

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLATFORM COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2024 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Daniel Castello, Chair
Andrew Kolstee, Secretary
Christopher Olenski
Robert Schuon
Blay Tarnoff
Karyn Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Paul Grindle
Richard Purtell
Michael Rebmann
Keith Redhead
Charles Roggen

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Daniel Castello, Chair. It was determined that quorum was present.

Motion by Christopher Olenski to **recommend Proposal FH as follows, which adds a new platform plank, to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Platform of the Libertarian Party of New York** failed due to lack of a second.

X. Universality of Rights. All living humans possess all rights of humans. A child's parents have the sole authority to exercise the child's rights on the child's behalf in the child's best interests, which authority may only be abrogated if a parent acts unquestionably against the child's interest, beyond a reasonable doubt. For adults who are organically incapable of informed consent, responsible adults may be appointed to exercise their rights on their behalf in their best interests, which appointment may be changed at any time if in the adult's best interest to do so. Anyone whose rights are being exercised by another may be emancipated at any time they become capable of informed consent.

Motion by Robert Schuon to **recommend Proposal FI as follows, which adds new platform planks, to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Platform of the Libertarian Party of New York** was seconded by Andrew Kolstee, debated, and failed 2-4.

4. Universality of Rights. All living humans possess the entirety of all human rights.

4.1. **Parental Authority.** A child's parents have the sole authority to exercise the child's rights on the child's behalf in the child's best interests, which authority may only be abrogated if a parent acts unquestionably against the child's interest, beyond a reasonable doubt.

4.2. **Rights Held in Trust.** For adults who are organically incapable of informed consent, responsible adults may be appointed to exercise their rights on their behalf in their best interests, which appointment may be changed at any time if it is in the adult's best interest to do so.

4.3. **Emancipation.** Individuals whose rights are being exercised by another may be emancipated at any time they become capable of informed consent.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **recommend Proposal FK as follows, which adds new platform planks, to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Platform of the Libertarian Party of New York** was seconded by Robert Schuon and passed by voice vote.

4. **Universality of Rights.** Human rights are the same for every man, woman, and child, however there are specific provisions for those unable to exercise them independently.

4.1. **Parental Authority.** A child's parents have the sole authority to exercise the child's rights on the child's behalf in the child's best interests, which authority may only be abrogated if a parent acts unquestionably against the child's interest, beyond a reasonable doubt.

4.2. **Rights Held in Trust.** For adults who are organically incapable of informed consent, responsible adults may be appointed to exercise their rights on their behalf in their best interests, which appointment may be changed at any time if it is in the adult's best interest to do so.

4.3. **Emancipation.** Individuals whose rights are being exercised by another may be emancipated at any time they become capable of informed consent.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **recommend Proposal FL as follows, which amends draft platform section 1.3 and 5, to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Platform of the Libertarian Party of New York** was seconded by Karyn Thompson, debated, and passed by voice vote.

1.3. **Self-Determination.** Individuals ~~and families~~ have the authority to decide matters including, but not limited to, their health, education, financial well-being, and self-defense.

4.5. **Preserving Liberty.** Government will inevitably grow more tyrannical if left

unchecked. To preserve liberty, the government, its powers, and its agents must be strictly limited. Only the active involvement of responsible citizens can restrain the government, and prevent it from perverting the rights of the people. It is essential for citizens to be vigilant and adhere to the forgoing principles to preserve liberty and actively defend their freedom and sovereignty.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **adjourn** was seconded by Karyn Thompson and passed without objection.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:54 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee
Secretary of the Platform Committee