

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RULES COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrew Kolstee, Chair
Mark Braiman
Daniel Castello
Adam Magoon
Christopher Olenski
Pietro Geraci
Michael Rebmann
Karyn Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Justin Carman
Paul Grindle

OBSERVERS

Charles Taya

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Andrew Kolstee, Chair.

Proposal RCMA-1 as follows adopted as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party in accordance with Article 21.6 on minor amendments without objection.

Article 2. Symbol

The symbol for the ~~Libertarian Party~~ LPNY shall be the Statue of Liberty, as it appears [here](#).

Proposal RCMA-2 as follows adopted as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party in accordance with Article 21.6 on minor amendments without objection.

Article 3. Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of the ~~Libertarian Party~~ LPNY shall be the State of New York.

Proposal RCMA-3 as follows adopted as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party in accordance with Article 21.6 on minor amendments without objection.

Article 4. Objective

The ~~Libertarian Party~~ LPNY is a political party whose primary objective is the election to public office of LPNY Members ~~of enrolled members of the Libertarian Party~~ who support its principles and objectives as expressed in the Party Platform.

Proposal RCMA-4 as follows adopted as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party in accordance with Article 21.6 on minor amendments without objection.

6.1. **AUTHORITY.** The State Committee shall be the highest governing body of the ~~LPNY Libertarian Party in the State of New York~~. It shall have full authority to set policies and goals for the ~~Libertarian Party LPNY~~, establish committees, raise and allocate financial resources, and hire staff.

6.2. **MEMBERS.** Members of the State Committee must be LPNY Members and elected in accordance with these Rules. If at any time the ~~Libertarian Party LPNY~~ is unable to elect a new State Committee under the auspices of the New York State Board of Elections, the members of the State Committee shall be elected in accordance with Article 6.4. Members of the State Committee shall also include any LPNY Member who fills a vacancy in the State Committee or is elected to the Executive Committee.

Proposal RCMA-5 as follows adopted as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party in accordance with Article 21.6 on minor amendments without objection.

6.4. **ELECTION ADMINISTERED BY THE ~~LIBERTARIAN PARTY LPNY~~.** If at any time the ~~Libertarian Party LPNY~~ is not eligible to elect a new State Committee at a primary election under Election Law 2-106, the State Committee shall be elected in accordance with this section.

Proposal RCMA-6 as follows adopted as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party in accordance with Article 21.6 on minor amendments without objection.

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 containing the official minutes of the ~~Libertarian Party LPNY~~.

6.5.4. **TREASURER.** [...] The Treasurer shall, at the discretion of the State Committee, present the financial records of the ~~Libertarian Party LPNY~~ for audit by such auditor(s)

as the State Committee shall specify. Expenditures of funds shall be made only in accordance with regulations established by the State Committee.

6.5.5. **ASSISTANTS.** The Secretary and Treasurer may appoint another ~~member of the Libertarian Party~~ **LPNY Member** to serve as Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer respectively in order to assist in their duties. Such appointment shall only be effective if confirmed by the Executive Committee.

Proposal RCMA-7 as follows adopted as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party in accordance with Article 21.6 on minor amendments without objection.

~~6.10.~~ **6.9. LNC REGIONAL AGREEMENTS.** The State Committee must approve by a simple majority vote any and all LNC Regional Agreements that pertain to LPNY affiliate membership within a given LNC Region and the terms and conditions for the LNC Regional Representative and Alternate who will serve the region in which the LPNY is a member.

~~6.11.~~ **6.10. RECALLING A LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE OR ALTERNATE.** The Chair of the LPNY may only vote to recall a LNC Regional Representative and/or Alternate at the direction of a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the State Committee.

Proposal RCMA-8 as follows adopted as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party in accordance with Article 21.6 on minor amendments without objection.

7.5.1. **GENERAL.** Executive Session may only be used for discussion of personnel matters, contractual negotiations, pending, active, or potential litigation, or political strategy requiring confidentiality, specifically excluding discussions of qualifications of candidates. The reasons for moving to Executive Session must be stated in the minutes of the Executive Committee.

7.5.2. **VOTING.** No vote shall be conducted in Executive Session, except votes pertaining to the waiving of reading of minutes of Executive Session, approval of the minutes of Executive Session, and adjournment of Executive Session.

Proposal RCMA-9 as follows adopted as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party in accordance with Article 21.6 on minor amendments without objection.

8.7.4. The time and place for all meetings of the ~~Libertarian Party of New York~~ **LPNY** shall be publicized in such a manner as to assure timely notice to all interested parties. This notice shall be provided by the Chair or the Chair's designee.

Proposal RCMA-10 as follows adopted as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party in accordance with Article 21.6 on minor amendments without objection.

11.2. **UNORGANIZED COUNTIES.** An unorganized county is any county in which no recognized County Affiliate exists. The State Committee may appoint an Acting County Chair and County ~~Representative~~ Liaison from among the LPNY Member(s) in that county. Both positions may be held by the same person.

11.2.2. **COUNTY LIAISON.** The County ~~Representative~~ Liaison of an unorganized county is responsible for serving as the liaison of the unorganized county to the State Committee.

Proposal RCMA-11 as follows adopted as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party in accordance with Article 21.6 on minor amendments without objection.

11.5.1. **MEMBERS.** ~~LPNY Members residing in the county shall be the~~ ~~voting~~ members of the County Organizations ~~must be members of the Libertarian Party as defined in Article 5.~~ Officers are voting members of the County Organization by virtue of their office, but no individual may cast more than one vote.

Proposal B as follows was discussed but requires further review.

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 Libertarian Party. [...]

Motion by Mark Braiman to **recommend Proposal A2 as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Christopher Olenski, debated, and passed by voice vote.

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.

Motion by Mark Braiman to **recommend Proposal E as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Christopher Olenski and debated.

10.1. **GENERAL.** The State Committee shall have the **exclusive** power to create and dissolve standing or special committees and to appoint and remove their members and chair. The Chair of the State Committee shall have the power to create special committees and appoint **and remove** their members and chair.

Motion by Pietro Geraci to **divide the question and consider amendments in each sentence separately** was seconded by Mark Braiman and passed without objection.

Proposal E2 as follows was recommended to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party without objection.

10.1. **GENERAL.** The State Committee shall have the **exclusive** power to create and dissolve standing or special committees and to appoint and remove their members and chair.

Consideration of Proposal E1 was postponed to the next meeting of the Rules Committee without objection.

10.1. **GENERAL.** [...] The Chair of the State Committee shall have the power to create special committees and appoint **and remove** their members and chair.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:19 p.m. without objection.

Andrew Martin Kolstee,
Chair