

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK HELD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023  
ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Andrew M. Kolstee, Chair  
Duane J. Whitmer, 1st Vice-Chair  
Richard F. Purtell, 2nd Vice-Chair  
Mark S. Braiman, Secretary  
William Cody Anderson, Treasurer  
Maura E. Botsford, Member-At-Large (JD8)  
Justin N. Carman, Member-At-Large (JD3)  
Keith C. Redhead, Member-At-Large (JD5)  
William K. Schmidt, Member At-Large (JD9)  
Karyn A. Keniry Thompson, Member-At-Large (JD4)

**OBSERVERS**

Paul M. Grindle, State Committee member, Judicial District 3  
Jennifer L. O'Connor, State Committee member, Judicial District 4  
Stephen Healey, State Committee member, Judicial District 4  
Daniel J. Castello, State Committee member, Judicial District 5  
Craig L. Shute, State Committee member, Judicial District 5  
Shawn C. DeGrand, State Committee member, Judicial District 5  
David S. Penner, State Committee member, Judicial District 6  
Christopher M. Olenski, State Committee member, Judicial District 6  
Grace Galactica Merrell, State Committee member, Judicial District 6  
Mark E. Glogowski, State Committee member, Judicial District 7  
James M. Ziobro, State Committee member, Judicial District 7  
Michael R. Rebmann, State Committee member, Judicial District 8  
Francisco Olvera, State Committee member, Judicial District 11  
James Perry, Candidate for Niagara Falls City Council

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Andrew Kolstee, Chair. Secretary Mark Braiman conducted a roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

The Chair opened a period of public comment. There was no public comment.

Motion by Duane Whitmer **to endorse James Perry for Niagara Falls City Council** was seconded by Karyn Thompson and debated. An amendment was offered to make this endorsement conditional on his successfully petitioning for a Libertarian Party ballot line, and was accepted without objection. The motion passed by voice vote.

Secretary Mark Braiman issued a report. The minutes of the December 18, 2022; January 15, 2023; and February 19, 2023 meetings of the Executive Committee and of the March 5, 2023 meeting of the State Committee have been drafted but they were not in final format. Secretary Braiman requested guidance from the Executive Committee on how the details of votes recorded in the Porcupine App, especially routine procedural votes but also others not explicitly declared by the body to be roll call votes, should be recorded in the minutes of meetings of the full State Committee. Braiman proposed that it should be adequate that a summary of those votes in PDF form be appended to each set of minutes as Exhibits. After some discussion, it was agreed to postpone this decision until further discussion.

Treasurer William Cody Anderson issued a **Treasurer's Report in writing (Exhibit 1)** and the report was accepted without objection.

Chair Andrew Kolstee issued a report. Certiorari filing of the ballot access case was filed before the United States Supreme Court.

Communications Director Duane Whitmer issued a joint report, to include the report on behalf of Outreach Director Stephen Felano. Jennifer O'Connor has joined the division to assist with social media. Chance Haywood has discussed strategies for communications that could bring in donations.

Field Development Director Andrew Kolstee issued a report, referring to documentation available online, that the County Affiliates in three (3) counties have met all the requirements for certification. **Certification that the County Affiliate in Putnam, Saratoga, and Tioga Counties have met the criteria required in Article 11.2.3 of the Rules of the Libertarian Party of New York** passed without objection. The report included a list of two (2) counties that have scheduled a convention (Schoharie and Yates). The report also included a list of nine (9) county organizations that have previously been organized during the 2020-2022 period, but have not provided documentation of having held a convention: Albany, Chenango, Fulton, Montgomery, Otsego, Orleans, Richmond, Wayne, and Westchester. These counties need to provide documentation by May 21, 2023 or a hearing will be held to consider revocation of their affiliation.

**The retroactive renewal of the appointment of Jame VanDewalker as County Contact of Allegany County on March 22, 2023 and set to expire on June 30, 2023** passed without objection.

**The renewal of the appointment of Zachary Remian as County Contact of Clinton County on March 26, 2023 and set to expire on June 30, 2023** passed without objection.

**The renewal of the appointment of Christopher Lyndaker as County Contact of Lewis County on April 10, 2023 and set to expire on June 30, 2023** passed without objection.

**The renewal of the appointment of Jennifer O'Connor as County Contact of Rensselaer County on April 4, 2023 and set to expire on June 30, 2023** passed without objection.

**The retroactive renewal of the appointment of Steven Greene as County Contact of Warren County on February 3, 2023 and set to expire on June 30, 2023** passed without objection.

**The retroactive renewal of the appointment of Brian Wells as County Contact of Washington County on March 22, 2023 and set to expire on June 30, 2023** passed without objection.

Information Technology (IT) Director Justin Carman issued a report. Andrew Kolstee is arranging another demo with Humanitru, the vendor of the Customer Relationship Management (CRM) software that the IT Committee is considering for recommendation to the Executive Committee. The IT Committee will be transitioning the LPNY.org website to the LPNY's own hosting account.

Legislative Affairs Director Richard Purtell issued a report. On Friday, March 24, 2023 he sent out 145 emails endorsing the Blankenbush bill on ballot access to the members of the Legislature who are not already sponsors of this bill.

Rules Committee Chair Andrew Kolstee issued a report. The Rules Committee has continued to meet after the March 5, 2023 State Committee meeting, most recently on March 21, 2023.

Only one candidate, Maura Botsford, has expressed interest in the position of Events Coordinator. Chair Andrew Kolstee gave her an opportunity to speak to the Executive Committee regarding her plans. Maura Botsford was **appointed Events Coordinator** without objection.

Motion by Duane Whitmer **to authorize an expenditure of up to one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500.00) to print cards, pamphlets, and other printed marketing literature for tables and booths at county fairs and other events** was seconded by William Cody Anderson and passed by voice vote.

Motion by William Cody Anderson to **enter Executive Session to discuss political strategy and a personnel matter** was seconded by Duane Whitmer and passed without objection.

The meeting entered Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

Executive Session was adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Motion by Duane Whitmer to **adjourn** was seconded by Karyn Thompson and passed by voice vote.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 10:02 p.m.

Mark Stephen Braiman,  
Secretary.

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### LPNY Treasurer's Report March 26, 2023

Housekeeping Committee account balance as of 03.26.23: \$2678.90 (+\$2500.00 since 3.19.23)

Constituted Committee account balance as of 03.26.23: \$23,590.82 (-\$2,123.05 since 3.19.23)

LPNY 2022 Petitioning Committee account balance as of 03.26.23: **\$4,335.95** (no change since 03.19.23)

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#### **Deposits to Housekeeping account since 03.19.23:**

Transfer in from CC account: \$2500.00

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#### **Disbursements from Housekeeping account since 03.19.23:**

Becker Gallagher Legal Publishing (SCOTUS certiorari filing) - \$1088.32 (in transit)

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#### **Deposits to CC account since 03.19.23:**

Net Donations - \$376.95

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#### **Disbursements from CC account since 03.19.23:**

Transfer out to CC account: \$2500

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**Deposits to petitioning account since 3.19.23:**

none

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**Disbursements from petitioning account since 3.19.23:**

none

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Paperwork for petitioner W. Ostrowski was forwarded to me by Mr. Whitmer on Friday, 3/24. Check for \$400.00 will be sent to Mr. Ostrowski from petitioning account as previously resolved by the Executive Committee. Remaining funds in petitioning account (\$3935.95) will be transferred to the CC account, the petitioning committee dissolved, and the account closed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Cody Anderson  
Treasurer