

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrew M. Kolstee, Chair
Duane J. Whitmer, 1st Vice-Chair
Mark S. Braiman, Secretary
William Cody Anderson, Treasurer
Maura E. Botsford, Member-At-Large (JD8)
Karyn A. Keniry-Thompson, Member-At-Large (JD4)
Keith C. Redhead, Member-At-Large (JD5)
William K. Schmidt, Member At-Large (JD9)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Justin N. Carman, Member-At-Large (JD3)
Richard F. Purtell, 2nd Vice-Chair

OBSERVERS

Chance Haywood, State Committee Member, Judicial District 1
Christopher M. Olenski, State Committee Member, Judicial District 6
James M. Ziobro, State Committee Member Judicial District 7
Michael R. Rebmann, State Committee Member, Judicial District 8

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Andrew Kolstee, Chair. Secretary Mark Braiman conducted a roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

A request for public comment by Chair Andrew Kolstee received no comments.

Secretary Mark Braiman issued a written report (**Exhibit 1**). Chair Andrew Kolstee stated that he had found some things that needed to be corrected in the minutes of the State Committee meetings of March 5, 2023, March 19, 2023, and June 4, 2023, so consideration of approval of these minutes was postponed until the next meeting of the Executive Committee. **The reading of the minutes for Executive Committee meetings of May 21, 2023 and June 25, 2023 was waived and these minutes were approved** without objection.

Treasurer William Cody Anderson issued a **Treasurer's Report in writing (Exhibit 2) and the report was accepted** without objection.

Chair Andrew Kolstee issued a report. He has created a task list itemizing things that need to be done by the Executive Committee, allowing individuals to prioritize. Data migration has begun to the new database with Humanitru. The credit card acceptance application will also be migrated to Humanitru. Chair Andrew Kolstee also announced his intent to create a special 2024 Petitioning Committee to investigate the process and possible resources needed for statewide petitioning. No funds are to be expended by this committee, in accordance with the resolution the State Committee regarding expending resources for petitioning. No Petitioning Committee Chair

has yet been identified. There was discussion and a special **Petitioning Committee was constituted** without objection.

Events Committee Acting Chair Karyn Keniry-Thompson issued a report regarding planning for the November in-person event. She outlined the budget. The Events Committee has identified 4 to 5 speakers, who are mostly willing to speak without charge. Motion by Karyn Keniry-Thompson on behalf of the Events Committee to **authorize the Chair to sign the contract with Crowne Plaza hotel for the November 10-12, 2024 event** was debated. Andrew Kolstee expressed a concern about the anticipated cost of \$500 per day for meeting room rentals, totaling \$1,000. Duane Whitmer asked for a clarification of the estimated number of attendees needed to break even. The Events Committee estimate is 50 attendees at a cost of \$100 per ticket, of whom 25 need to be donors at the Saturday fundraiser with a ticket cost of an additional \$100. The original motion **authorize the Chair to sign the contract with Crowne Plaza hotel for the November 10-12, 2024 event** failed by voice vote. The sense of the meeting was that the Events Committee should scale back the event to a smaller one-day event without a hotel contract, focusing less on Presidential candidates and more on training and workshops to be held at the Rail Line in Syracuse, which will likely be able to offer us the use of its space for free.

Motion by Communications Director Duane Whitmer to **authorize an expenditure of up to \$500 in copying and mailing costs to send a letter to the Department of Taxation and Finance and all State Legislators requesting the cessation of unannounced in-person visits** was seconded by William Cody Anderson, who also announced his intention to donate \$100 to LPNY in support of these expenses, and the motion passed without objection.

Motion by William Cody Anderson to **allocate up to \$600 for printing and mailing cost for the reply in support of the certiorari petition before the Supreme Court of the United States** was seconded by Mark Braiman and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Karyn Keniry-Thompson to **request a hearing to be held by the State Committee for the purpose of revocation of the affiliate on of the New York County affiliate due to failure to hold quarterly meetings in the previous three calendar quarters** was seconded by William Schmidt and debated. The affiliate has not held a meeting since the September 2022 convention, nor has its Executive Committee held a meeting. There was not a quorum at the September 2022 meeting. According to the Manhattan affiliate's bylaws, only the affiliate's Chair can call a meeting, and the current chair has not called a meeting in almost a year.

Motion by William Schmidt to **enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter** was seconded by William Cody Anderson and passed by voice vote.

The meeting entered Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

Executive Session was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

The motion to **request a hearing to be held by the State Committee for the purpose of revocation of the affiliate on of the New York County affiliate due to failure to hold quarterly meetings in the previous three calendar quarters** passed by voice vote.

Motion by William Cody Anderson to **adjourn** was seconded by Karyn Keniry Thomson and passed without objection.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:30 p.m.

Mark Stephen Braiman,
Secretary.

Exhibit 1

Secretary's Report for LPNY Executive Committee Meeting of August 31, 2023.

The Secretary requests approval today of the posted (Draft) Minutes for Executive Committee meetings of May 21, 2023; and June 25, 2023; and State Committee meetings of March 5, 2023; March 19, 2023; and June 4, 2023. (See https://lpedia.org/wiki/Index_of_New_York_State_Party_Meetings. Scroll to near the bottom of the page for the list of 2022-2024 meetings, and then click on the appropriate link in the rightmost column for the minutes).

These minutes are complete as of 8/23/2023. My apologies for not having yet finished correcting and reformatting my drafts of Executive Committee meetings of December 18, 2022 and January 15, 2023; and the State Committee meeting of October 23, 2022. These earlier meetings took place before I had my system in place for getting the minutes recorded and formatted accurately and efficiently. In case anyone needs to check back on what transpired at those meetings, the incorrectly formatted drafts already have essentially all the information that will end up in the final minutes, except Porcupine vote details for the October 23, 2022 meeting.

Exhibit 2

LPNY Treasurer's Report
August 31, 2023

Housekeeping Committee account balance as of August 31, 2023: **\$1,285.11**
(\$1,125.39 decrease since June 25)

Constituted Committee account balance as of August 31, 2023: **\$27,845.20** (\$2,733.60
increase since June 25)

Deposits to Housekeeping account since June 25:

None

Disbursements from Housekeeping account since June 25:

Grasshopper - \$33.33

Constant Contact \$232.91

Dryden Insurance - \$592.91

Grasshopper - \$33.33

Constant Contact - \$232.91

(Note: Constant Contact has increased approximately \$32/mo)

TOTAL: \$1125.39

Deposits to CC account since June 4:

Net Donations - \$2,733.60

Disbursements from CC account since June 4:

None

Respectfully submitted,

W. Cody Anderson
Treasurer