

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

William Cody Anderson, Chair  
Anthony D'Orazio, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair (arrived 8:44 p.m.)  
Duane J. Whitmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair  
Andrew M. Kolstee, Secretary  
Lora L. Newell, Treasurer  
Robert M. Arrigo, Member-At-Large  
Gabrielle S. Cordova, Member-At-Large  
Pietro S. Geraci, Member-At-Large  
Paul M. Grindle, Member-At-Large (arrived 8:46 p.m.)  
Richard F. Purtell, Member At-Large

**OBSERVERS**

Steven G. Becker, Judicial District 7  
James M. Dayton, Judicial District 7  
William C. VanHelmond, Judicial District 10  
Scott D. Hoskins, Columbia County Chair  
Charles J. Hargrove, Richmond County Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 8:38 p.m. by William Cody Anderson, Chair.

Andrew Kolstee conducted a roll call and quorum was established.

William Cody Anderson issued welcoming remarks and reported that petitions have been filed across the state, but there is no update on the preliminary injunction.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **waive reading and approve the minutes of the March 4, 2021 Meeting of the Executive Committee and the March 14, 2021 Meeting of the State Committee** was seconded by Lora Newell and passed unanimously without debate.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **waive reading and approve the amended minutes of the September 26, 2020 Meeting of the State Committee, the amended minutes of the January 23, 2021 Meeting of the State Committee, and the amended minutes of the February 23, 2021 Meeting of the Executive Committee** was seconded by Richard Purtell and passed unanimously without debate.

Andrew Kolstee issued a report on the status of the certification of County Affiliates in accordance with Article 9.2.3. of the Rules of the Libertarian Party of New York (**Exhibit 1**).

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **certify that the County Organizations in Albany, Erie, Madison, Monroe, Onondaga, Otsego, Schoharie, Ulster, and Westchester have met the criteria required in Article 9.2.3. of the Rules of the Libertarian Party of New York** was seconded by Richard Purtell and passed unanimously without debate.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **affiliate the County Organization in Dutchess County** was seconded by Pietro Geraci and passed unanimously without debate.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **accept the resignation of Patrick Ward as County Contact of Franklin County** was seconded by Lora Newell and passed unanimously without debate.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **renew the appointment of Zachary Remian as County Contact of Clinton County for a six-month term set to expire on September 26, 2021** was seconded by Pietro Geraci and passed unanimously without debate.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **appoint Adam Allen as County Contact of Wyoming County for a six-month term set to expire on September 26, 2021, to succeed James Wanke upon expiration of his term on March 26, 2021** was seconded by Richard Purtell, debated, and passed unanimously.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **appoint Kristen Edwards as County Contact of Herkimer County, Jeffrey Sherk as County Contact of Jefferson County, David Fite as County Contact of Oswego County, William Evans as County Contact of Seneca County, and Lyza Feint as County Contact of Tompkins County** was seconded by Richard Purtell, debated, and passed unanimously.

William Cody Anderson initiated a discussion on holding an in-person meeting in June or July 2021 in the Albany area.

Pietro Geraci brought up a concern received from a constituent regarding the Libertarian Party of New York's balance of left and right issues, in which the issues have been more focused on right-leaning issues. Anthony D'Orazio responded in that there is a balance of the issues in the press releases. Extensive discussion on outreach ensued.

Motion by Lora Newell **to adjourn** was seconded by Richard Purtell and passed unanimously without debate.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee  
Secretary

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### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK IN REGARD TO CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY AFFILIATES MARCH 25, 2021

On May 24, 2020, the Interim State Committee of the Libertarian Party of New York amended the Rules of the Libertarian Party that prevented Interim County Organizations from ceasing to exist on May 31, 2020. Instead, Interim County Organizations became County Organizations on June 23, 2020. This was part of the Rules of the Libertarian Party of New York adopted by the State Committee on September 26, 2020.

Because the amended Rules of the Libertarian Party required that counties hold regular meetings at least quarterly and that their rules provide for the election of officers, several counties were required to update their rules to comply with the new requirements. As a result, all counties are given a deadline of March 31, 2021 (previously March 1, 2021) to meeting the following criteria:

- 1) a provision in the rules for at least quarterly meetings (Article 9.2.3.2)
- 2) a provision in the rules for the election of officers (Article 9.2.3.1)
- 3) an election of officers held between June 23, 2020 and March 31, 2021 (Article 9.2.3)

*Later in this report, there is a list of documents that are missing on file with the Secretary. If you have any of these documents, please provide them.*

#### **A. STATUS OF CERTIFICATION**

In order for the Executive Committee to consider the certification of County Affiliates, the following documents must be submitted to the Secretary:

- A copy of the County Organization's latest rules.
- Minutes from the county's meeting in which officer elections were held since June 23, 2020.

