

**MINUTES OF THE STATE COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2022
ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP AND PORCUPINE APP**

MEMBERS PRESENT

William Cody Anderson, Judicial District 3
Jay A. Carr, 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
Brian L. Wells, Judicial District 4
Rachel E. Becker, Judicial District 5
Mark S. Braiman, Judicial District 6
Craig L. Colwell, Judicial District 6
Christopher M. Olenski, Judicial District 6
Richard F. Purtell, Judicial District 6
Thomas D. Quiter, Judicial District 6
Steven G. Becker, Judicial District 7
Jeffrey C. Bradley, Judicial District 7
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
James P. Russell, 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
Michael R. Rebmann, 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
Gabrielle S. Cordova, Judicial District 11
Irwin Mark Weinblatt, Judicial District 11

Fredy Omar Calvache, Judicial District 12
Richard Bell, Judicial District 13
Paul M. Grindle, Member-At-Large, Exec. Comm.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Morry C. Davis, Judicial District 1
Alycya K. Miller, Judicial District 1
Matthew I. Morgan, Judicial District 2
Lisa D. Gansky, Judicial District 1
Mark N. Axinn, Judicial District 1
Gilbert L. Midonnet, Judicial District 2
Gary S. Popkin, Judicial District 2
Stacey H. Prussman, Judicial District 2
Todd G. Haggerty, Judicial District 3
John A. Janes, Judicial District 4
Zachary D. Remian, Judicial District 4
Patricia M. Berthod, Judicial District 5
Milva E. Dordal, Judicial District 5
Shawn Hannon, Judicial District 5
Craig A. Miles, Judicial District 5
Timothy M. O’Connor, Judicial District 6
Sean C. Phelan, Judicial District 7
Marc A. Smith, Judicial District 7
Erin M. Becker, Judicial District 8
Leonard E. Morlock, Judicial District 8
Arthur F. Sintef, Judicial District 10
Scott W. Thompson, Judicial District 10
Angelo E. Veltri, Judicial District 10
Michael A. Arcati, Judicial District 11
Enmanuel H. Torres, Judicial District 12
Susan B. Overeem-Cummings, Judicial District 13

OBSERVERS

Timothy “TJ” Ferreira, Porcupine Administrator
Paul C. Sechrist, Porcupine Administrator
Ajay C. P. Butcher, Orleans County Chair
Chance Haywood, Staten Island Chair
Joseph J. Colon, Sullivan County Contact
Larry Sharpe, Queens County
Steven B. Chandler, Schenectady County

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by William Cody Anderson, Chair.

The Credentials Report (**Exhibit 1**) indicated that there were 67 voting members at the time the meeting was called to order. 36 of 67 Members of the State Committee were present at the time of roll call; Mark Braiman, Craig Colwell, Robert Glomboski, Paul Grindle, and Francis Law later entered the meeting.

Motion by Pietro Geraci to **amend the proposed agenda to consider Amendment 1 before Amendment 2** was seconded by James Dayton and failed 12-16-7:

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| VOTES IN FAVOR (12) | Irwin Mark Weinblatt | Paul Grindle | Jame VanDewalker |
| Jeffrey Bradley | VOTES AGAINST (16) | Karyn Keniry-Thompson | Brian Wells |
| Gabrielle Cordova | Robert Arrigo | Andrew Kolstee | DID NOT VOTE (6) |
| Anthony D’Orazio | Steven Becker | Lora Newell | William Cody Anderson |
| James Dayton | Richard Bell | Michael Rebmann | Mark Braiman |
| Pietro Geraci | Maura Botsford | Duane Whitmer | Craig Colwell |
| Mark Glogowski | Gerrit Cain | ABSTENTIONS (7) | Robert Glomboski |
| Robert Greibesland | Fredy Calvache | Rachel Becker | Francis Law |
| Christopher Olenski | Jay Carr | Jeffrey Denecke | Brandon Lyon |
| Richard Purtell | Daniel Donnelly | Jonathan Gunther | |
| Thomas Quiter | Gary Donoyan | George Ostrowski | |
| James Russell | Angela Einwachter | William Schmidt | |

The **Agenda (Exhibit 2)** was adopted without objection.

The **Special Rules of Order (Exhibit 3)** were adopted without objection.

William Cody Anderson addressed the committee and thanked T.J. Ferreira and Paul Sechrist for administering Porcupine for the meeting.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **adopt Amendment 1 (Exhibit 4)** was seconded by James Dayton, debated, and passed 22-12-4.

