

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP  
REGULAR SESSION**

**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**

Gary S. Popkin, Judicial District 2  
Craig A. Miles, Judicial District 5  
Timothy M. O’Connor, Judicial District 6  
Christopher M. Olenski, Judicial District 6  
Steven G. Becker, Judicial District 7  
James M. Dayton, Judicial District 7  
Sean C. Phelan, Judicial District 7  
William K. Schmidt, Judicial District 9  
Richard Bell, Judicial District 13  
Scott D. Hoskins, Columbia County Chair  
Ripley G. Hathaway, Columbia County Vice-Chair  
Matthew R. Bathrick, Columbia County Secretary  
Theresa E. Gosart, Tioga County Chair  
James A. Wanke, Former Wyoming County Contact

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 p.m. by William Cody Anderson, Chair. Secretary Andrew Kolstee determined that a quorum was present.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **waive reading and approve the minutes of the May 19, 2021 Meeting of the Executive Committee** was seconded by Pietro Geraci and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **waive reading and approve the amended minutes of the April 13, 2021 Meeting of the Executive Committee** was seconded by Paul Grindle and passed by voice vote.

Lora Newell issued a Treasurer's Report in writing (**Exhibit 1**).

Local Affiliate Development Committee Chair Robert Arrigo issued a report. The fifth monthly leadership meeting was well attended this month, with the discussion now focusing on implementation. Development of unorganized counties continues. James Dayton and William VanHelmnd have joined the committee.

Public Engagement Committee Chair Anthony D'Orazio issued a report. A press release is scheduled to be sent tomorrow regarding the end of the legislative session, which includes a video with a commentary hosted by William Cody Anderson and Richard Purtell. The LPNY now has a club on Clubhouse – Libertarian Party of NY. LPNY office hours will be scheduled on a regular basis.

IT Committee Chair Andrew Kolstee issued a report in writing (**Exhibit 2**).

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **establish the LPNY Discord Server as the official messaging and collaboration platform for the Libertarian Party of New York** was seconded by Anthony D'Orazio and debated. Motion by Paul Grindle to **amend the motion to set the start date of August 1, 2021** was seconded by Anthony D'Orazio and passed by voice vote. The original motion to **establish the LPNY Discord Server as the official messaging and collaboration platform for the Libertarian Party of New York starting August 1, 2021** was debated and passed by voice vote.

Legislative Affairs Committee Chair Richard Purtell issued a report in writing (**Exhibit 3**).

Rules Committee Chair Paul Grindle issued a report. Discussion on all submitted proposals has been completed and the list of proposals has been reformatted. This Saturday, there will be a public hearing to gather feedback on the amendments. After incorporating the feedback, rules amendments will be submitted by mail for consideration at the in-person meeting.

Fundraising Committee Co-Chair Gabrielle Cordova issued a report. \$2,044 has been raised from the last fundraising campaign and there are 5 new monthly pledgers. Income from the new LPNY Store is \$65. The committee is finalizing details for July 17, 2021 fundraising event. More information is expected later in the week. The first meeting to organize the events for the weekend of November 5-7, 2021 is scheduled for July 1, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Paul Grindle to **authorize an expenditure of up to one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200) for the reservation of the meeting room for the July 18, 2021 in-person meeting of the State Committee at the Desmond Hotel in Albany, New York** was seconded by Duane Whitmer, debated, and passed.

