizational structures, and special rules that do not require the formal weight and amendment process of these Rules. The Policy Manual is intended to complement the Rules, providing detailed guidance and clarity for day-to-day operations and special circumstances.

24.2. **CREATION AND MAINTENANCE.** The Policy Manual shall be created and maintained by the State Committee. It can be amended or revised as necessary to reflect the evolving needs of the LPNY, without undergoing the formal amendment process required in these Rules.

24.3. ACCESSIBILITY AND REFERENCE. The Policy Manual shall be readily accessible to all members of the organization. It shall be referenced in conjunction with the Rules to provide a comprehensive understanding of organizational governance and operations.

24.4. CONTENTS. The contents of the Policy Manual shall include but not be limited to the following.

24.4.1. SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER. The Special Rules of Order shall govern the procedures of meetings of the full State Committee.

24.4.2. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE. The Organizational Structure shall govern the procedures regarding the structure and operations of committees.

Motion by Mark Braiman to **recommend Proposal P as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Michael Rebmann and debated.

8.3.1. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS. The following fixed costs of an in-person meeting must be shared equally by all members of the State Committee: rental of a meeting hall to hold the entire membership of the State Committee; audio-visual equipment rental; communications (internet) fees; software fees for conducting polls, ballots, and any other vote; and the cost of five (5) meals provided within the meeting facility for the entire number of State Committee members. The committee tasked with organizing the in-person meeting shall estimate the total of these fixed costs, and shall set the shared cost per State Committee member as an individual registration fee. This meeting registration fee for State Committee members may not be changed after one month prior to the meeting. No person shall be provided with the means to speak or vote in the meeting until this individual registration fee is paid.

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changed after one month prior to the meeting. No person shall be provided with the means to speak or vote in the meeting until ~~this~~ their individual registration fee is paid.

Motion by Adam Magoon to **amend Proposal P as follows with struck out text as indicated in orange and inserted text as indicated in purple** was seconded by Daniel Castello, and debated.

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Motion by Christopher Olenski to **postpone consideration of Proposal P as follows contingent on a survey of the State Committee** was seconded by Michael Rebmann and passed 5-3 after a roll call vote, with Justin Carman, Pietro Geraci, Christopher Olenski, Michael Rebmann, and Karyn Thompson voting in favor and Mark Braiman, Daniel Castello, and Adam Magoon voting against.

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Motion by Karyn Thompson to **adjourn** failed due to lack of a second.

Motion by Mark Braiman to **recommend Proposal Q as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Adam Magoon and passed by voice vote.

8.8. QUORUM. A quorum for all meetings of the State Committee and Executive Committee shall be a majority of voting members, *except as follows*. For any in-person meeting at which State Committee vacancies are to be filled; candidates for statewide public office are to be nominated or endorsed; or candidates for Party Office are to be elected, quorum shall be ten (10) members, as long as one or more of these time-sensitive actions be taken in accordance with an agenda that all State Committee were notified of at least one month prior to the meeting, and no other business be transacted at such meeting regardless of whether it may appear on any agenda.

Motion by Daniel Castello to **recommend Proposal L as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party with struck text as indicated in orange and inserted text as indicated in purple** was seconded by Justin Carman and debated.

Article 14. Nominations of ~~Libertarians~~ Candidates for Public Office

14.1. GENERAL. While potential candidates for public office may petition to be a candidate for public office in accordance with Election Law, this article shall govern all other procedures in the LPNY in the nomination of candidates for public office where it is applicable by law.

14.1.1. PRIME DIRECTIVE. It shall be the highest responsibility for the State Committee and all County Affiliates to notify all LPNY Members about the offices up for election and to identify and cultivate Libertarian candidates.

14.1.2. CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS. Libertarian Party candidates ~~will~~ shall be limited to LPNY Members ~~except as provided in Article 15.~~ unless otherwise specified.

~~15.1.~~ **14.1.3. NON-LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES.** ~~15.1.1 GENERAL.~~ Anyone seeking to be the Libertarian Party's candidate in any subdivision in New York State who is not an LPNY Member must make a request for a Certificate of Authorization ~~and will be that is~~ subject to approval by the ~~Executive~~ State Committee as provided by these Rules and Election Law.

