

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024 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)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Justin N. Carman, Member-At-Large (JD3)  
Karyn A. Keniry-Thompson, Member-At-Large (JD4)  
Keith C. Redhead, Member-At-Large (JD5)  
William K. Schmidt, Member At-Large (JD9) (entered 6:56 p.m.)

**OBSERVERS**

Christopher M. Olenski, Member of the State Committee (JD6)  
Vincent J. O'Neill, Member of the State Committee (JD10)

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.

Chair Andrew Kolstee opened a period of public comment. No comments were offered.

Secretary Mark Braiman issued a Secretary's report in writing (**Exhibit 1**).

**The minutes of the June 4, 2023 meeting of the State Committee, the August 31, 2023 meeting of the Executive Committee, the September 11, 2023 meeting of the State Committee, and the September 25, 2023 meeting of the Executive Committee** were approved without objection.

**The amended minutes of the May 21, 2023 meeting of the Executive Committee and the June 25, 2023 meeting of the Executive Committee** were approved without objection.

Treasurer William Cody Anderson issued a Treasurer's Report in writing (**Exhibit 2**), which was accepted without objection. The New York State Board of Elections has communicated to the Treasurer that the LPNY is required to refile the housekeeping and constituted committee accounts to organize them as a single Political Action Committee (PAC) account, since the LPNY is not a recognized party.

Chair Andrew Kolstee issued a report. Oliver Hall filed the paperwork for intervention in the Kennedy v. Berger. Kolstee also had a conversation with Michael Heise, who is working for the

National Party. He wants to do a 20-to-45-minute presentation to leaders of each state Libertarian Party on strategies for winning local elections. Additionally, the contract for the hotel in Albany has been signed for the convention and participants in the poll selected the lunch buffet. The Elections Oversight Committee will meet next Monday, August 19, to certify State Committee election results. Kolstee will request reimbursements at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

There is no report for filling the Communications Division vacancy.

Field Development Director Andrew Kolstee issued a report. Gavin Goodman has expressed interest in organizing Steuben County. He was formerly the Chair of the Alabama Libertarian Party. Gavriel Kerreta expressed interest in organizing Rockland County. Bryan Wansink expressed interest in organizing Tompkins County. Kolstee will send them information from the Field Development Division.

Legislative Affairs Director Richard Purtell issued a report. He is working to get legislation passed to allow local candidates to file at State Board of Elections. Mark Braiman suggested a strategy of trying to permit candidates for intra-county local offices to opt to file either locally at a County Board of Election or to co-petition with statewide candidates, allowing them to co-file at the State Board of Elections.

The meeting entered Executive Session at 7:41 p.m. to discuss political strategy.

Executive Session was **adjourned** at 7:50 p.m.

Motion by Mark Braiman to **adjourn** was seconded by Richard Purtell and passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Mark Stephen Braiman,  
Secretary

# Exhibit 1

## **Secretary's Report for LPNY Executive Committee Meeting of August 12, 2024.**

The Secretary requests approval today of the recently-revised posted (Draft) Minutes for Executive Committee meetings of August 31, 2023; and September 25, 2023; and State Committee meetings of June 4, 2023 and September 11, 2023.

Approval is also requested for **a minor change in previously-approved minutes for the Executive Committee meeting of May 21, 2023**, consisting only of the attachment of previously-missing Exhibit 3, a 6-page contract with Humanitru approved during the meeting; and a minor formatting change for the motion to adjourn in the previously-approved minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of June 25, 2023.

(See [https://lpedia.org/wiki/Index\\_of\\_New\\_York\\_State\\_Party\\_Meetings](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).

## Exhibit 2 (page 1 of 2)

LPNY Treasurer's Report  
August 13, 2024

Housekeeping Committee account balance as of August 13, 2024: **\$1,777.27**  
(-369.13 since July 10)

Constituted Committee account balance as of August 13, 2024: **\$30,117.36**  
(+1,485.52 since July 10)

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**Deposits to Housekeeping account since July 10:**

None.

**TOTAL DEPOSITS: \$0.00**

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**Disbursements from Housekeeping account since July 10**

7/15 – Grasshopper – \$33.92

7/15 – Constant Contact - \$148.77

8/5 – Humanitru - \$3.75

8/13 – Grasshopper – \$33.92

8/13 – Constant Contact - \$148.77

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$369.13**

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**Deposits to CC account since July 10:**

Net Donations - \$1,485.52

**TOTAL DEPOSITS: \$1485.52**

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**Disbursements from CC account since July 10:**

None.

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$0.00**

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## Exhibit 2 (page 2 of 2)

NYS Board of Elections has contacted me regarding our housekeeping and constituted committee ("general fund") accounts and advised that we need to update our committee filings to reorganize as a PAC, since we are not a "recognized party". This has little effect other than 1) we cannot coordinate with candidate committees or issue "calls to action" for specific candidates and 2) transfers from one account to the other will now be reported as contributions/expenditures rather than transfers between committees. We may continue operating both accounts, although the next treasurer may wish to consolidate the accounts for simplicity.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Cody Anderson  
Treasurer