Motion by Lora Newell to **authorize the Chair to sign the contract for the reservation of the meeting room for the July 18, 2021 in-person meeting of the State Committee at the Desmond Hotel in Albany, New York** was seconded by Anthony D’Orazio and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Pietro Geraci to **charge \$25 per attendee for the meeting and \$35 per boxed lunch** was seconded by Duane Whitmer and debated. Motion by Andrew Kolstee to amend **the motion set the following packages for the July 18, 2021 in-person meeting: 1) \$25 ticket, 2) \$60 ticket with boxed meal, and 3) \$100 gold sponsorship (includes ticket and boxed lunch)** was seconded by Pietro Geraci, debated, and passed. Motion by Pietro Geraci to amend **the motion set the following packages for the July 18, 2021 in-person meeting: 1) \$25 ticket, 2) \$60 ticket with boxed meal, 3) \$100 silver sponsorship, and 4) \$200 gold sponsorship** failed due to lack of a second. Motion by Pietro Geraci to amend the motion to **add a provision to authorize the Libertarian Party of New York to purchase meals using the funds collected for that purpose** failed due to lack of a second. The original motion **set the following packages for the July 18, 2021 in-person meeting: 1) \$25 ticket, 2) \$60 ticket with boxed meal, and 3) \$100 gold sponsorship (includes ticket and boxed lunch)** failed as amended by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **constitute a special July 18, 2021 In-Person State Committee Meeting Committee and defer the decision of a pricing structure for the events of the weekend of July 17-18, 2021 to that committee** was seconded by Anthony D’Orazio and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **appoint Gabrielle Cordova, Andrew Kolstee, and Lora Newell as members of the July 18, 2021 In-Person State Committee Meeting Committee, with Gabrielle Cordova and Lora Newell as Co-Chairs** was seconded by Pietro Geraci and passed by voice vote.

The meeting stood at ease from 9:34 p.m. to 9:37 p.m.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **accept the resignation of Stephanie Appiah as County Contact of Bronx County on June 9, 2021** was seconded by Lora Newell, debated, and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **renew the appointment of Robert Greibesland as County Contact of Rockland County for a six-month term set to expire on December 22, 2021** was seconded by Pietro Geraci, debated, and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **renew the appointment of Brian Wells as County Contact of Washington County for a six-month term set to expire on December 22, 2021** was seconded by Lora Newell, debated, and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **appoint Jame Vandewalker as County Contact of Allegany County for a six-month term set to expire on December 22, 2021, to succeed Michelle Ball upon expiration of her term on June 22, 2021** was seconded by Anthony D’Orazio and passed by voice vote.

Andrew Kolstee inquired into the process for finalize a new logo for the Libertarian Party of New York. The matter was deferred to the Branding Subcommittee of the Public Engagement Committee.

Motion by Lora Newell to **enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing active litigation** was seconded by Duane Whitmer and passed by voice vote.

**The meeting entered Executive Session at 9:52 p.m.**

**Executive Session was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.**

Motion by Anthony D’Orazio to **authorize an expenditure of up to \$300 to Michael Kuzma** was seconded by Lora Newell and passed by voice.

Motion by Anthony D’Orazio to **authorize an expenditure of up to \$400 to James Ostrowski for an action to be filed in the New York State Supreme Court** was seconded by Pietro Geraci and passed by voice.

Motion by Paul Grindle to **adjourn** was seconded by Anthony D’Orazio and passed without debate.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee,  
Secretary

## Exhibit 1

### LPNY Treasurer's Report June 14, 2021

#### LPNY KEY BANK

Housekeeping Committee account balance as of 6.14.21: \$4,435.48

CC General account balance as of 6.14.21: \$23,497.60

Total cash on hand as of 6.14.21: \$27,933.08

#### Regular Expenses for May:

Constant Contact: \$200.07

Grasshopper: \$33.51

Pre-approved expenses for May: \$1,250.00 (Oliver Hall, approved April meeting)

Total Expenses for May: \$1,483.58

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Fundraising results for May: \$3,231.92

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Respectfully submitted,

Lora Newell  
Treasurer

## Exhibit 2

### REPORT OF THE IT COMMITTEE OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF JUNE 14, 2021

#### WEBSITE

**PAGE UPDATES.** The following pages have been updated since the last report: Clinton County and Leadership. Candidates are also continuously added as soon as I receive their full information.

**E-MAILS LISTED.** Several State Committee members and County leaders still only have a personal e-mail address listed on the website, although it is recommended that we do not place personal emails on the website for security purposes. It is highly recommended that all state and county leaders get an LPNY email address.

