

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

MEMBERS PRESENT (44)

Richard F. Purtell (*ex officio*)
Mark N. Axinn (JD1)
David B. Haywood (JD1)
William Cody Anderson (JD3)
Justin N. Carman (JD3)
Lora 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 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)

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, Robert 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 mentioned that Craig would need to get this info directly from the LNC.

Andrew Kolstee announced that Chris 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 affiliation of Manhattan (New York County) immediately after adoption of**

the Agenda was seconded by William Cody Anderson and passed by voice vote. The amended Agenda was adopted 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 and debated. The motion to postpone 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 Alternate Representative.**

Mark Braiman nominated Pietro Geraci.

Duane Whitmer nominated Roger Cooper, Michael Rebmann, Nikoloz Anguridzi, and Brandon Larson.

Dan Castello nominated Rose Leatherman

The first round of voting for the Libertarian Party National Platform Committee was held by OpaVote, since Porcupine polls were not operational. The results were as follows:

Candidate (vote for 1)	Votes	Percentage
Nikolozi Anguridzi	0	0%
Roger Cooper	0	0%
Pietro Geraci	6	15.79%
Brandon Larson	0	0%
Rose Leatherman	16	42.11%
Michael Rebmann	10	26.31%
None of the above (NOTA)	6	15.79%
Total Votes	38	100.00%
Total Voters	59	

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 Axxin and debated. The motion to postpone passed 19-16-3 by Porcupine poll.

Treasurer William Cody Anderson issued a Treasurer’s Report in writing (**Exhibit 3**) and the report **was accepted** without objection. 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 Chair Karyn Keniry-Thompson issued a report in writing (**Exhibit 4**). The cost of the venue for Friday and Saturday evenings November 10-11 has been quoted as \$2500 by the Rail Line, of which we need to pay half upfront to secure the reservation. The \$2500 includes an open bar for Friday night. The comedian Lou Perez quoted a speaker fee of \$1500. The speaker for veterans Shane Hazel also quoted a fee of \$1500.

Motion by Michael Rebmann to **allocate \$2500 for rental of the Rail Line venue** was seconded by Karyn Keniry Thompson was debated and passed by voice vote.

Field Development Director Andrew Kolstee issued a report.

IT Division Chair Justin Carman issued a report. Humanitru is migrating our data to a Customer Relationship Management database. This should be completed within a few weeks.

Legislative Affairs Chair 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 (former Republican), 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 **adopt Proposal 1 was debated and** passed 17-12-4.

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

Motion by Adam Magoon on behalf of the Rules Committee to **adopt Proposal 3** passed without objection. Motion to Commit or Refer passed by voice vote

Platform Committee Chair Dan Castello issued a report. The Committee is rewriting for clarity individual platform points. The next meeting is this coming Thursday.

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	

JD	State Committee Member	1	2
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		
7	VACANT		
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	
8	Charles R. Roggen		
8	Jame J. VanDewalker	P	

JD	State Committee Member	1	2
8	Duane J. Whitmer	P	
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		
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)		

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**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

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)

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

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

10:20 P.M. Rules Committee Report (Andrew Kolstee)

10:40 P.M. Platform Committee Report (Daniel Castello)

10:50 P.M. Old Business

11:00 P.M. New Business

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

11:15 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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Planning Committee - Empire State Freedom Summit

Event Dates: Friday November 10 & Saturday November 11th

- Friday Welcome Event 7-11pm
- Saturday Conference 11am-6pm
- Saturday Fundraiser 8pm-12am

Venue: Rail Line, 530 S. Clinton St Syracuse 13202

\$2500, (\$1000 Fee, \$1500 Open Bar)

Confirmed Guest Speakers:

Lou Perez, Comedian (Friday)

(\$1500)

Shane Hazel, Veterans Day (Fri & Sat)

(\$1500)

Brad Racino, NY Retail Cann (Sat)

Josh Waterman, NY Retail Cann (Fri & Sat)

CAURD Applicant, NY Retail Cann (Sat)

In Waiting Guest Speakers:

Phil Magness, Fauci and Lockdowns

Justin Amash, Invite sent

James O'Keefe Invite sent

Live Music: Brian Coyne(NBC) (Saturday)

(\$250)

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HOTEL ROOMS - Crowne Plaza Syracuse

(\$139/night plus taxes, plus \$5 parking)

Friday 11/10 (7 Singles, 3 Doubles)

- Lou Perez - S
- Shane Hazel - S
- Phil Magness - S

Saturday 11/11 (10 Singles, 5 Doubles)

- Shane Hazel - S
- Phil Magness - S

SHIRTS

Buy: (\$15/ea x75=\$1125)

Sell: (\$25/ea x50=\$1250)

Black Do Not Comply

- Medium x5
- Large x10
- XLarge x10
- XXLLarge x5

Yellow Convention

- Medium x10
- Large x20
- XLarge x20
- XXLLarge x10

Vendor Tables:

- Ostrowski (\$100)
- Blood/Tyrants (\$100)
- Liberty Memes (\$75)
- Mises (\$50)

Sponsorships

- Real Libertarian(\$1000)
- GOLD(\$100): Mises,
- SILVER(\$50):
- BRONZE(\$25):

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TICKETS (x50)

LPNY Committee \$99 (x20=\$2000)

- Friday Welcome Event
- Saturday Conference
- Saturday Fundraiser w/open bar

General Admission \$129 (x15=\$1950)

- Friday Welcome Event
- Saturday Conference
- Saturday Fundraiser w/open bar

VIP \$199 (x15=\$3000)

- Everything General Admission
- Includes intimate time with guests
- Shirt

Friday Welcome Event Only \$25

Saturday Conference Only \$50

Saturday Fundraiser Only \$100

REVENUE

TICKETS: \$7000+

VENDOR TABLES: \$250+

SHIRTS: \$1250+

FUNDRAISER: \$1500+

- Keg: Pay what you want
- Silent Auctions (Baskets)

TOTAL: \$10000+

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EXPENSES

GUESTS: \$3000+

VENUE: \$2500

MUSIC: \$250

SHIRTS: \$1125

MISC: \$500

TOTAL: \$7325+

EXHIBIT 5

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.