~~15.1.2.~~ **14.1.3.1. CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORIZATION.** Only ~~the Executive Committee,~~ the State Committee, or ~~a~~ constituted county committees shall have the authority to approve certificates of authorization when such are required by Election Law. That authority shall not be transferred. ~~15.5.~~ Multiple Certificates of Authorization may be issued by the State Committee for the same office.

~~15.1.3.~~ **14.1.3.2. OBJECTIONS.** After the approval of a Certificate of Authorization by the Executive Committee, no less than fifty percent (50%) of the members of the State Committee representing the Judicial District containing the office may submit objections by written or electronic means to the Secretary within forty-eight (48) hours after the approval of such Certificate of Authorization. In such a case, a Certificate of Authorization shall not be issued unless approved at a meeting of the full State Committee.

14.1.3. PUBLICITY OF LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES. The LPNY shall only publicize Libertarian candidates as official candidates of the Libertarian Party, which are

defined as candidates who are either LPNY Members or non-LPNY Members running on the Libertarian Party line and endorsed by the State Committee or a County Affiliate.

14.1.4. **ENDORSEMENTS.** In elections in which the Libertarian Party is not permitted to nominate candidates in accordance with election law, the provisions in these Rules apply to endorse such candidates to appear on an Independent Nominating Petition naming the Libertarian Party as the independent body.

~~14.3.~~ 14.2. **STATEWIDE CANDIDATES.**

~~14.3.1.~~ 14.2.1. **GENERAL.** Candidates for statewide office shall be nominated at a special open meeting of the State Committee in accordance with these Rules and Election Law. ~~This meeting shall be held in accordance with Election Law.~~ The nomination process shall be conducted in the same manner as the election of party offices as provided in Article 9.

~~14.3.2. When multiple candidates are vying for the nomination for a single position, voting shall continue in the usual manner until one individual receives a majority of the votes cast. Subsequently, a runoff vote of that candidate versus “None of the Above” shall be held.~~

~~14.3.3. It shall take a majority of those voting to nominate.~~

~~14.3.4. The State Committee shall notify any candidate receiving more than 25% of the vote of their right to be placed on the primary ballot as per Election Law 6-104-2. To secure this right, the candidate must contact the Board of Elections no later than seven (7) days after such meeting and may be withdrawn in the same manner within fourteen (14) days after such meeting.~~

~~14.3.5.~~ The Executive Committee of the State Committee shall constitute the committee to fill any vacancy in such designations that may occur after the State Committee has adjourned.

~~15.1.4. STATEWIDE CANDIDATES.~~ Candidates not enrolled in the Libertarian Party shall never be given authorization or nomination to run for Governor of New York. For all other statewide offices, candidates must receive a two-thirds (2/3) vote to be entered into nomination for such office.

15.1.4. 14.2.2. **ELIGIBILITY, STATEWIDE CANDIDATES.** To be a candidate for nomination for any of the following offices to be filled by the voters of the entire state, one must be an LPNY Member: Governor/Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, United States Senator, Presidential/Vice Presidential Elector. However, in the event that nominations have already closed for a particular statewide office, a motion may be made to reopen nominations exclusively to allow the nomination of a specific non-LPNY

Member for that position. Such a motion requires a three-quarters (3/4) vote and is non-debatable. If the motion is passed, the candidate will be entered into nomination.

~~15.1.4.1. **CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION.** Should a candidate not enrolled in the Libertarian Party be nominated for statewide office, the vote to enter the candidate into nomination shall also serve as a vote to issue a certificate of authorization, should such candidate be nominated.~~

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~~15.1.4.2. **AUTHORIZATION BY GOVERNOR NOMINEE.** An affidavit authorizing any candidate for statewide office not enrolled in the Libertarian Party must be signed by the nominated candidate for Governor in order for such nomination to be valid.~~

14.2.3. [INSERT PROPOSAL H2 HERE]

~~14.4.~~ 14.3. **NEW YORK CITY CANDIDATES.** Nominations for offices in New York City to be filled at an election for all the voters of New York City shall be made as per Election Law 6-120-3. When such designation or nomination is for an office to be filled by all the voters of the City of New York, such authorization must be by a majority vote of those present at a joint meeting of the executive committees of each of the County Affiliates of the party within the City of New York, provided a quorum is present at such meeting, unless such a convention passes by two-thirds (2/3) an enabling resolution consistent with these Rules authorizing some person or group other than such convention to make such nominations on behalf of the party.

