

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023
ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP AND PORCUPINE APP**

MEMBERS PRESENT (44)

Mark N. Axinn (JD1)
David B. Haywood (JD1)
William Cody Anderson (JD3)
Justin N. Carman (JD3)
Lora L. Newell (JD3)
Jennifer L. O'Connor (JD3)
Stephen C. Healey (JD4)
John A. Janes (JD4)
Karen A. Keniry-Thompson (JD4)
Zachary D. Remian (JD4)
Brian L. Wells (JD4)
Daniel J. Castello (JD5)
Shawn C. DeGrand (JD5)
Matthew K. Guilianelli (JD5)
Erinn Rose Leatherman (JD5)
Adam M. Magoon (JD5)
Keith C. Redhead (JD5)
Mark S. Braiman (JD6)
Craig L. Colwell (JD6)
Christopher M. Olenski (JD6)
Steven G. Becker (JD7)
Jeffrey C. Bradley (JD7)
Mark E. Glogowski (JD7)
Sean C. Phelan (JD7)
James M. Ziobro (JD7)
Erin M. Becker (JD8)
Andrew M. Kolstee (JD8)
Frances Law (JD8)
Leonard E. Morlock (JD8)
Michael R. Rebmann (JD8)
Jame J. VanDewalker (JD8)

Duane J. Whitmer (JD8)
Juan R. Ayala (JD9)
Robert J. Cocomello (JD9)
Daniel P. Donnelly (JD9)
William K. Schmidt (JD9)
Jeffrey J. Denecke (JD10)
Jonathan H. Gunther (JD10)
Robert E. Schuon (JD10)
Blay Tarnoff (JD10)
Randyn Tarnoff (JD10)
John Clifton (JD11)
Irwin Mark Weinblatt (JD11)
Richard F. Purtell (ex officio)

MEMBERS ABSENT (14)

Morry C. Davis (JD1)
Paul M. Grindle (JD2)
Matthew I. Morgan (JD2)
Gary S. Popkin (JD2)
Amanda H. Ellithorpe (JD4)
Craig L. Shute (JD5)
David S. Penner (JD6)
Marc A. Smith (JD7)
Maura E. Botsford (JD8)
Charles R. Roggen (JD8)
Robert J. Greibesland (JD9)
Christian J. Vondras (JD9)
George T. Ostrowski (JD10)
Francisco Olvera (JD11)

OBSERVERS

Richard Cooper
Roger Cooper

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Andrew Kolstee, Chair. Secretary Mark Braiman conducted a roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

The Credentials and Nominations Report (**Exhibit 1**) indicated that there were forty-three (43) of fifty-eight (58) voting members of the State Committee present at the time of roll call. David B. “Chance” Haywood, later entered the meeting, to give forty-four (44) members present out of fifty-eight (58) members of the State Committee. No vacancies were filled due to lack of nominations. The Secretary determined that a quorum was present at all times during the meeting.

A request for public comment by Chair Andrew Kolstee received a comment from Craig Colwell about candidate support from the Libertarian National Committee (LNC). Andrew Kolstee said that Colwell would need to get this information directly from the LNC.

Andrew Kolstee announced that Christopher Garvey passed away in July and called for a moment of silence in his memory.

Motion by Justin Carman to adopt the **Agenda (Exhibit 2)** was seconded by Daniel Castello and debated. Motion by Mark Axinn to **amend the Agenda to take up consideration of the hearing on the consideration to revoke the affiliation of Manhattan (New York County) immediately after adoption of the Agenda** was seconded by William Cody Anderson and passed by voice vote. The **agenda was adopted** as amended without objection.

Andrew Kolstee reported the Executive Committee's request for a hearing on the revocation of the affiliation of New York County (Manhattan). Motion by Karyn Keniry-Thompson to **approve a hearing to consider revocation of the affiliation of New York County (Manhattan)** was seconded by Michael Rebmann and debated. Motion by Mark Axinn to **postpone the question until the next meeting of the State Committee** was seconded by Steven Becker, debated, and passed by voice vote.

Chair Andrew Kolstee called for the filling of one (1) State Committee vacancy from Judicial District 5. Secretary Mark Braiman reported that no one had been nominated in advance. Chair Andrew Kolstee, hearing no nominations from the floor, postponed filling this vacancy until the next meeting of the State Committee.

