

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

William Cody Anderson, Chair  
Anthony D’Orazio, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair  
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  
Richard F. Purtell, Member At-Large

**OBSERVERS**

Patricia M. Berthod, Judicial District 5  
Christopher M. Olenski, Judicial District 6  
Steven G. Becker, Judicial District 7  
Jeffrey C. Bradley, Judicial District 7  
James M. Dayton, Judicial District 7  
Jeffrey J. Denecke, Judicial District 10

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 p.m. by William Cody Anderson, Chair. Secretary Andrew Kolstee conducted a roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **waive reading and approve the minutes of the September 12, 2021 Meeting of the State Committee, the September 13, 2021 Meeting of the Executive Committee, the October 4, 2021 Meeting of the Executive Committee, and the October 27, 2021 Meeting of the Executive Committee** was seconded by Pietro Geraci and passed by voice vote.

Empire State Freedom Summit Planning Committee Co-Chair Gabrielle Cordova issued a report. The final financial report is not yet available, but profit is estimated to be around \$6,000. Andrew Kolstee suggested the committee conduct a debrief of the event.

Motion by Paul Grindle to **allow the public posting of the recordings of the proceedings for the Empire State Freedom Summit from Friday, November 5, 2021 and Saturday, November 6, 2021** was seconded by Richard Purtell and passed by voice vote.

2022 Statewide Candidates Nominating Convention Planning Committee Co-Chair Andrew Kolstee issued a report in writing (**Exhibit 1**).

No action was taken regarding a previous motion to constitute a standing Policy Committee.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **renew the appointment of William Koller as County Contact of Niagara County for a three-month term set to expire on February 23, 2022** was seconded by Duane Whitmer, debated, and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **renew the appointment of Patricia Berthod as County Contact of Oswego County for a three-month term set to expire on February 16, 2022** was seconded by Paul Grindle, debated, and passed by voice vote

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **renew the appointment of Angela Einwachter as County Contact of Steuben County for a three-month term set to expire on February 23, 2022** was seconded by Lora Newell and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **hold a meeting of the full State Committee on Sunday, January 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing an Elections Oversight Committee, adopting a rubric for the selection of Delegates to the 2022 Libertarian National Convention, and any other business deemed necessary** was seconded by Paul Grindle. Motion by Robert Arrigo to **postpone the consideration of the question to immediately before adjournment** was seconded by Pietro Geraci and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Pietro Geraci to **rescind the motion of the October 27, 2021 meeting of the Executive Committee to “hold the Libertarian Party of New York 2022 Statewide Candidates Nominating Convention on the weekend of February 19-20, 2022 in Erie County, New York”** was seconded by Lora Newell, debated, and failed to reach the requisite two-thirds to rescind after a roll call vote, with Robert Arrigo, Gabrielle Cordova, Anthony D’Orazio, Pietro Geraci, and Lora Newell voting in favor and Paul Grindle, Andrew Kolstee, Richard Purtell, and Duane Whitmer voting against.

Motion by Pietro Geraci to **reimburse Andrew Kolstee \$38.28 for the purchase of stamps for the November 7, 2021 State Committee meeting notice and rules amendments mailer** was seconded by Paul Grindle and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Robert Arrigo to **call a meeting of the full State Committee to be held within thirty (30) days for the purpose of determining the location of the 2022 Statewide Candidates Nominating Convention** was seconded by Paul Grindle and debated. Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **amend the motion to read “hold a meeting of the full State Committee on**

**Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.”** was seconded by Anthony D’Orazio, and passed by voice vote. The original motion to **hold a meeting of the full State Committee on Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** passed by voice vote.

