

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2024 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Andrew M. Kolstee, Chair  
Duane Whitmer, 1st Vice Chair  
Richard F. Purtell, 2nd Vice-Chair  
Mark S. Braiman, Secretary  
Justin N. Carman, Member-At-Large (JD3)  
Keith C. Redhead, Member-At-Large (JD5)  
Maura E. Botsford, Member-At-Large (JD8)  
William K. Schmidt, Member At-Large (JD9) (entered 6:56)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

William Cody Anderson, Treasurer  
Karyn A. Keniry-Thompson, Member-At-Large (JD4)

**OBSERVERS**

Christian Padgett JD1  
Christopher Olenksi JD6  
Vincent O'Neil, JD 10  
Susan Overeem Cummings, Staten Island Chair

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Andrew Kolstee, Chair,

Secretary Mark Braiman conducted a roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

Chair called for public comment. No comment was offered.

Andrew Kolstee reported that we have received updated quotes for our September Organizing Meeting and presented for 3 locations: Hotel NoMa in New Rochelle (attachments #1-3); and #2); and Hotel Desmond in Albany (attachment #4)

Andrew Kolstee provided an updated quote from the Residence Inn in Albany (attachment #1) \$194 and \$259 for rooms

Susan Overeem Cummings presented a bid from a hotel on Staten Island but expressed doubt that the bid would be competitive. A \$1400 meeting room fee that would be waived for a minimum of 50 guests. Lunch costs range from \$45-\$55 per person (attachment #2)

Justin Carman presented 2 bids after having contacted 15-16 total. The Hampton Inn on Wolf Rd. \$169 per room, with conference room holding 20-25 max for free all day (attachment #3). And Courtyard Albany Thruway. Block of 10 rooms available at \$169 per night (attachment #4). Conference room is bigger, fits 35 max. Good lunch options ranging from about \$19-\$25

Straw poll (approval voting).

2 for Hotel NoMa

2 for Desmond

6 for Residence Inn

Substitute motion by Mark Braiman to **adopt the Courtyard Thruway in Albany as the venue of the LPNY September 21, 2024 Organization meeting, and to authorize Andrew Kolstee to negotiate and sign the proposed contract with the Courtyard** was seconded by **Justin Carman**. Motion to substitute passed by voice vote. Main motion passed by voice vote.

Motion by Justin Carman **to adjourn** was seconded by Duane Whitmer and passed by voice vote. .

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Mark Stephen Braiman,  
Secretary.