Chair Andrew Kolstee called for the filling of two (2) State Committee vacancies in Judicial District 6. Secretary Mark Braiman reported that no one had been nominated in advance. Chair Andrew Kolstee, hearing no nominations from the floor, postponed filling these vacancies until the next meeting of the State Committee.

Chair Andrew Kolstee called for the filling of three (3) State Committee vacancies from Judicial District 7. Secretary Mark Braiman reported that no one had been nominated in advance. Chair Andrew Kolstee, hearing no nominations from the floor, postponed filling these vacancies until the next meeting of the State Committee.

Chair Andrew Kolstee called for the filling of two (2) State Committee vacancies from Judicial District 10. Secretary Mark Braiman reported that no one had been nominated in advance. Chair Andrew Kolstee, hearing no nominations from the floor, postponed filling these vacancies until the next meeting of the State Committee.

Chair Andrew Kolstee called for the filling of two (2) State Committee vacancies from Judicial District 12. Secretary Mark Braiman reported that no one had been nominated in advance. Chair Andrew Kolstee, hearing no nominations from the floor, postponed filling these vacancies until the next meeting of the State Committee.

Chair Andrew Kolstee called for the filling of two (2) State Committee vacancies in Judicial District 13. Secretary Mark Braiman reported that no one had been nominated in advance. Chair Andrew Kolstee, hearing no nominations from the floor, postponed filling this vacancy until the next meeting of the State Committee.

The Chair called for an election for the Libertarian Party National Platform Committee Representative.

Mark Braiman nominated Pietro Geraci and he accepted the nomination.

Duane Whitmer nominated Roger Cooper, Michael Rebmann, Nikolozi Anguridze, and Brandon Larsen and they had previously accepted the nomination.

Daniel Castello nominated Rose Leatherman and she accepted the nomination.

The first round of voting for the Libertarian Party of New York's National Platform Committee Representative was conducted using OpaVote, since Porcupine polls were not operational. The results were as follows:

Candidate (vote for 1)	Votes	Percentage
Rose Leatherman	16	42.10%
Michael Rebmann	10	26.32%
Pietro Geraci	6	15.79%
None of the Above (NOTA)	6	15.79%
Nikolozi Anguridze	0	0.00%
Roger Cooper	0	0.00%
Brandon Larsen	0	0.00%
Total Votes	38	100.00%
Total Voters	38	

None of the candidates were elected the Libertarian Party of New York's National Platform Committee Representative since no candidate received a majority. Pietro Geraci was dropped from the ballot.

Motion by Mark Braiman to **postpone the remaining rounds of voting for the Libertarian Party National Platform Committee Representative and Alternate, and for the Libertarian Party National Credentials Representative and Alternate** was seconded by Mark Axinn, debated, and passed 19-16-3 (see Appendix 1A for details).

Treasurer William Cody Anderson issued a Treasurer's Report in writing (**Exhibit 3**). Motion by Mark Axinn to **accept the Treasurer's Report** was seconded by Robert Schuon and passed without objection.

Chair Andrew Kolstee issued a report. In regard to the case by the LPNY and the Green Party of New York regarding ballot access that was recently appealed to the United State Supreme Court, Kolstee reported that a court conference on September 26, 2023 will determine whether *certiorari* is granted. Mark Axinn asked about whether any amicus briefs were filed on our behalf. Andrew Kolstee reported that there have been several such briefs filed.

Events Committee Acting Chair Karyn Keniry-Thompson issued a report. The cost of the venue for Friday, November 10 and Saturday, November 11 has been quoted as \$2,500 by the Rail Line, of which half will need to be paid upfront to secure the reservation. The \$2,500 includes an open bar for Friday night. The comedian Lou Perez quoted a speaker fee of \$1,500. The speaker for veterans, Shane Hazel, also quoted a fee of \$1,500.

Motion by Michael Rebmann to **allocate two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for rental of the Rail Line venue** was seconded by Karyn Keniry Thompson, debated, and passed by voice vote.

Field Development Director Andrew Kolstee issued a report.

IT Division Director Justin Carman issued a report. Humanitru is migrating the LPNY's data to a Customer Relationship Management database. This should be completed within a few weeks.

