

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLATFORM COMMITTEE  
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Daniel Castello, Chair  
Andrew Kolstee, Secretary  
Justin Carman  
Paul Grindle  
Michael Rebmann  
Blay Tarnoff  
Keith Redhead

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Christopher Olenski  
Richard Purtell  
Robert Schuon  
Karyn Thompson

*Secretary's note: Jennifer O'Connor resigned from the Platform Committee on September 21, 2023.*

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Daniel Castello, Chair. It was determined that quorum was present.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **recommend Proposal AF as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Platform of the Libertarian Party of New York** was seconded by Michael Rebmann, debated, and passed by voice vote.

~~WE THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK~~

~~Recognize that all people, being created equal, are endowed with unalienable rights, among these are the right to life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness. We recognize that if governments must exist at all, their only just purpose is to secure these rights for individuals.~~

~~While we defer to the national party on issues of national interest, and we defer to our candidates to offer specific policy proposals, we do so only so far as they do not conflict with the following principles:~~

A just and prosperous society is rooted in Natural Law, recognizing the inherent, unalienable rights of individuals to life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness. Governments are instituted to safeguard these rights, deriving their legitimacy solely

from the explicit consent of the governed. However, we acknowledge that in practice, governments often evolve into the primary threat to these fundamental rights. To ensure a government that remains true to its purpose, we steadfastly uphold the following principles to keep it accountable.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **recommend Proposal AK as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Platform of the Libertarian Party of New York** was seconded by Michael Rebmann and passed by voice vote.

~~**The Right to Self-Ownership and Personal Autonomy**—Individuals have the right to do with their own bodies whatever they please.~~

**The Right to Bodily Autonomy** - Individuals have exclusive authority over their own bodies.

Motion by Michael Rebmann to **set the next meeting of the Platform Committee for Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** was seconded by Andrew Kolstee and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **adjourn** was seconded by Michael Rebmann and passed by voice vote.

There were concerns brought up to be considered at the next meeting, including banking and privacy rights as well as schools and the rights of children.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee  
Secretary of the Platform Committee