

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PETITIONING COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2023 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrew Kolstee, Chair
Mark Braiman
Jeffrey Denecke
Christopher Olenski
Richard Purtell
Philip Vecchio

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Andrew Kolstee, Acting Chair of the Petitioning Committee.

The Chair opened the floor to nominations for the position of Chair of the Petitioning Committee and there were no nominations. Andrew Kolstee will serve as Chair of the Petitioning Committee.

Andrew Kolstee gave an overview of the petitioning drive and what is required—at least 45,000 signatures. Christopher Olenski spoke to this as well. Data from 2022 was reviewed: 42,560 signatures, of which 30,271 were paid and 8,687 were volunteer. Another 3,602 it is not known if they were paid or volunteer. Volunteer signatures were half as much as they were in 2018. At least \$188,000 was spent on petitioning in 2022, but the full cost has not yet been calculated. A 2024 petitioning drive will cost approximately \$500,000.

One major idea that was discussed and brought up by Richard Purtell was to recruit cross-county down ballot candidates that may help a potential stand-in candidate for President. Andrew Kolstee that such cross-county candidates could run as a slate. Mark Braiman suggested mailing pre-printed petitions to everyone.

There was discussion about getting pamphlets prepared, building the email list, the concern of a lack of follow through with volunteers, and concerns of congressional district changes.

Philip Vecchio is willing to help collect signatures in the Albany area.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:59 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee
Chair of the Petitioning Committee