

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLATFORM COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Daniel Castello, Chair
Andrew Kolstee, Secretary
Michael Rebmann
Robert Schuon
Blay Tarnoff

MEMBERS ABSENT

Paul Grindle
Christopher Olenki
Richard Purtell
Keith Redhead
Charles Roggen
Karyn Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m. by Daniel Castello, Chair. It was determined that quorum was not present.

Daniel Castello read the draft platform, including the proposals that reached a consensus at the May 16, 2024 meeting but have not yet been voted on.

There was a discussion without consensus to consider the adoption of Proposal EH, which amends draft platform amendment Proposal 1 as follows when quorum is present.

A just and prosperous society is rooted in ~~Natural Law, recognizing~~ the recognition of 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.

There was a consensus to adopt Proposal EL, which amends draft platform amendment Proposals 6 and 11 as follows when quorum is present.

1.4. ~~The Right to Personal Property~~. Individuals ~~possess~~ have the ~~inherent~~ right to acquire, own, utilize, and ~~divest themselves~~ dispose of assets, as these are the outcomes of human dedication through the investment of time and effort. ~~This right also~~

~~encompasses the freedom to sell one's time and labor in exchange for different assets, thereby expanding the scope of individual economic choices and opportunities.~~

2.3. **The Right to Contract and Exchange.** Individuals have the ~~inherent authority~~ right to engage in voluntary agreements, contracts, and free exchanges with others, including the right to trade goods, ~~and~~ services, ~~and their time and labor.~~

Michael Rebmann left the meeting.

There was a consensus to adopt Proposal EP, which amends draft platform amendment Proposal 8 as follows when quorum is present.

1.6. **The Right to Personal Privacy.** Individuals have the ~~inherent~~ authority ~~to control~~ ~~and~~ to manage and protect ~~safeguard~~ their personal information, choices, and activities, including deciding the extent to which they share this information with others ~~from intrusion or surveillance.~~

Further discussion on the above.

There was a consensus to adopt Proposal EQ, which amends draft platform amendment Proposal 9, 10, 11, and 12 as follows when quorum is present.

2. **The Right to Interact and Collaborate.** Every individual inherently holds the unalienable right to freely engage or not with others. Specifically:

2.1. **The Right to Free Association.** Every individual has the freedom to interact, associate, and form connections with other individuals, as well as the liberty to create, join, and participate in associations, organizations, and groups of their choosing.

2.2. **The Right to Peaceful Assembly.** Individuals have the ~~inherent~~ right to gather with others for any non-violent purpose, whether for social, recreational, cultural, political, or otherwise.

2.3. **The Right to Contract and Exchange.** Individuals have the ~~inherent authority~~ right to engage in voluntary agreements, contracts, and free exchanges with others, including the right to trade goods, ~~and~~ services, ~~and their time and labor.~~

2.4. **The Right to Consent within Organizations.** Individuals engaging in associations, organizations, or groups have the right to agree to a set of terms and conditions that govern their participation. This includes the freedom to negotiate, accept, or reject the rules, obligations, and benefits of membership, ~~ensuring all~~ ~~It is essential that such~~ agreements are made transparently and with the informed consent of all parties involved.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 9:00 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee
Secretary of the Platform Committee