

**MINUTES OF THE STATE COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP AND PORCUPINE APP**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lisa D. Gansky, Judicial District 1
Alycya K. Miller, Judicial District 1
Matthew I. Morgan, Judicial District 2
Gary S. Popkin, Judicial District 2
William Cody Anderson, Judicial District 3
Jay A. Carr, Judicial District 3
Todd G. Haggerty, Judicial District 3
Lora L. Newell, Judicial District 3
Robert M. Arrigo, Judicial District 4
Karyn A. Keniry-Thompson, Judicial District 4
Brandon G. Lyon, Judicial District 4
Zachary D. Remian, Judicial District 4
Brian L. Wells, Judicial District 4
Rachel E. Becker, Judicial District 5
Milva E. Dordal, Judicial District 5
Mark S. Braiman, Judicial District 6
Craig L. Colwell, Judicial District 6
Timothy M. O'Connor, Judicial District 6
Christopher M. Olenski, Judicial District 6
Thomas D. Quiter, Judicial District 6
Anthony D'Orazio, Judicial District 7
James M. Dayton, Judicial District 7
Angela B. Einwachter, Judicial District 7
Mark E. Glogowski, Judicial District 7
Robert J. Glomboski, Judicial District 7
Sean C. Phelan, Judicial District 7
James P. Russell, Judicial District 7
Marc A. Smith, Judicial District 7
Maura E. Botsford, Judicial District 8
Gerrit R. Cain, Judicial District 8
Andrew M. Kolstee, Judicial District 8
Francis Law, Judicial District 8
Jame J. VanDewalker, Judicial District 8
Duane J. Whitmer, Judicial District 8
Daniel P. Donnelly, Judicial District 9
Pietro S. Geraci, Judicial District 9
Robert J. Greibesland, Judicial District 9

William K. Schmidt, Judicial District 9
Jeffrey J. Denecke, Jr., Judicial District 10
Gary L. Donoyan, Judicial District 10
Jonathan H. Gunther, Judicial District 10*
George T. Ostrowski, Jr., Judicial District 10
William C. VanHelmond, Judicial District 10
Angelo E. Veltri, Judicial District 10
Michael A. Arcati, Judicial District 11
Gabrielle S. Cordova, Judicial District 11
Irwin Mark Weinblatt, Judicial District 11
Fredy Omar Calvache, Judicial District 12*
Richard Bell, Judicial District 13
Susan B. Overeem-Cummings, Judicial District 13
Paul M. Grindle, Member-At-Large, Exec. Comm.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mark N. Axinn, Judicial District 1
Gilbert L. Midonnet, Judicial District 2
Stacey H. Prussman, Judicial District 2
John A. Janes, Judicial District 4
Patricia M. Berthod, Judicial District 5
David E. Fite, Judicial District 5
Shawn Hannon, Judicial District 5
Craig A. Miles, Judicial District 5
Richard F. Purtell, Judicial District 6
Steven G. Becker, Judicial District 7
Eric A. Cooper, Judicial District 7
Erin M. Becker, Judicial District 8
F. Patrick Mahoney, Jr., Judicial District 8
Leonard E. Morlock, Judicial District 8
Anthony W. Pellegrino, Judicial District 9
Arthur F. Sintef, Judicial District 10
Enmanuel H. Torres, Judicial District 12

OBSERVERS

Timothy "TJ" Ferreira, Porcupine Administrator
Paul C. Sechrist, Porcupine Administrator
James E. Harris, Candidate for Judicial District 10
(* indicates a member of the State Committee filling a vacancy during the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by William Cody Anderson, Chair.

The Credentials and Nominations Report (**Exhibit 1**) indicated that there were 66 voting members at the time the meeting was called to order due to the resignation of Kevin Warmhold on September 4, 2021 (**Exhibit 2**). 42 of 66 Members of the State Committee were present at the time of roll call; Michael Arcati, Jay Carr, Milva Dordal, Robert Greibesland, Gary Popkin, William Schmidt, and Angelo Veltri later entered the meeting.

The Chair issued opening remarks, issuing an update to the ballot access lawsuit, the Libertarian Party's involvement in numerous demonstrations across the state regarding protesting the healthcare mandates, and the court-ordered disregarding of the independent petitioning deadline that allowed incumbent Byron Brown, running as independent for Mayor of Buffalo.

