

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLATFORM COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Daniel Castello, Chair
Andrew Kolstee, Secretary
Christopher Olenski
Charles Roggen
Robert Schuon
Blay Tarnoff

MEMBERS ABSENT

Paul Grindle
Richard Purtell
Michael Rebmann
Keith Redhead
Karyn Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 6:47 p.m. by Daniel Castello, Chair. It was determined that quorum was not present until Robert Schuon entered the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee **to waive reading and approve the minutes of February 15, 2024, February 20, 2024 and April 15, 2024 meetings of the Platform Committee** passed without objection.

The proposed new preamble was discussed. Blay Tarnoff had a concern with the using word “explicit,” which was discussed.

Christopher Olenski left the meeting and quorum was no longer present.

There was a consensus to adopt Proposal EC, which amends draft platform plank 1, as follows when quorum is present.

1. **The Right to Individual Sovereignty.** ~~The h~~Human ~~species has~~ beings have rights by virtue of ~~its~~ their capacity to understand and ~~be responsible to~~ respect the rights of others, and as such each individuals ~~inherently~~ possesses the unalienable right of self-ownership, and thus ~~granting them authority and~~ autonomy over their life, liberty, and property.
Specifically:

There was a consensus to adopt Proposal EE, which amends draft platform plank 1.1 as follows when quorum is present.

1.1. ~~The Right to~~ **Freedom of Conscience.** Individuals are ~~inherently~~ free to hold beliefs ~~and make decisions~~ according to their own moral and ethical convictions, without ~~persecution coercion or undue interference, so long as they respect the rights of others to do the same.~~

There was a consensus to adopt Proposal EF, which amends draft platform plank 1.2 as follows when quorum is present.

1.2. ~~The Right to Decide~~ **Self-Determination.** Individuals and families have the authority to ~~determine~~ ~~decide~~ matters including, but not limited to, their health, education, financial well-being, and self-defense, ~~on their own terms and without interference.~~

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

There was a consensus to adopt Proposal EG, which amends draft platform plank 1.5 and moves it to position 1.1 as follows when quorum is present.

~~1.5.~~ 1.1. ~~The Right to Bodily~~ **Autonomy of the Mind and Body.** Each ~~i~~Individuals ~~have~~ has exclusive authority over their own ~~mind and bodies.~~

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:38 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee
Secretary of the Platform Committee