~~14.5.~~ 14.4. **CANDIDATES IN UNORGANIZED COUNTIES.**

14.4.1. All nominations for public office where the geographic boundaries for such office lie wholly within a county or counties in which there is no County Affiliate, shall be made by the State Committee.

~~15.2.~~ 14.4.2. **NON-LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES IN UNORGANIZED COUNTIES** LPNY MEMBERS. The State Committee shall determine by majority vote whether to issue a Certificate of Authorization for any candidate in a district with no overlapping County Affiliates. The State Committee may only nominate non-LPNY Members for public office in accordance with this section.

~~15.2.1.~~ 14.4.2.1. Non-Libertarian candidates in such districts must make the request to the Secretary of the State Committee at least seven (7) days prior to the start of the petitioning period.

~~15.2.2.~~ 14.4.2.2. If the State Committee is notified that an enrolled Libertarian is running for the same office within the first seven (7) days of petitioning, no Certificate of Authorization shall be given to a non-Libertarian candidate without a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the State Committee.

~~15.2.3.~~ 14.4.2.3. An initial vote on authorizations must be held prior to the 14th day of the petitioning period.

~~14.7.~~ 14.5. CANDIDATES WITHIN ORGANIZED COUNTIES.

14.5.1. **GENERAL.** All nominations for public office where ~~Where a political district~~ the geographic boundary of a public office is contained within one county in which there is an organized ~~overlaps only one~~ County Affiliate, selection of candidates shall be made by that County Affiliate.

~~15.3.~~ 14.5.2. **NON-LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES WITHIN ORGANIZED COUNTIES LPNY MEMBERS.** ~~Non-Libertarian Candidates for an office whose geographical boundaries are wholly in a single organized county may approve candidates per their rules with the exception as outlined in Article 15.3.1.~~ A County Affiliate may only nominate non-LPNY Members for public office in accordance with this section, unless they are organized as a constituted ~~Constituted~~ county committees ~~shall be exempt from Article 15.3.1.~~

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~~15.3.3.~~ 14.5.2.3. If the approval is made by a recognized County Affiliate and not by a constituted County Committees, upon objection by a State Committee member who represents the Judicial District in which the county affiliate is located, the State committee may vote to override and cancel said nomination by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the State committee.

~~15.3.4.~~ 14.5.2.4. The approval of a candidate for a Certificate of Authorization must be submitted to the State Committee prior to the 14th day of the petitioning period.

14.6. **CANDIDATES IN MULTI-COUNTY DISTRICTS.** The authority of the State Committee whether directly or by enabling resolution, shall not extend to selecting any candidates for public office where a portion of the geographic boundaries lie within a county where there is ~~already~~ a single organized County Affiliate, with the exception that candidates for public offices which encompass the entire state or entirely in New York City shall be nominated as detailed earlier in this article.

~~14.8.~~ **14.7. LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES IN MULTI-COUNTY DISTRICTS WITH TWO OR MORE COUNTY AFFILIATES.**

14.7.1. GENERAL. All nominations for public office where ~~Where~~ the geographic boundary of a public office other than statewide or New York City-wide cross into counties where there is more than one organized County Affiliate ~~in existence, then selection of an LPNY Member to be a candidate for that office~~ shall be made by a majority weighted vote of the affected County Affiliates.

~~14.8.1.~~ **14.7.2. VOTE.** The weighted vote shall be defined as the number of votes received by the Libertarian Party's Candidate for Governor on the Libertarian Party line, in the previous election for the office of Governor of the State of New York. Each County Affiliate will receive a weighting based on the number of votes received for the Libertarian Party gubernatorial candidate within its portion of the political division.

~~14.8.2.~~ The approvals must be separately communicated by each County Affiliate to the State Committee.

~~15.4. NON-LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES IN MULTI-COUNTY DISTRICTS. Where the geographic boundary of a public office other than statewide crosses into counties where there is more than one County Affiliate in existence, then selection of a non-enrolled libertarian to be a candidate for that office shall be made by a majority weighted vote of the affected County Affiliates.~~

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~~15.4.2.~~ **14.7.3. APPROVAL OF NON-LPNY MEMBERS.** If any County Affiliate is notified that an ~~enrolled Libertarian~~ **LPNY Member** is running for the same office within the first seven (7) days of petitioning, or prior to the meeting, no approval shall be given to a non-Libertarian candidate without a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the weighted vote for the given election district.