The postponed motion to **hold a meeting of the full State Committee on Sunday, January 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing an Elections Oversight Committee, adopting a rubric for the selection of Delegates to the 2022 Libertarian National Convention, and any other business deemed necessary** was considered and debated. Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **amend the motion to read “hold a meeting of the full State Committee on Sunday, January 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.”** was seconded by Robert Arrigo and passed by voice vote. Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **amend the motion to read “hold a meeting of the full State Committee on Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.”** was seconded by Paul Grindle and passed by voice vote. Motion by Anthony D’Orazio to **postpone the motion to the old business portion of the December 5, 2021 meeting of the full State Committee** was seconded by Lora Newell, and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **adjourn** was seconded by Lora Newell and passed by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee,  
Secretary

## Exhibit 1 (page 1 of 2)

**REPORT OF THE 2022 STATEWIDE CANDIDATES  
NOMINATING CONVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE  
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK  
ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK – FEBRUARY 19-21, 2022  
FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 2021**

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- **CO-CHAIRS.** Andrew Kolstee and Duane Whitmer.
- **MEMBERS.** Maura Botsford, Len Morlock, and Michael Rebmann.

### GENERAL

- **MEETING.** Regular meetings will be scheduled to discuss the event. During the November 11, 2021 meeting of the Western New York Libertarian Coalition, this event was discussed in detail. The Western New York Libertarian Coalition will be working to promote the event.

### STRATEGY/GOALS

- **COSTS.** Keep costs down for regular attendance to maximize participation. Fundraising opportunities will be available through optional sponsorships.
- **MEDIA.** Maximize media opportunities.
- **LIBERTARIANS.** Reengaging and reenergizing Libertarians in the start of the gubernatorial campaign.
- **ISSUES.** Utilize anti-lockdown and anti-mandate movement in Western New York to rally support for the Libertarian Party.

### VENUE

- **LIST.** There is a list of venues with meeting spaces here that we are starting to look into: <https://www.visitbuffaloniagara.com/meetings/hotels/>
- **GRAND ISLAND.** Michael Rebmann has a friend in the hotel industry and is working with him to help us find a good hotel. One hotel he looked into was the Holiday Inn Express on Grand Island, but it only has 2 meeting rooms for 35 people.
- **OTHER QUOTES.** Quotes requests have been sent out for La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Lackawanna and Buffalo Millennium Hotel. Both hotels show a room rate of approximately \$80 to \$85. Millennium Hotel is near the Buffalo Airport.
- **WOODLAWN FIRE HALL.** Possibly using Woodlawn Fire Hall for meeting and fundraiser event. \$350 rental for the day. A caterer can be brought in for meals. Close proximity to La Quinta Inn & Suites.

### PRICING

- **HOTELS.** Hotels will be roughly \$80 to \$90. Estimate on the high end, \$115 per night with tax (\$230 for 2 nights).
- **LUNCH.** TBD.
- **BUSINESS SESSION.** TBD. Depends on room and drink/water/coffee service pricing.
- **SATURDAY EVENING EVENT.** TBD.

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### SCHEDULE

#### **Friday, February 18, 2022**

- Approximately 3:00 p.m. – Press event with candidates, since the press is more available on weekdays.
- 7:00 p.m. – Informal get-together at the hotel.

#### **Saturday, February 19, 2022**

- 9:00 a.m. – Breakfast, registration, and credentialing.
- 10:00 a.m. – Call to Order / Roll Call
- 10:10 a.m. – Welcoming Remarks (Cody Anderson)
- 10:20 a.m. – Adoption of Agenda / Special Rules of Order
- 10:30 a.m. – Filling of Vacancies on the State Committee
- 11:00 a.m. – Nomination of Candidates
  - Governor
  - Lt. Governor
  - Attorney General
  - Comptroller
  - U.S. Senator
- 12:30 p.m. – Lunch break
- 1:30 p.m. – Resume Elections
- 2:30 p.m. – Old business
- 3:00 p.m. – New business
- 3:30 p.m. – Adjournment
- 3:30 p.m. – Candidate Speeches / Press Interviews
- 7:00 p.m. – Evening Event TBD
  - Planning – Joint effort of Fundraising Committee and Gubernatorial Candidate’s Team?

#### **Sunday, February 20, 2022**

- Possible tour of Niagara Falls for those that want to stay another day.

Andrew Martin Kolstee  
Duane Whitmer  
Co-Chairs, 2022 Statewide Candidates Nominating Convention