Legislative Affairs Director Richard Purtell issued a report. He is looking for lobbying on the Blankenbush bill to reduce the petition signature requirements and to shift the petitioning window to eight weeks during summer 2024. Lisa Lombardo, Legislative Director for current Assemblyman Fred Thiele, has said he is reviewing the Blankenbush bill for the 2024 Legislative session.

Rules Committee Chair Andrew Kolstee issued a report in writing (**Exhibit 4**).

Motion by Mark Braiman on behalf of the Rules Committee to **amend the Rules of the Libertarian Party to adopt Proposal 1** was debated and passed 17-12-4.

Motion by Daniel Castello on behalf of the Rules Committee to **amend the Rules of the Libertarian Party to adopt Proposal 2** passed without objection.

Motion by Adam Magoon on behalf of the Rules Committee to **amend the Rules of the Libertarian Party to adopt Proposal 3** was debated. Motion by Christopher Olenski to **refer or commit the proposal back to the Rules Committee** was seconded by Robert Schuon and passed by voice vote.

Platform Committee Chair Daniel Castello issued a report. The committee is rewriting the platform for clarity on individual platform points. The next meeting is this Thursday, September 14, 2023.

Motion by Mark Axinn to **adjourn** was seconded by Duane Whitmer and passed by voice vote.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 9:46 p.m.

Mark Stephen Braiman
Secretary

Exhibit 1

CREDENTIALS REPORT

ROLL CALLS (Column #1 at 5:06 p.m., P=Present; #2 indicates a time of later arrival)

JD	State Committee Member	1	2
EO	Richard F. Purtell	P	
1	Mark N. Axinn	P	
1	Morry C. Davis		
1	David B. "Chance" Haywood		8:10
2	Paul M. Grindle		
2	Matthew I. Morgan		
2	Gary S. Popkin		
3	William Cody Anderson	P	
3	Justin N. Carman	P	
3	Jennifer L. O'Connor	P	
3	Lora Newell	P	
4	Amanda H. Ellithorpe		
4	Stephen C. Healey	P	
4	John A. Janes	P	
4	Karyn A. Keniry-Thompson	P	
4	Zachary D. Remian	P	
4	Brian L. Wells	P	
5	VACANT		
5	Daniel J. Castello	P	
5	Shawn C. DeGrand	P	
5	Matthew K. Guilianelli	P	
5	Erinn Rose Leatherman	P	
5	Adam M. Magoon	P	
5	Keith C. Redhead	P	

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5	Craig L. Shute		
6	Mark S. Braiman	P	
6	Craig Colwell	P	
6	Christopher M. Olenski	P	
6	David S. Penner		
6	VACANT		
6	VACANT		
7	Steven G. Becker	P	
7	Jeffrey C. Bradley	P	
7	Mark E. Glogowski	P	
7	Sean C. Phelan	P	
7	Marc A. Smith		
7	James M. Ziobro	P	
7	VACANT		
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7	VACANT		
8	Erin M. Becker	P	
8	Maura E. Botsford		
8	Andrew M. Kolstee	P	
8	Francis Law	P	
8	Leonard E. Morlock	P	
8	Michael R. Rebmann	P	
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9	Juan R. Ayala	P	
9	Robert J. Cocomello	P	
9	Daniel P. Donnelly	P	
9	Robert J. Greibesland		
9	William K. Schmidt	P	
9	Christian J. Vondras		
10	Jeffrey J. Denecke	P	
10	Jonathan H. Gunther	P	
10	George T. Ostrowski		
10	Robert E. Schuon	P	
10	Blay Tarnoff	P	
10	Randyn Tarnoff	P	
10	VACANT		
10	VACANT		
10	VACANT		
11	John Clifton	P	
11	Francisco Oliveira		
11	Irwin Mark Weinblatt	P	
12	VACANT		
12	VACANT		
13	VACANT		
13	VACANT		
	# Present	43	44
	(out of 58 total)		

Exhibit 2 (page 1 of 2)

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK AGENDA OF THE STATE COMMITTEE OF MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

7:00 P.M. Call to Order (Andrew Kolstee, Chair)

7:00 P.M. Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum (Mark Braiman, Secretary)