~~15.4.3.~~ **14.7.4. STATEMENT OF NO KNOWN LPNY MEMBERS.** ~~The approvals must be separately communicated by each County Affiliate to the State Committee. If a non-LPNY member is nominated, along with~~ a statement from each County Chair to the effect that they know of no ~~enrolled Libertarian~~ **LPNY Members** interested in and eligible for the position ~~shall be communicated to the State Committee.~~ Such notification must be received by the Secretary of the State Committee by the Friday prior to the vote by the State Committee on whether to issue the Certificate of Authorization.

~~15.4.4.~~ **14.7.5. NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF NON-LPNY MEMBERS.**

Any interested potential candidate who is not an LPNY Member ~~non-Libertarian Candidates~~ must notify a recognized county organization or constituted county committee chair at least seven (7) days prior to the start of the petitioning period to be considered for authorization. Once notified of the interested candidate, the county chair must notify, within three (3) days, the Secretary of the State Committee and the other county organization chairs or county committee chairs whose county is wholly or in part contained within the geographical boundaries of the office of the interested candidate.

~~15.4.5. If the approval is made by recognized county organizations and not solely by constituted committees, upon objection by a state committee member who represents the Judicial District in which the office is located, the state committee may vote to override and cancel said authorization by two-thirds vote of the state committee. Otherwise, the state committee shall issue such authorization as approved by the joint meeting.~~

~~14.9.~~ **14.8. SUPREME COURT NOMINATIONS.** Party nominations for the office of Justice of the Supreme Court shall be made by the Judicial District Convention, as per Election Law 6-106 and Article 14.10 of these Rules.

~~14.10. JUDICIAL DISTRICT CONVENTION.~~

~~14.10.1.~~ **14.8.1. JUDICIAL DISTRICT DELEGATES.** Each Judicial District shall be entitled to a number of Judicial District Delegates and an equal number of Judicial District alternates equivalent to the number of Judicial District State Committee members per Judicial District as stated in Article 6.3.2 of these Rules.

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Article 15. Nominations of Non-Libertarians for Public Office

[renumber all articles after this accordingly]

The proposed Article 14.1.3 of Proposal L was amended as follows with struck out text as indicated in orange and inserted text as indicated in purple passed without objection and further debated.

~~14.1.3. PUBLICITY OF LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES. The LPNY shall only publicize Libertarian candidates as official candidates of the Libertarian Party, which are defined as candidates who are either LPNY Members or non-LPNY Members running on the Libertarian Party line and endorsed by the State Committee or a County Affiliate.~~

14.1.3. **OFFICIAL LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES.** Official candidates of the Libertarian Party shall be defined as candidates who are either LPNY Members, or are non-LPNY Members running on the Libertarian Party line and endorsed by the State Committee or a County Affiliate.

The proposed Article 14.1.4 of Proposal L was amended as follows with struck out text as indicated in orange and inserted text as indicated in purple passed without objection and further debated.

14.1.4. **ENDORSEMENTS.** In elections in which the Libertarian Party is not permitted to nominate candidates in accordance with election law, the ~~same~~ provisions regarding nominations in these Rules shall instead apply to endorsement of such candidates to

appear on an Independent Nominating Petition naming the Libertarian Party as the independent body.

Proposal L was amended as follows with struck out text as indicated in orange passed without objection and further debated.

~~15.3.3.~~ 14.5.2.3. If the approval is made by a recognized County Affiliate and not by a constituted County Committee~~s~~, upon objection by a State Committee member who represents the Judicial District in which the county affiliate is located, the State committee may vote to override and cancel said nomination by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the State committee.

Motion by Adam Magoon to **divide the question and consider Article 14.1.3 and Article 14.1.14 of Proposal L separately from the rest of the proposal** passed without objection.

Proposal L was amended as follows with inserted text as indicated in purple in order to prepare to adopt minor amendments except for the proposed article 14.2.2 passed without objection and further debated.

14.2.2. NON-LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES

14.2.2.1. ~~15.1.4.~~ STATEWIDE CANDIDATES. Candidates not enrolled in the Libertarian Party shall never be given authorization or nomination to run for Governor of New York. For all other statewide offices, candidates must receive a two-thirds (2/3) vote to be entered into nomination for such office.