The Chair left the meeting due to technical difficulties. 1st Vice-Chair Anthony D'Orazio took the gavel. He thanked everyone for their hard work around the state. The meeting stood at ease from 7:19 p.m. to 7:23 p.m. William Cody Anderson entered the meeting and took the gavel back from Anthony D'Orazio and resumed his opening remarks.

Motion by William VanHelmond to **adopt the Agenda (Exhibit 3)** was seconded by Anthony D'Orazio and passed without objection.

Motion by Todd Haggerty to **adopt the Special Rules of Order (Exhibit 4)** was seconded by Anthony D'Orazio and passed without objection.

Secretary Andrew Kolstee issued a Credentials and Nominations report (**Exhibit 1**). The following individuals were submitted to the Secretary to fill vacancies in the State Committee and accepted their nominations. Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **enter the following candidates into nomination to fill vacancies on the State Committee** passed without objection.

Jonathan H. Gunther, nominated by Gary L. Donoyan to fill a vacancy in Judicial District 10
Fredy Omar Calvache, nominated by Robert J. Glomboski to fill a vacancy in Judicial District 12

The Chair opened the floor to nominations to fill the vacancy in Judicial District 1. No candidates were nominated.

The Chair opened the floor to additional nominations to fill the vacancy in Judicial District 10.

Anthony D'Orazio nominated James Harris and he accepted the nomination.

The Chair opened the floor to additional nominations to fill the vacancy in Judicial District 12. No additional candidates were nominated.

Fredy Calvache spoke on his candidacy.

In the first round of voting for the vacancy in Judicial District 12 on the State Committee, the results were as follows:

Candidate (vote for 1)	Votes	Percentage
Fredy Omar Calvache	38	97.44%
NOTA	1	2.56%
Total Votes	39	100.00%
Total Voters	39	

Fredy Omar Calvache was elected to fill the vacancy in Judicial District 12 on the State Committee.

The Chair proceeded to filling the vacancy in Judicial District 10.

Jonathan Gunther spoke on his candidacy. James Harris was unable to speak on his candidacy.

In the first round of voting for the vacancy in Judicial District 10 on the State Committee, the results were as follows:

Candidate (vote for 2)	Votes	Percentage
Jonathan Gunther	32	74.42%
NOTA	8	18.60%
James Harris	2	4.65%
“Fire Grindle” (write-in)	1	2.33%
Total Votes	43	100.00%
Total Voters	43	

Jonathan Gunther was elected to fill the vacancy in Judicial District 12 on the State Committee.

Platform Committee Chair Mark Braiman issued a report in writing (**Exhibit 5**).

Motion by Mark Braiman to **adopt the Proposal 4 of the Platform Committee report as a new platform plank** was debated:

Require that the legal age for any adult activity regulated by the state not exceed 18.

Once individuals are considered to have adequate judgment to vote and to serve on a jury or in the military, they should be considered to have sufficient judgment to decide their own purchase and use of alcohol, tobacco, firearms, and other potentially risky activities.

Motion by Anthony D’Orazio to **call the question** was seconded by Todd Haggerty and failed 19-22-2:

VOTES IN FAVOR (19)	George Ostrowski	Angela Einwachter	Duane Whitmer
Gerrit Cain	Sean Phelan	Mark Glogowski	ABSTENTIONS (2)
Gabrielle Cordova	Gary Popkin	Robert Glomboski	Alycya Miller
Anthony D’Orazio	Thomas Quiter	Karyn Keniry-Thompson	Christopher Olenski
James Dayton	Jame VanDewalker	Francis Law	DID NOT VOTE (8)
Jeffrey Denecke	Angelo Veltri	Matthew Morgan	William Cody Anderson
Lisa Gansky	VOTES AGAINST (22)	Lora Newell	Michael Arcati
Pietro Geraci	Robert Arrigo	Zachary Remian	Richard Bell
Robert Greibesland	Rachel Becker	James Russell	Fredy Calvache
Paul Grindle	Maura Botsford	William Schmidt	Milva Dordal
Todd Haggerty	Mark Braiman	Marc Smith	Gary Donoyan
Andrew Kolstee	Jay Carr	William VanHelmond	Jonathan Gunther
Brandon Lyon	Craig Colwell	Irwin Mark Weinblatt	Susan Overeem-Cummings
Timothy O’Connor	Daniel Donnelly	Brian Wells	

