

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PETITIONING COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrew Kolstee, Chair
Steven Becker
Mark Braiman
Jennifer O'Connor
Christopher Olenski
Wendi Szabo

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jeffrey Denecke
Richard Purtell
Philip Vecchio

OBSERVERS

Craig Colwell
Rebecca Gardner
Leonard Morlock
Steven Weaver

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 p.m. by Andrew Kolstee, Chair.

Andrew Kolstee presented an offer from Scott Kohlhaas to fundraise and LNC Chair candidate Mark Rutherford offering to help with the ballot access drive.

There was discussion about the Watkins Glen nominating convention and the potential for Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. to make an appearance. There are concerns by some individuals about Larry Sharpe running as the stand-in candidate and not stepping down in favor of the candidate nominated at the National Convention.

Motion by Mark Braiman to **send out the email he drafted regarding the recruitment of down ballot candidates** was seconded by Steven Becker. Motion by Christopher Olenski to **amend the motion to add a link for people to fill out a form if they are interested in running for office or petitioning** was seconded by Jennifer O'Connor and passed without objection. The main motion to **send out the email he drafted regarding the recruitment of down ballot candidates** passed as amended without objection.

Steven Becker suggested that Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. could be recruited to run as the Libertarian Party's U.S. Senate candidate. In the event he pursues the National nomination, he would be ineligible to be the Presidential stand-in; this would be a workaround.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 5, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 9:00 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee
Chair of the Petitioning Committee