

Minutes of Platform Committee meeting (7 p.m. on 05/11/2021)

In attendance: Mark Braiman, Rob Greibesland, Mark Glogowski, Pietro Geraci, Paul Grindle.

1. Minutes of meeting of 3/16/2021 were approved
2. Old Business:

Review of current wording of proposed planks, including Mark Glogowski's proposed changes to modified planks 1A and 1B. The Glogowski wording was partially incorporated into the prior wording for planks 1A and 1B. The updated wording that we came up with during the meeting is as follows:

A. Maintain the greatest possible degree of local autonomy during emergencies. [Government responses to extended emergencies, including pandemics, should be as localized as possible. One-size-fits-all solutions have little benefit for sparsely-populated regions in much of the state.] Recommendation adopted 5-0

B. Maintain due process during extended emergencies. [Any action at the state level must be enacted by the Legislature following extensive committee hearings, not by Executive Orders, and should expire when the emergency declaration expires. The State should held liable for damages to persons or businesses, that are caused by emergency rules that have not been subject to a deliberative legislative process.] Recommendation adopted 5-0.

C. Legalize cannabis for adults, without taxation or regulation. [We support the full legalization of cannabis and hemp products, including cultivation, processing, distribution, sales, possession, and transportation, without introducing any new taxes or licensing requirements.] (Discussed and vote postponed).

D. The legal age for all adult activities should be the same (18).
(Discussed and postponed until next meeting)

New business:

Additional new planks were proposed and briefly discussed, then postponed to the next meeting:

(1) Eminent domain ("The NY Constitution should be amended to clarify that land taken by eminent domain by a NY agency may never be transferred to a private party, other than by returning it to the prior owner(s) from whom it was taken, or their heirs or assigns.") .

(3) Police reform