Motion by Todd Haggerty to **call the question** was seconded by Paul Grindle and passed 32-11-3:

VOTES IN FAVOR (32)	Karyn Keniry-Thompson	Marc Smith	James Russell
Robert Arrigo	Andrew Kolstee	Jame VanDewalker	William VanHelmond
Gerrit Cain	Brandon Lyon	Angelo Veltri	Brian Wells
Fredy Calvache	Alycya Miller	Irwin Mark Weinblatt	ABSTENTIONS (3)
Jay Carr	Matthew Morgan	Duane Whitmer	Rachel Becker
Gabrielle Cordova	Lora Newell	VOTES AGAINST (11)	Craig Colwell
Anthony D’Orazio	Timothy O’Connor	Richard Bell	Christopher Olenski
James Dayton	George Ostrowski	Maura Botsford	DID NOT VOTE (5)
Daniel Donnelly	Susan Overeem-Cummings	Mark Braiman	William Cody Anderson
Lisa Gansky	Sean Phelan	Jeffrey Denecke	Michael Arcati
Robert Glomboski	Gary Popkin	Angela Einwachter	Milva Dordal
Jonathan Gunther	Thomas Quiter	Pietro Geraci	Gary Donoyan
Paul Grindle	Zachary Remian	Mark Glogowski	Robert Greibesland
Todd Haggerty	William Schmidt	Francis Law	

The original motion to **adopt Proposal 4 of the Platform Committee report** failed 22-18-3:

VOTES IN FAVOR (22)	Timothy O’Connor	Jonathan Gunther	ABSTENTIONS (3)
Maura Botsford	George Ostrowski	Karyn Keniry-Thompson	James Dayton
Mark Braiman	Sean Phelan	Francis Law	Andrew Kolstee
Gerrit Cain	James Russell	Brandon Lyon	Christopher Olenski
Gabrielle Cordova	William Schmidt	Alycya Miller	DID NOT VOTE (8)
Jeffrey Denecke	Jame VanDewalker	Lora Newell	William Cody Anderson
Daniel Donnelly	Angelo Veltri	Susan Overeem-Cummings	Michael Arcati
Angela Einwachter	Irwin Mark Weinblatt	Zachary Remian	Fredy Calvache
Lisa Gansky	VOTES AGAINST (18)	Marc Smith	Gary Donoyan
Pietro Geraci	Robert Arrigo	William VanHelmond	Milva Dordal
Mark Glogowski	Rachel Becker	Brian Wells	Robert Greibesland
Robert Glomboski	Richard Bell	Duane Whitmer	Gary Popkin
Paul Grindle	Jay Carr		Thomas Quiter
Todd Haggerty	Craig Colwell		
Matthew Morgan	Anthony D’Orazio		

Mark Braiman continued issuing the Platform Committee report.

Motion by Mark Braiman adopt the platform in accordance with the Rules of the Libertarian Party, to include the “Right to Decide” plank that was adopted at the July 18, 2021 Meeting of the State Committee:

WE THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK

Recognize that all people, being created equal, are endowed with unalienable rights, among these are the right to life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness. We recognize that if governments must exist at all, their only just purpose is to secure these rights for individuals.

While we defer to the national party on issues of national interest, and we defer to our candidates to offer specific policy proposals, we do so only so far as they do not conflict with the following principles:

The Right to Free Association – Individuals have the right to associate or not associate with one another on the terms of their own choosing, and without interference from third parties. Nor should one lose their individual rights should they choose to band together collectively.

The Right of Free Expression – Individuals have the right to express themselves peacefully in whatever form they choose, even if that expression is seen by some as profane or offensive.

The Right of Conscience – Individuals have the right to live their lives in accordance with their own values and sense of right and wrong, and, except for rare cases of abuse or neglect, the right to raise and educate their children as they see fit.