**PARTY RESOURCES PORTAL.** This page is updated at least weekly on Tuesdays.

#### CONSTANT CONTACT

**IMPORTS.** On May 25, 2021, 9,063 contacts were imported from the CiviCRM database (8 new, 9,055 updated). On June 1, 2021, 9,066 contacts were imported from the CiviCRM database (5 new, 9,061 updated).

#### LPNY E-MAILS

It is recommended that all LPNY officials use an LPNY.org e-mail address. All 10 members of the Executive Committee have an LPNY e-mail address, while 39 out of 59 (66%) of all State Committee members have an LPNY e-mail address. Contact me if you want/need an LPNY.org e-mail address.

#### GRASSHOPPER

When calling the LPNY, the script is as follows: *“Thank you for calling Libertarian Party of New York. If you know your party’s extension, please enter it now or press 8 for the name directory. For Fundraising, press 1. For Elections and Campaigns, press 2. For Communication and Media Relations, press 3. For Chapter Development, press 4. For all other inquiries, press 0 and the next available representative will assist you.”* This should probably be updated at some point since affiliates are not called chapters anymore and perhaps individual titles should be in the recording.

#### GOOGLE WORKSPACE ACCOUNT

No update.

#### VOTERVOICE

No update.

#### PLATFORM FOR COMMUNICATION

Based on the survey results and a meeting of the IT Committee held on June 9, 2021, Discord was voted as a recommendation to the Executive Committee as the official messaging and collaboration platform for the Libertarian Party of New York.

Andrew Martin Kolstee  
Chair, IT Committee, Libertarian Party of New York  
June 14, 2021

## Exhibit 3

**REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK  
FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF JUNE 14, 2021  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION RECAP**

A2681/S1034 - Infectious Disease Workplace Standard - **Signed by governor**  
S1144/A5576 - Fixes automatic parole suspension over minor technical violations - **passed by legislature, not signed by governor**  
S3464 - Establishes Failure to retreat as a Class D felony - **In committee**  
A4447/S4381 - Cancellation of Opportunity To Ballot petitioning - **Signed by governor**  
S3130/A7579 - Surplus Proceeds Theft reform - Directs the court to provide notice to the former owners of foreclosed property of the right to file a claim for the excess funds from the sale of the real property - **In committee**  
A5576/S1144 - Relates to revocation of parole for technical violations - **passed by legislature, not signed by governor**  
A6762B/S7196 - Extends gun crime liability to gun manufacturers - **passed by legislature, not signed by governor**  
A613A/S14 - Ghost guns - **passed by legislature, not signed by governor**  
S1048A - Establishes gun industry as a public nuisance - **passed senate, no assembly version yet**  
S687/A3998 - Regulates toy guns - **in committee**  
S1251/A7243 - Requires the division of criminal justice services to publish quarterly reports providing information related to firearms, rifles and shotguns used in the commission of crimes in the state of New York - **passed by legislature, not signed by governor**  
S2981/A7302 - Creates a firearm violence research institute - **passed by legislature, not signed by governor**  
S5000B/A6198 - Prohibit the sale, purchase, or transfer of firearms to anyone known to have an outstanding warrant for a felony or serious offense - **passed by legislature, not signed by governor**  
S75A/A279A - Vaccine record keeping for adults. Expands upon reporting mandates for health care providers who administer vaccines - **in committee**  
S470/A5499 - Evaluation of limited services pregnancy services by NYS DOH - **in committee**  
S13A/A2666 - Makes the sale of an unfinished frame or receiver in the first and second degrees Class D and E felonies, respectively - **passed by legislature, not signed by governor**  
S1185 - Extended producer responsibility (tied to Jones Act + value/shipping costs for recycled materials) - **in committee**  
S6414/A2495A - Expand general business law to allow lawsuits for more things which are "unfair", and raises award amounts - **in committee**

LPNY would like the legislature to consider:

1. Online petitioning for political office
2. Scaffold law reform/repeal
3. Children who are not enrolled in public school, able to participate in district sports at the discretion of the local school district.