

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Andrew M. Kolstee, Chair  
Duane Whitmer, 1st Vice Chair  
Richard F. Purtell, 2nd Vice-Chair  
Mark S. Braiman, Secretary  
William Cody Anderson, Treasurer  
Maura E. Botsford, Member-At-Large (JD8) (entered 6:56)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Justin N. Carman, Member-At-Large (JD3)  
Karyn A. Keniry-Thompson, Member-At-Large (JD4)  
Keith C. Redhead, Member-At-Large (JD5)  
William K. Schmidt, Member At-Large (JD9)

**OBSERVERS**

Christopher Olenski JD6  
Vincent O'Neil, JD 10

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Andrew Kolstee, Chair,

The Chair called for public comment. No comment was offered.

Secretary Mark Braiman conducted a roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

Mark Braiman issued a Secretary's Report (**Exhibit 1**). The Secretary requests approval today of the posted (Draft) Minutes for Executive Committee meetings of August 31, 2023 and September 25, 2023; and State Committee meetings of June 4, 2023 and September 11, 2023. (See [https://lpedia.org/wiki/Index\\_of\\_New\\_York\\_State\\_Party\\_Meetings](https://lpedia.org/wiki/Index_of_New_York_State_Party_Meetings)) The Secretary also requests approval of minor changes in previously-approved minutes of May 21, 2023 and June 25, 2023.

The Minutes for Executive Committee meetings of August 31, 2023 and September 25, 2023 and State Committee meetings of June 4, 2023 and September 11, 2023 were approved without objection. Amendments to the minutes of May 21, 2023 and June 25, 2023 were approved without objection.

Treasurer William Cody Anderson submitted a Treasurer's Report in writing (Exhibit 2), which was accepted without objection. NYSBOE has communicated to the Treasurer that we need to re-file our housekeeping and constituted committee accounts to organize them as a single PAC account, since we are not a "recognized party"

**Chair Andrew Kolstee issued a report.** Oliver Paul filed the paperwork for intervention in the RFK lawsuit. We are waiting to see what happens. He has Michael Heisz conversation. He is working for National. He wants to do a 20-45 minute presentation to leaders of each state Libertarian Party on strategies for winning local elections. We have signed agreement for the

Hotel in Albany. Poll selected the Buffet. We will also sign up for a drink package. Elections Oversight Committee will meet next Monday Aug. 19 to certify State Committee election results. Will request reimbursements at next Executive Committee Meeting.

### **Communications Division Vacancy**

Field Development Division director Andrew Kolstee issued a report. Gavin Goodman has expressed interest in organizing Steuben County. He was formerly chair of Alabama LP. Gabriel Kerreta expressed interest in organizing Rockland County. Bryan Wansink expressed interest in organizing Tompkins County. Kolstee will send them information from Field Development

Legislative Affairs Division Richard Purtell reported on his efforts to get a legislation passed to allow local candidates to file at State Board of elections. Mark Braiman suggested a strategy of trying to permit candidates for intra-county local offices to opt to file either locally at a County Board of Election or to co-petition with statewide candidates, allowing them to co-file at the State Board of Elections.

Entered Executive Session to discuss political strategy at 7:41 p.m.

Executive Session was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Motion by Mark Braiman **to adjourn** was seconded by Richard Purtell and passed by voice vote. ..

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Mark Stephen Braiman,  
Secretary.

## **EXHIBIT 1**

### **Secretary's Report for LPNY Executive Committee Meeting of August 12, 2024.**

The Secretary requests approval today of the recently-revised posted (Draft) Minutes for Executive Committee meetings of August 31, 2023; and September 25, 2023; and State Committee meetings of June 4, 2023 and September 11, 2023.

Approval is also requested for a minor change in previously-approved minutes for the Executive Committee meeting of May 21, 2023, consisting only of the attachment of previously-missing Exhibit 3, a 6-page contract with Humanitru approved during the meeting; and a minor formatting change for the motion to adjourn in the previously-approved minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of June 25, 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).

**EXHIBIT 2 (Page 1 of 2)**

LPNY Treasurer's Report  
August 13, 2024

Housekeeping Committee account balance as of August 13, 2024: **\$1,777.27**  
(-369.13 since July 10)

Constituted Committee account balance as of August 13, 2024: **\$30,117.36**  
(+1,485.52 since July 10)

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**Deposits to Housekeeping account since July 10:**

None.

**TOTAL DEPOSITS: \$0.00**

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**Disbursements from Housekeeping account since July 10**

7/15 – Grasshopper – \$33.92

7/15 – Constant Contact - \$148.77

8/5 – Humanitru - \$3.75

8/13 – Grasshopper – \$33.92

8/13 – Constant Contact - \$148.77

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$369.13**

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**Deposits to CC account since July 10:**

Net Donations - \$1,485.52

**TOTAL DEPOSITS: \$1485.52**

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**Disbursements from CC account since July 10:**

None.

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$0.00**

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**EXHIBIT 2 (Page 2 of 2)**

NYS Board of Elections has contacted me regarding our housekeeping and constituted committee ("general fund") accounts and advised that we need to update our committee filings to reorganize as a PAC, since we are not a "recognized party". This has little effect other than 1) we cannot coordinate with candidate committees or issue "calls to action" for specific candidates and 2) transfers from one account to the other will now be reported as contributions/expenditures rather than transfers between committees. We may continue operating both accounts, although the next treasurer may wish to consolidate the accounts for simplicity.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Cody Anderson  
Treasurer