The Right to Self-Ownership and Personal Autonomy – Individuals have the right to do with their own bodies whatever they please.

The Right to Personal Property – Individuals have the right to their own property, and to keep, to use, and to dispose of that property however they see fit.

The Right to Personal Privacy – Individuals have the right to live free of government intrusion or surveillance into their movements, communications, health, or personal affairs.

The Right to Freedom of Personal Action – Individuals have the right be free to live and do as they please, so long as they respect the rights of others to do the same.

The Right to Decide – Individuals and families have a right to decide for themselves all issues regarding their health, wealth, and safety.

The Purpose of the State is to secure these above rights to all persons, all the time recognizing that it is a servant of the people and never its master.

The Chair ruled the motion out of order as premature without consideration of the remaining proposals of the Platform Committee. Motion by Pietro Geraci to **appeal the ruling of the Chair** was seconded by Mark Braiman and passed 24-14-5:

VOTES IN FAVOR (24)	Jonathan Gunther	Maura Botsford	Timothy O'Connor
Richard Bell	George Ostrowski	Gerrit Cain	Christopher Olenski
Mark Braiman	Sean Phelan	Jay Carr	Jame VanDewalker
Fredy Calvache	Thomas Quiter	Angela Einwachter	Angelo Veltri
Craig Colwell	Andrew Kolstee	Robert Greibesland	DID NOT VOTE (8)
Gabrielle Cordova	Francis Law	Todd Haggerty	William Cody Anderson
Anthony D'Orazio	Brandon Lyon	Karyn Keniry-Thompson	Michael Arcati
Jeffrey Denecke	William Schmidt	Lora Newell	Milva Dordal
Daniel Donnelly	Marc Smith	James Russell	Gary Donoyan
Lisa Gansky	Irwin Mark Weinblatt	Zachary Remian	Alycya Miller
Pietro Geraci	Brian Wells	William VanHelmond	Matthew Morgan
Mark Glogowski	VOTES AGAINST (14)	Duane Whitmer	Susan Overeem-Cummings
Robert Glomboski	Robert Arrigo	ABSTENTIONS (5)	Gary Popkin
Paul Grindle	Rachel Becker	James Dayton	

The original motion by Mark Braiman **adopt the platform in accordance with the Rules of the Libertarian Party, to include the "Right to Decide" plank that was adopted at the July 18, 2021 Meeting of the State Committee** passed 30-12-1:

VOTES IN FAVOR (30)	Mark Glogowski	Angelo Veltri	William VanHelmond
Richard Bell	Robert Glomboski	Irwin Mark Weinblatt	Duane Whitmer
Maura Botsford	Robert Greibesland	Brian Wells	ABSTENTIONS (1)
Mark Braiman	Paul Grindle	VOTES AGAINST (12)	Christopher Olenski
Gerrit Cain	Andrew Kolstee	Robert Arrigo	DID NOT VOTE (8)
Fredy Calvache	Francis Law	Rachel Becker	William Cody Anderson
Craig Colwell	Brandon Lyon	Jay Carr	Michael Arcati
Gabrielle Cordova	George Ostrowski	Daniel Donnelly	James Dayton
Anthony D'Orazio	Sean Phelan	Jonathan Gunther	Gary Donoyan
Jeffrey Denecke	Gary Popkin	Todd Haggerty	Alycya Miller
Milva Dordal	Thomas Quiter	Karyn Keniry-Thompson	Matthew Morgan
Angela Einwachter	William Schmidt	Lora Newell	Timothy O'Connor
Lisa Gansky	Marc Smith	Zachary Remian	Susan Overeem-Cummings
Pietro Geraci	Jame VanDewalker	James Russell	

Motion by Robert Arrigo to **direct the Platform Committee to report to the full State Committee with proposed amendments to the platform pertaining to general principles and not specific issues** was seconded by Lora Newell and debated.