7:05 P.M. Public Comment

7:10 P.M. Adoption of Agenda

Consideration to approve a hearing to consider the revocation of the affiliation of New York County (Manhattan)

7:15 P.M. Filling of Vacancies on the State Committee

Judicial District 5 (1 vacancy)
Judicial District 6 (2 vacancies)
Judicial District 7 (3 vacancies)
Judicial District 10 (2 vacancies)
Judicial District 12 (2 vacancies)
Judicial District 13 (2 vacancies)

7:30 P.M. Election of Platform Committee Representative

7:45 P.M. Election of Platform Committee Alternate Representative

8:00 P.M. Election of Credentials Committee Representative

8:15 P.M. Election of Credentials Committee Alternate Representative

8:30 P.M. Treasurer's Report (Cody Anderson)

8:40 P.M. Chair's Report (Andrew Kolstee)

8:50 P.M. 2023 Empire State Freedom Summit Report (Karyn Thompson)

9:00 P.M. Communications/Outreach Division Report (Duane Whitmer)

9:10 P.M. Field Development Division Report (Andrew Kolstee)

9:20 P.M. Finance Division Report (Chance Haywood)

9:30 P.M. IT Division Report (Justin Carman)

9:40 P.M. Legislative Affairs Division Report (Rich Purtell)

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9:50 P.M. Personnel Division Report (Keith Redhead)

10:00 P.M. Political Division Report (Paul Grindle)

10:10 P.M. Rules Committee Report (Andrew Kolstee)

10:20 P.M. Platform Committee Report (Daniel Castello)

10:30 P.M. Old Business

10:45 P.M. New Business

11:00 P.M. Adjournment

Exhibit 3 (page 1 of 2)

LPNY Treasurer's Report
September 11, 2023

Housekeeping Committee account balance as of September 11, 2023: **\$1,285.11** (no change since August 31)

Constituted Committee account balance as of September 11, 2023: \$28,628.45 (\$783.25 increase since August 31)

Deposits to Housekeeping account since August 31:

None

Disbursements from Housekeeping account since August 31:

none

Deposits to CC account since August 31:

Net Donations - \$783.25

Disbursements from CC account since August 31:

None

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None

Exhibit 4

REPORT OF THE RULES COMMITTEE FOR THE STATE COMMITTEE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

PROPOSAL 1 (A2). Allow pre-registered as members.

5.1. **GENERAL.** The membership of the LPNY shall consist of individuals who are registered or pre-registered voters to vote in the State of New York, and who either 1) are enrolled in the “Libertarian Party” in the records of the New York State Board of Elections; or 2) are enrolled with no party or blank in the records of the New York State Board of Elections but have registered with the LPNY for the purpose of being an official member of the LPNY. Any reference to “LPNY Member(s)” hereinafter shall mean member(s) of the LPNY as defined in this section.

PROPOSAL 2 (B). Use LPedia instead of the “master book”

6.5.3. **SECRETARY.** The Secretary shall keep an accurate and complete record of the proceedings of all meetings of the State Committee and shall keep these records up-to-date and in order in the master book at the LPedia page containing the official minutes of the LPNY. At meetings of the State Committee and the Executive Committee, the Secretary shall present the minutes of the previous respective meeting for approval. In all elections and roll call votes, the Secretary shall call the roll of the voting members and shall keep an accurate tally of such votes. The Secretary with unanimous consent may dispense with a roll call vote. The Secretary may appoint assistants for this purpose and, in contested elections, with the consent of a majority of the members of the State Committee present and voting shall appoint an Elections Board which shall include one representative of each contestant in question plus one additional member, so that the Board shall consist of an odd number of persons.

PROPOSAL 3 (E2). Allow Chair to remove members and chairs of special committees.

10.1. **GENERAL.** The State Committee shall have the power to create and dissolve standing committees, and to appoint and remove chairs of these committees. The Chair of the State Committee shall have the power to create special committees and appoint and remove their members and chair.

Appendix 1A

Shall we postpone the remaining rounds of the Platform Committee Rep election, and the election of the Platform Committee Alternate Rep, Credentials Committee Rep, and Credentials Committees Alternate to the next meeting of the State Committee?

Expired