14.2.2.2. ~~15.1.4.1.~~ CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION. Should a candidate not enrolled in the Libertarian Party be nominated for statewide office, the vote to enter the candidate into nomination shall also serve as a vote to issue a certificate of authorization, should such candidate be nominated.

14.2.2.3. ~~15.1.4.2.~~ AUTHORIZATION BY GOVERNOR NOMINEE. An affidavit authorizing any candidate for statewide office not enrolled in the Libertarian Party must be signed by the nominated candidate for Governor in order for such nomination to be valid.

Proposal I was also amended in the same motion as follows with struck text as indicated in orange and inserted text as indicated in purple.

~~15.1.4.~~ 14.2.2. ELIGIBILITY, STATEWIDE CANDIDATES. To be a candidate for nomination for any of the following offices to be filled by the voters of the entire state, one must be an LPNY Member: Governor/Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller,

United States Senator, Presidential/Vice Presidential Elector. However, in the event that nominations have already closed for a particular statewide office, a motion may be made to reopen nominations exclusively to allow the nomination of a specific non-LPNY Member for that position. Such a motion requires a three-quarters (3/4) vote and is non-debatable. If the motion is passed, the candidate will be entered into nomination.

Proposal L as follows adopted as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party in accordance with Article 21.6 on minor amendments.

Article 14. Nominations of ~~Libertarians~~ Candidates for Public Office

14.1. **GENERAL.** While potential candidates for public office may petition to be a candidate for public office in accordance with Election Law, this article shall govern all other procedures in the LPNY in the nomination of candidates for public office where it is applicable by law.

14.1.1. **PRIME DIRECTIVE.** It shall be the highest responsibility for the State Committee and all County Affiliates to notify all LPNY Members about the offices up for election and to identify and cultivate Libertarian candidates.

14.1.2. **CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS.** Libertarian Party candidates ~~will~~ shall be limited to LPNY Members ~~except as provided in Article 15.~~ unless otherwise specified.

~~15.1.~~ 14.1.3. **NON-LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES.** ~~15.1.1 GENERAL.~~ Anyone seeking to be the Libertarian Party's candidate in any subdivision in New York State who is not an LPNY Member must make a request for a Certificate of Authorization ~~and will be that is~~ subject to approval by the ~~Executive~~ State Committee as provided by these Rules and Election Law.

~~15.1.2.~~ 14.1.3.1. **CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORIZATION.** Only ~~the Executive Committee,~~ the State Committee, or ~~a~~ constituted county committees shall have the authority to approve certificates of authorization when such are required by Election Law. That authority shall not be transferred. ~~15.5.~~ Multiple Certificates of Authorization may be issued by the State Committee for the same office.

~~15.1.3.~~ 14.1.3.2. **OBJECTIONS.** After the approval of a Certificate of Authorization by the Executive Committee, no less than fifty percent (50%) of the members of the State Committee representing the Judicial District containing the office may submit objections by written or electronic means to the Secretary within forty-eight (48) hours after the approval of such Certificate of Authorization. In such a case, a Certificate of Authorization shall not be issued unless approved at a meeting of the full State Committee.

~~14.3.~~ 14.2. **STATEWIDE CANDIDATES.**

~~14.3.1.~~ 14.2.1. **GENERAL.** Candidates for statewide office shall be nominated at a special open meeting of the State Committee in accordance with these Rules and Election Law. ~~This meeting shall be held in accordance with Election Law.~~ The nomination process shall be conducted in the same manner as the election of party offices as provided in Article 9.

~~14.3.2.~~ ~~When multiple candidates are vying for the nomination for a single position, voting shall continue in the usual manner until one individual receives a majority of the votes cast. Subsequently, a runoff vote of that candidate versus “None of the Above” shall be held.~~

~~14.3.3.~~ ~~It shall take a majority of those voting to nominate.~~

~~14.3.4.~~ ~~The State Committee shall notify any candidate receiving more than 25% of the vote of their right to be placed on the primary ballot as per Election Law 6-104-2. To secure this right, the candidate must contact the Board of Elections no later than seven (7) days after such meeting and may be withdrawn in the same manner within fourteen (14) days after such meeting.~~

~~14.3.5.~~ The Executive Committee of the State Committee shall constitute the committee to fill any vacancy in such designations that may occur after the State Committee has adjourned.