Motion by Anthony D’Orazio to **amend the motion to insert “by March 18, 2022” after “full State Committee by”** was seconded by Andrew Kolstee, debated, and passed 24-12-9:

VOTES IN FAVOR (24)	Brandon Lyon	Mark Glogowski	Jeffrey Denecke
Robert Arrigo	George Ostrowski	Robert Glomboski	Pietro Geraci
Richard Bell	Sean Phelan	Todd Haggerty	Robert Greibesland
Gerrit Cain	Zachary Remian	Christopher Olenski	Paul Grindle
Fredy Calvache	James Russell	Francis Law	Jonathan Gunther
Jay Carr	Marc Smith	Lora Newell	Timothy O’Connor
Gabrielle Cordova	Jame VanDewalker	Gary Popkin	DID NOT VOTE (6)
Anthony D’Orazio	William VanHelmond	Thomas Quiter	William Cody Anderson
James Dayton	Angelo Veltri	William Schmidt	Michael Arcati
Daniel Donnelly	Irwin Mark Weinblatt	Duane Whitmer	Gary Donoyan
Angela Einwachter	Brian Wells	ABSTENTIONS (9)	Alycya Miller
Lisa Gansky	VOTES AGAINST (12)	Rachel Becker	Matthew Morgan
Karyn Keniry-Thompson	Maura Botsford	Mark Braiman	Susan Overeem-Cummings
Andrew Kolstee	Milva Dordal	Craig Colwell	

The original motion to **direct the Platform Committee to report to the full State Committee by March 18, 2022 with proposed amendments to the platform pertaining to general principles and not specific issues** was debated and passed 25-18-4:

VOTES IN FAVOR (25)	Brandon Lyon	Maura Botsford	George Ostrowski
Michael Arcati	Lora Newell	Mark Braiman	Susan Overeem-Cummings
Robert Arrigo	Sean Phelan	Jeffrey Denecke	Gary Popkin
Rachel Becker	Thomas Quiter	Milva Dordal	ABSTENTIONS (4)
Gerrit Cain	Zachary Remian	Angela Einwachter	James Dayton
Fredy Calvache	James Russell	Lisa Gansky	Alycya Miller
Jay Carr	Jame VanDewalker	Pietro Geraci	Christopher Olenski
Craig Colwell	William VanHelmond	Mark Glogowski	Marc Smith
Gabrielle Cordova	Angelo Veltri	Robert Glomboski	DID NOT VOTE (4)
Anthony D’Orazio	Irwin Mark Weinblatt	Robert Greibesland	William Cody Anderson
Daniel Donnelly	Brian Wells	Paul Grindle	Gary Donoyan
Todd Haggerty	Duane Whitmer	Jonathan Gunther	Matthew Morgan
Karyn Keniry-Thompson	VOTES AGAINST (18)	Francis Law	William Schmidt
Andrew Kolstee	Richard Bell	Timothy O’Connor	

Secretary Andrew Kolstee mentioned the invite to the LPNY Discord Server and to thank Paul Sechrist and TJ Ferreira for administering Porcupine for the meeting.

Motion by Timothy O'Connor to **adjourn** was seconded by Zachary Remian and passed 27-1-1:

VOTES IN FAVOR (27)

Michael Arcati
Rachel Becker
Mark Braiman
Gerrit Cain
Jay Carr
Craig Colwell
Gabrielle Cordova
James Dayton
Daniel Donnelly
Lisa Gansky
Robert Glomboski
Paul Grindle
Karyn Keniry-Thompson

Andrew Kolstee
Brandon Lyon
Alycya Miller
Lora Newell
Timothy O'Connor
George Ostrowski
Sean Phelan
Gary Popkin
Thomas Quiter
Zachary Remian
James Russell
Marc Smith
Jame VanDewalker
Irwin Mark Weinblatt

VOTES AGAINST (1)

Todd Haggerty

ABSTENTIONS (1)

Susan Overeem-Cummings

DID NOT VOTE (23)

William Cody Anderson
Robert Arrigo
Richard Bell
Maura Botsford
Fredy Calvache
Anthony D'Orazio
Jeffrey Denecke
Milva Dordal
Gary Donoyan

Angela Einwachter
Pietro Geraci
Mark Glogowski
Robert Greibesland
Jonathan Gunther
Francis Law
Matthew Morgan
Christopher Olenski
William Schmidt
William VanHelmond
Angelo Veltri
Brian Wells
Duane Whitmer

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee,
Secretary

Exhibit 1 (page 1 of 2)

