

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023 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  
Justin N. Carman, Member-At-Large (JD3)  
Keith C. Redhead, Member-At-Large (JD5)  
Maura E. Botsford, Member-At-Large (JD8)  
William K. Schmidt, Member At-Large (JD9)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Karyn A. Keniry-Thompson, Member-At-Large (JD4)

**OBSERVERS**

Sean C. Phelan, State Committee Member, Judicial District 7  
Shawn C. DeGrand, State Committee Member, Judicial District 5  
Shawn Hannon, Onondaga County Chair

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m. by Andrew Kolstee, Chair. Secretary Mark Braiman conducted a roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

A request for public comment by Chair Andrew Kolstee received no comments.

Secretary Mark Braiman issued a written report (**Exhibit 1**).

Treasurer William Cody Anderson issued a **Treasurer's Report in writing (Exhibit 2) and the report was accepted** without objection.

Field Development Director Andrew Kolstee issued a report.

**The appointment of Jame VanDewalker as Acting County Chair and County Liaison of Allegany County on July 1, 2023, which will expire on December 31, 2023** passed without objection.

**The appointment of Thomas Quiter as County Liaison of Chenango County on July 1, 2023, which will expire on December 31, 2023** passed without objection.

**The appointment of Zachary Remian as County Liaison of Clinton County on July 1, 2023, which will expire on December 31, 2023** passed without objection.

**The appointment of Christopher Lyndaker as Acting County Chair of Lewis County on July 1, 2023, which will expire on December 31, 2023** passed without objection.

**The appointment of Jennifer O'Connor as Acting County Chair and County Liaison of Rensselaer County on July 1, 2023, which will expire on December 31, 2023** passed without objection.

**The appointment of Brian Wells as Acting County Chair and County Liaison of Washington County on July 1, 2023, which will expire on December 31, 2023** passed without objection.

**The appointment of Rajib Maitra as Acting County Chair and County Liaison of Westchester County on July 1, 2023, which will expire on December 31, 2023** passed without objection.

**The affiliation of the County Organization in Oneida County** passed without objection.

Communications Director Duane Whitmer issued a report, including a report on behalf of the Outreach Division. Motion by Duane Whitmer to **authorize an expenditure of up to three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) to secure a booth at the 2023 New York State Fair** passed 5-0-2

Motion by Mark Braiman to adjourn was seconded by William Cody Anderson and passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Mark Stephen Braiman,  
Secretary.

## EXHIBIT 1

### **Secretary's Report for LPNY Executive Committee Meeting of August 31, 2023.**

The Secretary requests approval today of the posted (Draft) Minutes for Executive Committee meetings of May 21, 2023; and June 25, 2023; and State Committee meetings of March 5, 2023; March 19, 2023; and June 4, 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).

These minutes are complete as of 8/23/2023. My apologies for not having yet finished correcting and reformatting my drafts of Executive Committee meetings of December 18, 2022 and January 15, 2023; and the State Committee meeting of October 23, 2022. These earlier meetings took place before I had my system in place for getting the minutes recorded and formatted accurately and efficiently. In case anyone needs to check back on what transpired at those meetings, the incorrectly formatted drafts already have essentially all the information that will end up in the final minutes, except Porcupine vote details for the October 23, 2022 meeting.

## EXHIBIT 2 (Page 1 of 2)

### LPNY Treasurer's Report June 25, 2023

Housekeeping Committee account balance as of June 25, 2023: **\$2410.50** (+\$1286.64 since June 4)

Constituted Committee account balance as of June 25, 2023: **\$25,111.60** (-\$4468.27 since June 4)

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#### **Deposits to Housekeeping account since June 4:**

Transfer in from CC - \$5,000

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#### **Disbursements from Housekeeping account since June 4:**

Humanitru - \$3,480.00

Grasshopper - \$33.29

Constant Contact - \$200.07

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#### **Deposits to CC account since June 4:**

Net Donations - \$571.73

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#### **Disbursements from CC account since June 4:**

Transfer out to Housekeeping - \$5,000.00

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## EXHIBIT 2 (Page 2 of 2)

Since I was not at the last state committee meeting, I wanted to reiterate our inflow position for the record.

A summary of monthly donation income since the current state committee was seated appears below. We have seen monthly income trending downward since November 2022.

Oct 22 - \$1005.75

Nov 22 - \$1663.41

Dec 22 - \$1455.07

Jan 23 - \$1019.95

Feb 23 - \$1285.21

Mar 23 - \$1193.01

Apr 23 - \$1032.17

May 23 - \$825.60

Although our recurring monthly expenses have held steady for some time, the implementation of the Humanitru CRM system will have significant one-time (\$1200) and recurring costs (\$3000/year) that we will need to cover going forward.

In short: monthly revenue must be increased significantly in order to adequately cover both our additional recurring expenses, as well as the unexpected expenses, such as for legal and candidate support, we are certain to incur. I defer to the Finance Director to speak to the ways in which he intends to attain the means we require, and to the Communications Director to speak to progress made on resuming our email outreach, which has traditionally been our best opportunity to energize our base and ask for donations periodically.