~~15.1.4. STATEWIDE CANDIDATES.~~ ~~Candidates not enrolled in the Libertarian Party shall never be given authorization or nomination to run for Governor of New York. For all other statewide offices, candidates must receive a two-thirds (2/3) vote to be entered into nomination for such office.~~

14.2.2. **NON-LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES**

14.2.2.1. ~~15.1.4.~~ **STATEWIDE CANDIDATES.** Candidates not enrolled in the Libertarian Party shall never be given authorization or nomination to run for Governor of New York. For all other statewide offices, candidates must receive a two-thirds (2/3) vote to be entered into nomination for such office.

14.2.2.2. ~~15.1.4.1.~~ **CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION.** Should a candidate not enrolled in the Libertarian Party be nominated for statewide office, the vote to enter the candidate into nomination shall also serve as a vote to issue a certificate of authorization, should such candidate be nominated.

14.2.2.3. ~~15.1.4.2.~~ **AUTHORIZATION BY GOVERNOR NOMINEE.** An affidavit authorizing any candidate for statewide office not enrolled in the Libertarian Party must

be signed by the nominated candidate for Governor in order for such nomination to be valid.

~~14.4.~~ **14.3. NEW YORK CITY CANDIDATES.** Nominations for offices in New York City to be filled at an election for all the voters of New York City shall be made as per Election Law 6-120-3. When such designation or nomination is for an office to be filled by all the voters of the City of New York, such authorization must be by a majority vote of those present at a joint meeting of the executive committees of each of the County Affiliates of the party within the City of New York, provided a quorum is present at such meeting, unless such a convention passes by two-thirds (2/3) an enabling resolution consistent with these Rules authorizing some person or group other than such convention to make such nominations on behalf of the party.

~~14.5.~~ **14.4. CANDIDATES IN UNORGANIZED COUNTIES.**

14.4.1. All nominations for public office where the geographic boundaries for such office lie wholly within a county or counties in which there is no County Affiliate, shall be made by the State Committee.

~~15.2.~~ **14.4.2. NON-LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES IN UNORGANIZED COUNTIES LPNY MEMBERS.** ~~The State Committee shall determine by majority vote whether to issue a Certificate of Authorization for any candidate in a district with no overlapping County Affiliates.~~ The State Committee may only nominate non-LPNY Members for public office in accordance with this section.

~~15.2.1.~~ **14.4.2.1.** Non-Libertarian candidates in such districts must make the request to the Secretary of the State Committee at least seven (7) days prior to the start of the petitioning period.

~~15.2.2.~~ **14.4.2.2.** If the State Committee is notified that an enrolled Libertarian is running for the same office within the first seven (7) days of petitioning, no Certificate of Authorization shall be given to a non-Libertarian candidate without a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the State Committee.

~~15.2.3.~~ **14.4.2.3.** An initial vote on authorizations must be held prior to the 14th day of the petitioning period.

~~14.7.~~ **14.5. CANDIDATES WITHIN ORGANIZED COUNTIES.**

14.5.1. GENERAL. All nominations for public office where ~~Where a political district~~ the geographic boundary of a public office is contained within one county in which there is an organized ~~overlaps only one~~ County Affiliate, selection of candidates shall be made by that County Affiliate.

~~15.3.~~ **14.5.2. NON-LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES WITHIN ORGANIZED COUNTIES LPNY MEMBERS.** ~~Non-Libertarian Candidates for an office whose~~

~~geographical boundaries are wholly in a single organized county may approve candidates per their rules with the exception as outlined in Article 15.3.1.~~ A County Affiliate may only nominate non-LPNY Members for public office in accordance with this section, unless they are organized as a constituted ~~Constituted~~ county committees ~~shall be exempt from Article 15.3.1.~~

~~15.3.1.~~ 14.5.2.1. If the County Affiliate is notified that an enrolled Libertarian is running for the same office within the first seven (7) days of petitioning, no approval to issue a Certificate of Authorization shall be given to a non-Libertarian candidate without a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members of the County Affiliate as defined in their rules.