Credentials and Nominations Report of the Libertarian Party of New York for the State Committee Meeting of September 12, 2021

The State Committee of the Libertarian Party of New York consists of 69 according to their Judicial District. The following 66 individuals were duly elected, appointed to fill a vacancy, or are an ex-officio member of the State Committee of the Libertarian Party of New York:

Judicial District 1

- Mark N. Axinn
- Lisa D. Gansky
- Alycya K. Miller
- *VACANT*

Judicial District 2

- Gilbert L. Midonnet
- Matthew I. Morgan
- Gary S. Popkin
- Stacey H. Prussman

Judicial District 3

- William Cody Anderson
- Jay A. Carr
- Todd G. Haggerty
- Lora L. Newell

Judicial District 4

- Robert M. Arrigo
- John A. Janes
- Brandon G. Lyon
- Karyn A. Keniry-Thompson
- Zachary D. Remian
- Brian L. Wells

Judicial District 5

- Rachel E. Becker
- Patricia M. Berthod
- Milva E. Dordal
- David E. Fite
- Shawn Hannon
- Craig A. Miles

Judicial District 6

- Mark S. Braiman
- Craig L. Colwell
- Timothy M. O'Connor
- Christopher M. Olenski
- Richard F. Purtell
- Thomas D. Quiter

Judicial District 7

- Steven G. Becker
- Eric A. Cooper
- Anthony D'Orazio
- James M. Dayton
- Angela B. Einwachter
- Mark E. Glogowski
- Robert J. Glomboski
- Sean C. Phelan
- James P. Russell
- Marc A. Smith

Judicial District 8

- Erin M. Becker
- Maura E. Botsford
- Gerrit R. Cain
- Francis Law
- Andrew M. Kolstee
- F. Patrick Mahoney, Jr.
- Leonard E. Morlock
- Jame J. VanDewalker
- Duane J. Whitmer

Judicial District 9

- Daniel P. Donnelly
- Pietro S. Geraci
- Robert J. Greibesland
- Anthony W. Pellegrino
- William K. Schmidt

Judicial District 10

- Jeffrey J. Denecke, Jr.
- Gary L. Donoyan
- George T. Ostrowski, Jr.
- Arthur F. Sintef
- William C. VanHelmond
- Angelo E. Veltri
- *VACANT*

Judicial District 11

- Michael A. Arcati
- Gabrielle S. Cordova
- Irwin Mark Weinblatt

Judicial District 12

- Enmanuel H. Torres
- *VACANT*

Judicial District 13

- Richard Bell
- Susan B. Overeem Cummings

Ex-Officio

- Paul M. Grindle

There are currently three (3) vacancies on the State Committee: one (1) vacancy in Judicial District 1, one (1) vacancy in Judicial District 10, and one (1) vacancy in Judicial District 12.

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NOMINATIONS FOR JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES (3 VACANCIES)

The following names were submitted to the Secretary as candidates to fill the vacancies on the State Committee:

Judicial District 1 (1 vacancy)

- *No nominations yet.*

Judicial District 10 (1 vacancy)

- **Jonathan H. Gunther, nominated by Gary L. Donoyan (accepted nomination)**

Judicial District 12 (1 vacancy)

- **Fredy Omar Calvache, nominated by Robert J. Glomboski (accepted nomination)**

Report prepared by Andrew M. Kolstee, Secretary.

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Exhibit 2

From: Kevin Warmhold warmholdk@yahoo.com
Subject: Official resignation request
Date: September 4, 2021 at 5:59 PM
To: akolstee@lpny.org, chair@lpny.org



I Kevin Warmhold and respectfully requesting to resign as a member of the state committee JD10 for the LPNY as I am no longer a resident of the state of New York. I wish the party well as it moves forward in its quest to end the duopoly and preserve freedom in the state of New York. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Kevin Warmhold

Sent from my iPhone

Exhibit 3

**AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE STATE COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

7:00 P.M. Call to Order / Roll Call (credentialing)

7:10 P.M. Opening Remarks by Chair (Cody Anderson)

7:15 P.M. Adoption of Agenda

7:20 P.M. Adoption of Special Rules of Order

7:30 PM Filling of Vacancies

- Judicial District 1 (1 vacancy)
- Judicial District 10 (1 vacancy)
- Judicial District 12 (1 vacancy)

8:00 P.M. Platform Committee Report (Mark Braiman)

9:00 P.M. Old business

9:30 P.M. New business

10:00 P.M. Adjournment

Exhibit 4 (page 1 of 3)

Special Rules of Order of the Libertarian Party of New York for the State Committee Meeting of September 12, 2021

To be proposed for adoption by the State Committee on September 12, 2021.