**1. CERTIFIED COUNTIES.** A total of 14 out of 31 County Affiliates have been officially certified (**Chautauqua, Chemung, Columbia, Fulton, Kings, Nassau, New York, Orange, Orleans, Queens, Richmond, Saratoga, Tioga, and Wayne**). The remaining 21 County Affiliates are not yet certified.

**2. MEETINGS PROVISION.** 13 out of the 17 remaining counties (**Albany, Broome, Erie, Madison, Monroe, Onondaga, Ontario, Otsego, Rensselaer, Schoharie, Suffolk, Ulster, and Westchester**) have a provision in their rules for holding at least quarterly meetings of either the County Committee or the Executive Committee.

- 1 county (**Bronx**) has a provision for "4 meetings per year," but that does not meet the "quarterly" criteria required in the State Party Rules.
- 2 counties (**Cattaraugus and Chenango**) do not have a provision for holding regular meetings. Chenango has a meeting on Saturday, March 27, 2021 to amend their rules.
- 1 county (**Genesee**) has not provided a copy of their rules.

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3. **OFFICER ELECTIONS PROVISION.** Only 10 out of the 17 remaining counties (**Albany, Broome, Erie, Madison, Monroe, Onondaga, Schoharie, Suffolk, Ulster, Westchester**) have met the criteria for having a provision in their rules for electing officers. Other counties will need to amend their rules to comply with this requirement:

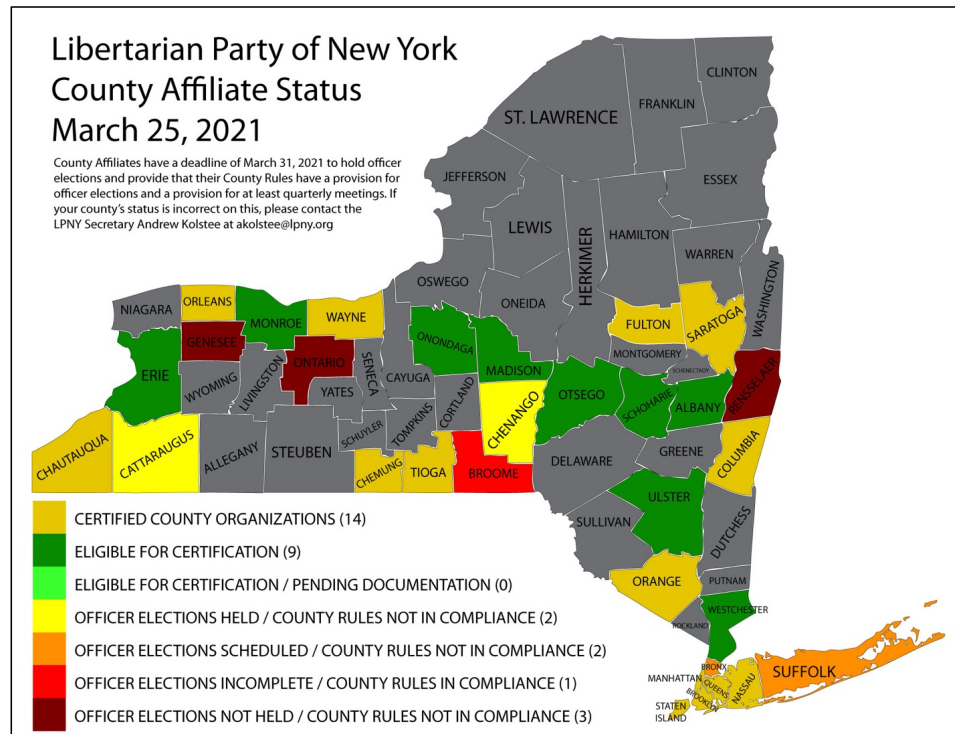
- 4 counties (**Bronx, Cattaraugus, Ontario, and Rensselaer**) have a provision for an election of officers, but only at an organizing meeting, which is to be held within 20 days after the primary and elected by the elected County Committee, which is not possible for a County Organization, as they were not elected at a primary. All 6 of these counties use the Monroe Template, which is only useful if the counties are a constituted County Committee.
- 1 county (**Chenango**) do not have a provision for holding officer elections when not a constituted county committee but do not use the Monroe Template.
- The rules of the remaining County Affiliate (**Genesee**) are not on file with the Secretary, so I do not know whether or not they are in compliance with the State Party rules. I do have a draft copy of their rules, but not the copy of the rules that were adopted.

4. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS.** Since June 23, 2020, 12 of the remaining 17 County Affiliates have held an election of officers: **Albany, Broome, Cattaraugus, Chenango, Erie, Madison, Monroe, Onondaga, Otsego, Schoharie, Ulster, and Westchester**. The following counties must hold an election of officers between June 23, 2020 and March 31, 2021:

- **Broome** County held their election of officers, but it is incomplete.
- 2 counties (**Bronx and Suffolk**) have their conventions scheduled between now and March 31, 2021.
- The status of an election of officers of the remaining 3 counties is unknown. I have no record of any of these counties holding an election of officers since June 23, 2020 or no record of any indication of a convention to be held before the March 31, 2021 deadline: **Genesee, Ontario, and Rensselaer**.

**B. SUMMARY.** A total of 9 of the 17 remaining County Affiliates have met the criteria to be certified per Article 9.2.3. (**Albany, Erie, Madison, Monroe, Onondaga, Otsego, Schoharie, Ulster, and Westchester**). All 9 counties (**Albany, Erie, Madison, Monroe, Onondaga, Otsego, Schoharie, Ulster, and Westchester**) have provided proper documentation and are eligible to be certified. The remaining 13 counties must ensure that their rules are in compliance and they hold an election of officers by March 31, 2021 if they have not done so already.

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### **C. MISSING DOCUMENTATION**

When County Affiliates were first organized as Interim County Organizations, the following criteria were required to provide their rules, minutes from their organizing convention, and the list of attendees and their addresses as they appear in the voter rolls. This documentation was supposed to be kept on file, but many of the documents are missing. I have reached out to the previous Secretary and the previous chair of the Local Affiliate Development Committee, as well as several counties, and I have collected as many documents as I could, but these there are several documents still missing.

The following is a summary of the missing documents from the 2019 or 2020 organization meetings:

Albany County List of Attendees of June 16, 2019  
Broome County List of Attendees of August 15, 2019  
Chenango County List of Attendees of October 10, 2019  
Columbia County Minutes of December 4, 2019  
Columbia County List of Attendees of December 4, 2019  
Erie County Minutes of April 27, 2019  
Erie County List of Attendees of April 27, 2019  
Fulton County Minutes of August 20, 2019  
Fulton County List of Attendees of August 20, 2019  
Genesee County Rules of May 14, 2019  
Genesee County Minutes of May 14, 2019  
Genesee County List of Attendees of May 14, 2019  
Madison County List of Attendees of January 11, 2020  
Monroe County List of Attendees of May 2, 2019  
Nassau County List of Attendees of June 13, 2019  
New York County Rules of September 11, 2019  
New York County List of Attendees of September 11, 2019

Niagara County Minutes of April 6, 2019  
Niagara County List of Attendees of April 6, 2019  
Ontario County Minutes of July 9, 2019  
Ontario County List of Attendees of July 9, 2019  
Orleans County Minutes of September 16, 2019  
Otsego County Rules of June 26, 2019  
Otsego County Minutes of June 26, 2019  
Otsego County List of Attendees of June 26, 2019  
Queens County Rules of June 18, 2019  
Queens County Minutes of June 18, 2019  
Queens County List of Attendees of June 18, 2019  
Rensselaer County List of Attendees of June 15, 2019  
Richmond County Minutes of February 9, 2020  
Richmond County List of Attendees of February 9, 2020  
Saratoga County List of Attendees of June 16, 2019  
Westchester County List of Attendees of April 28, 2019

**If your county is listed above and you have the documentation, please send it to [akolstee@lpny.org](mailto:akolstee@lpny.org)**

**D. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR 2022.** On January 23, 2021, the State Committee voted to approve amendments to the Rules of the Libertarian Party that created a new certification process for counties to ensure their compliance with Election Law and readiness for the future. This certification process deadline is due on March 31, 2022, and counties will be required to do the following, in addition to what is outlined in this report. See Article 9.2.4 for details.

- Have a provision in the rules for the election of officers. (see Article 9.3.2.1)
- Have a provision in the rules for holding at least quarterly meetings of the County Committee. Previously, counties were only required to have a provision for quarterly meetings of either the County Committee or the Executive Committee. (see Article 9.3.2.2)
- Have provisions in the rules that are compliance with Article 9.4 of the Rules (see Article 9.3.2.3) which is to define voting members as those who are 1) enrolled Libertarians and 2) elected or appointed election district delegates.

Andrew Martin Kolstee  
Secretary, Libertarian Party of New York