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~~15.3.3.~~ 14.5.2.3. If the approval is made by a recognized County Affiliate and not by a constituted County Committees, upon objection by a State Committee member who represents the Judicial District in which the county affiliate is located, the State committee may vote to override and cancel said nomination by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the State committee.

~~15.3.4.~~ 14.5.2.4. The approval of a candidate for a Certificate of Authorization must be submitted to the State Committee prior to the 14th day of the petitioning period.

14.6. **CANDIDATES IN MULTI-COUNTY DISTRICTS.** The authority of the State Committee whether directly or by enabling resolution, shall not extend to selecting any candidates for public office where a portion of the geographic boundaries lie within a county where there is ~~already~~ a single organized County Affiliate, with the exception that candidates for public offices which encompass the entire state or entirely in New York City shall be nominated as detailed earlier in this article.

~~14.8.~~ 14.7. **LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES IN MULTI-COUNTY DISTRICTS WITH TWO OR MORE COUNTY AFFILIATES.**

14.7.1. **GENERAL.** All nominations for public office where ~~Where~~ the geographic boundary of a public office other than statewide or New York City-wide cross into counties where there is more than one organized County Affiliate ~~in existence, then selection of an LPNY Member to be a candidate for that office~~ shall be made by a majority weighted vote of the affected County Affiliates.

~~14.8.1.~~ 14.7.2. **VOTE.** The weighted vote shall be defined as the number of votes received by the Libertarian Party's Candidate for Governor on the Libertarian Party line, in the previous election for the office of Governor of the State of New York. Each County Affiliate will receive a weighting based on the number of votes received for the Libertarian Party Gubernatorial candidate within its portion of the political division.

~~14.8.2.~~ The approvals must be separately communicated by each County Affiliate to the State Committee.

~~15.4. NON-LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES IN MULTI-COUNTY DISTRICTS.~~

~~Where the geographic boundary of a public office other than statewide crosses into counties where there is more than one County Affiliate in existence, then selection of a non-enrolled libertarian to be a candidate for that office shall be made by a majority weighted vote of the affected County Affiliates.~~

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~~15.4.2.~~ **14.7.3. APPROVAL OF NON-LPNY MEMBERS.** If any County Affiliate is notified that an ~~enrolled Libertarian~~ **LPNY Member** is running for the same office within the first seven (7) days of petitioning, or prior to the meeting, no approval shall be given to a non-Libertarian candidate without a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the weighted vote for the given election district.

~~15.4.3.~~ **14.7.4. STATEMENT OF NO KNOWN LPNY MEMBERS.** ~~The approvals must be separately communicated by each County Affiliate to the State Committee. If a non-LPNY member is nominated, along with~~ a statement from each County Chair to the effect that they know of no ~~enrolled Libertarian~~ **LPNY Members** interested in and eligible for the position ~~shall be communicated to the State Committee.~~ Such notification must be received by the Secretary of the State Committee by the Friday prior to the vote by the State Committee on whether to issue the Certificate of Authorization.

~~15.4.4.~~ **14.7.5. NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF NON-LPNY MEMBERS.**

Any interested ~~potential candidate who is not an LPNY Member~~ **non-Libertarian Candidates** must notify a recognized county organization or constituted county committee chair at least seven (7) days prior to the start of the petitioning period to be considered for authorization. Once notified of the interested candidate, the county chair must notify, within three (3) days, the Secretary of the State Committee and the other county organization chairs or county committee chairs whose county is wholly or in part contained within the geographical boundaries of the office of the interested candidate.

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~~14.9.~~ **14.8. SUPREME COURT NOMINATIONS.** Party nominations for the office of Justice of the Supreme Court shall be made by the Judicial District Convention, as per Election Law 6-106 and Article 14.10 of these Rules.

~~14.10. JUDICIAL DISTRICT CONVENTION.~~

~~14.10.1.~~ **14.8.1. JUDICIAL DISTRICT DELEGATES.** Each Judicial District shall be entitled to a number of Judicial District Delegates and an equal number of Judicial District alternates equivalent to the number of Judicial District State Committee members per Judicial District as stated in Article 6.3.2 of these Rules.

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The original motion to **recommend Article 14.1.3 and Article 14.1.4 of Proposal L as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party as amended** passed by voice vote.

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The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Adam Magoon to **adjourn** was seconded by Karyn Thompson and passed without objection.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 9:55 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee,
Chair