Rule 1. **CREDENTIALS.** The Secretary, directly after the opening ceremonies of the business meeting, shall call the roll of the elected members of the State Committee.

Rule 2. **IDENTIFICATION OF VOTING MEMBERS.** To facilitate identification, seating, and voting, members and others shall be required to retain and display upon request the wristbands, voting cards, or other indicia issued by the organizers of the meeting upon registration. Division votes, whether simple or counted, shall be taken by members' standing and display of such voting member indicia. For meetings held by teleconference, voting members shall be identified within the platform or platforms used to conduct the meeting.

Rule 3. **DEBATE.**

Rule 3.1. No member shall speak in debate on the same question a second time until every other member who wishes to speak had the opportunity to do so.

Rule 3.2. No member shall speak in debate on the same question more than twice or longer than three (3) minutes in total without permission of the State Committee granted by a two-thirds vote without debate.

Rule 4. **FILLING OF VACANCIES.** Vacancies on the State Committee shall be done in a manner as described in this Rule and in accordance with the Rules of the Libertarian Party. If there is no candidate to fill a vacancy for a particular district, the Chair may move to the next district or item on the agenda.

Rule 5. **ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF PARTY RULES.**

Rule 5.1. All proposed amendments of the Party Rules must be submitted in accordance with this Rule and the Rules of the Libertarian Party.

Rule 5.2. If discussion on an amendment has begun, any recognized speaker may also discuss alternative proposed amendments that deal with the same issues and may use that text to propose a substitution to the current amendment.

Rule 5.3. If a member of the State Committee proposes more than one amendment, their subsequent proposals shall be taken up only after every other member's first proposed amendment has been considered.

Rule 5.4. Debate on each amendment shall be limited to ten (10) minutes. Each speaker is limited to one (1) minute at a time. The Chair shall alternately recognize those speakers in favor of and opposed to the amendment.

Exhibit 4 (page 2 of 3)

Rule 6. CANDIDATE SPEECHES.

Rule 6.1. Candidates for Chair shall each be allowed five minutes to speak; candidates for all other Party offices shall each be allowed three (3) minutes to speak. Candidates to fill vacancies on the State Committee shall be allowed one minute to speak. Candidates may cede their time only to other members of the State Committee to speak on their behalf during their allotted time. Speeches will not be allowed for uncontested positions, in which candidates are only running against NOTA.

Rule 6.2. Candidates seeking endorsement for the highest public office shall each be allowed five minutes to speak; candidates seeking endorsement for all other public offices shall each be allowed three minutes to speak; candidates seeking endorsement for any public office shall also each be allowed one nominating speech and one seconding speech of one minute each.

Rule 7. **ENDORSEMENTS OF CANDIDATES.** Endorsements of candidates for public office shall be made in the same manner as elections for Party office, except that endorsements shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority. Each office shall be filled with one election, even if that office has more than a single position to be filled. Each election shall consist of a series of ballots. In each ballot, voters may vote for as many candidates as there are positions for the office still open or “None of the Above”. If None of the Above achieves a majority, a new election shall be held for the open positions still remaining and the candidates who were outpolled by None of the Above shall be ineligible; otherwise, those who achieve the requisite majority shall be recognized as elected, in order of their vote totals and in order of the length of term. The candidate receiving the fewest votes shall be eliminated from succeeding ballots. Ties shall be resolved by a separate ballot.

Rule 8. **PLATFORM.** When discussing the Platform, the previously adopted Platform shall be the base on which amendments, additions, or deletions shall be offered. Such changes to the Platform shall require a vote in accordance with the Rules of the Libertarian Party.

Rule 9. RESOLUTIONS.

Rule 9.1. A resolution offered by an individual member shall be submitted by the maker and the seconder – each of whom shall be a member of the State Committee – and shall be sent by email directly to the Secretary.

Rule 9.2. The Resolutions Subcommittee may convene during the main meeting to consider resolutions. Each member who offers a resolution shall be given an opportunity to explain it to the Resolutions Subcommittee if he so requests.

Rule 9.3. The Resolutions Subcommittee shall review all resolutions in the order they were submitted, and shall amend the text of each resolution to the satisfaction of the member that submitted the resolution, while satisfying formatting requirements, grammar, clarity, etc. The Resolutions Subcommittee shall present a report to the State Committee of all resolutions in the order they deem appropriate.

Exhibit 4 (page 3 of 3)

Rule 10. **PERMANENT RECORD.** All reports and other material for the permanent record or printed proceedings shall be typewritten and, immediately on presentation, shall be sent to the Recording Secretary in electronic form.

Rule 11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Notices for announcement to the convention shall be in writing, signed by the person (or a proper representative of the persons) under whose authority the announcement is issued, and shall be sent to the desk of the Recording Secretary.

Rule 12. **SUSPENSION OF SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER.** These Special Rules of Order may only be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

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REPORT OF THE PLATFORM COMMITTEE OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK FOR THE STATE COMMITTEE MEETING OF JULY 18, 2021 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PLATFORM

PROPOSED PLATFORM AMENDMENTS

The Platform Committee proposes the following language to append to the Platform of the Libertarian Party of New York.

Proposal #1. New Platform Plank Proposal A

Motion to adopt the following platform plank:

The Right to Decide - Individuals and families have a right to decide for themselves all issues regarding their health, wealth, and safety.

Proposal #2. New Platform Plank Proposal B

Motion to amend the following platform plank and move to the end of the Platform:

~~While we defer to the national party on issues of national interest, and we defer to our candidates to offer specific policy proposals, we do so only so far as they do not conflict with the following principles:~~

We support the Platform of the National Libertarian Party, in addition to the following planks specific to New York State:

Proposal #3. New Platform Plank Proposal C

Motion to adopt the following platform plank:

Eliminate taxation and regulation of cannabis for adults. We support the full legalization of cannabis and hemp products, including cultivation, processing, distribution, sales, possession, and transportation, without introducing any new taxes or licensing requirements.

Proposal #4. New Platform Plank Proposal D

Motion to adopt the following platform plank:

Require that the legal age for any adult activity regulated by the state not exceed 18. Once individuals are considered to have adequate judgment to vote and to serve on a jury or in the military, they should be considered to have sufficient judgment to decide their own purchase and use of alcohol, tobacco, firearms, and other potentially risky activities.

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Proposal #5. New Platform Plank Proposal E

Motion to adopt the following platform plank:

Maintain the greatest possible degree of local autonomy during emergencies. Government responses to extended emergencies, including pandemics, should be as localized as possible. One-size-fits-all solutions have little benefit for sparsely populated regions in much of the state.

Proposal #6. New Platform Plank Proposal F

Motion to adopt the following platform plank:

Maintain due process during extended emergencies. Any response to an emergency at the state level must be enacted by the Legislature following extensive committee hearings, not by Executive Orders, and should expire when the emergency declaration expires. The State should be held liable for damages to persons or businesses, that are caused by emergency rules that have not been subject to a deliberative legislative process.

Proposal #7. New Platform Plank Proposal G

Motion to adopt the following platform plank:

Protect personal freedoms during emergencies. We oppose the violation of First Amendment rights of free association and human interaction associated with lockdowns and stay-at-home orders during government-declared emergencies. We respect the diversity of values; people who wish to engage in commerce, worship, and social interaction should be free to individually assume the associated risks of such action. We believe government decrees intended to enforce healthy behavior erase personal responsibility. The continued use of emergency powers to make and enforce such decrees habituates society away from personal responsibility, which will gradually erode our liberties.

Proposal #8. New Platform Plank Proposal H

Motion to adopt the following platform plank:

Increase choices and eliminate barriers in education. We support parents' rights to send their children to any school of their choosing, whether public, private, or charter. We furthermore support eliminating barriers to alternative educational options, such as vocational training and homeschooling.