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| VOTES IN FAVOR (22) | Paul Grindle | VOTES AGAINST (12) | William Schmidt |
| Robert Arrigo | Andrew Kolstee | Richard Bell | ABSTENTIONS (4) |
| Rachel Becker | Francis Law | Mark Braiman | Jeffrey Bradley |
| Steven Becker | Brandon Lyon | Gabrielle Cordova | Jeffrey Denecke |
| Maura Botsford | Christopher Olenski | Anthony D’Orazio | Pietro Geraci |
| Gerrit Cain | George Ostrowski | Gary Donoyan | Jonathan Gunther |
| Fredy Calvache | Michael Rebmann | Mark Glogowski | DID NOT VOTE (3) |
| Jay Carr | James Russell | Robert Glomboski | William Cody Anderson |
| James Dayton | Jame VanDewalker | Karyn Keniry-Thompson | Craig Colwell |
| Daniel Donnelly | Brian Wells | Lora Newell | Irwin Mark Weinblatt |
| Angela Einwachter | Duane Whitmer | Thomas Quiter | |
| Robert Greibesland | | Richard Purtell | |

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **adopt Amendment 2 (Exhibit 4)** was seconded by Duane Whitmer and debated. Larry Sharpe addressed the State Committee without objection and answered questions accordingly.

Motion by Richard Purtell to **amend Amendment 2 by inserting “or U.S. Senate candidate, if applicable” after “Governor of New York” in the proposed Article 15.1.4** was ruled out of order by the Chair.

Motion by Mark Braiman to **adjourn** was seconded by Christopher Olenski and failed 10-25-2:

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| VOTES IN FAVOR (10) | Robert Arrigo | Robert Glomboski | Irwin Mark Weinblatt |
| Richard Bell | Rachel Becker | Robert Greibesland | ABSTENTIONS (2) |
| Mark Braiman | Steven Becker | Paul Grindle | James Dayton |
| Fredy Calvache | Maura Botsford | Karyn Keniry-Thompson | Pietro Geraci |
| Gary Donoyan | Jeffrey Bradley | Andrew Kolstee | DID NOT VOTE (4) |
| Mark Glogowski | Gerrit Cain | Francis Law | William Cody Anderson |
| Jonathan Gunther | Jay Carr | Lora Newell | Craig Colwell |
| Christopher Olenski | Gabrielle Cordova | George Ostrowski | Brandon Lyon |
| Richard Purtell | Anthony D'Orazio | Michael Rebmann | Duane Whitmer |
| Thomas Quiter | Jeffrey Denecke | James Russell | |
| William Schmidt | Daniel Donnelly | Jame VanDewalker | |
| VOTES AGAINST (25) | Angela Einwachter | Brian Wells | |

Motion by Anthony D'Orazio to **extend the time of adjournment by 15 minutes** was seconded by Robert Arrigo and passed 35-2-1.

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| VOTES IN FAVOR (35) | James Dayton | Francis Law | VOTES AGAINST (2) |
| Robert Arrigo | Jeffrey Denecke | Brandon Lyon | Mark Braiman |
| Rachel Becker | Daniel Donnelly | Lora Newell | Christopher Olenski |
| Steven Becker | Gary Donoyan | George Ostrowski | ABSTENTIONS (1) |
| Richard Bell | Angela Einwachter | Richard Purtell | Jonathan Gunther |
| Jeffrey Bradley | Pietro Geraci | Thomas Quiter | DID NOT VOTE (3) |
| Maura Botsford | Robert Glomboski | Michael Rebmann | William Cody Anderson |
| Gerrit Cain | Mark Glogowski | James Russell | Craig Colwell |
| Jay Carr | Robert Greibesland | William Schmidt | Irwin Mark Weinblatt |
| Fredy Calvache | Paul Grindle | Jame VanDewalker | |
| Gabrielle Cordova | Karyn Keniry-Thompson | Brian Wells | |
| Anthony D'Orazio | Andrew Kolstee | Duane Whitmer | |

The original motion to **adopt Amendment 2 (Exhibit 4)** passed 28-8-2:

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| VOTES IN FAVOR (28) | Jeffrey Denecke | George Ostrowski | Thomas Quiter |
| Robert Arrigo | Daniel Donnelly | Michael Rebmann | James Russell |
| Rachel Becker | Angela Einwachter | Jame VanDewalker | ABSTENTIONS (2) |
| Steven Becker | Pietro Geraci | Brian Wells | Fredy Calvache |
| Richard Bell | Robert Glomboski | Duane Whitmer | Jonathan Gunther |
| Jeffrey Bradley | Robert Greibesland | VOTES AGAINST (8) | DID NOT VOTE (3) |
| Maura Botsford | Paul Grindle | Mark Braiman | William Cody Anderson |
| Gerrit Cain | Karyn Keniry-Thompson | James Dayton | William Schmidt |
| Jay Carr | Andrew Kolstee | Gary Donoyan | Irwin Mark Weinblatt |
| Craig Colwell | Francis Law | Mark Glogowski | |
| Gabrielle Cordova | Brandon Lyon | Christopher Olenski | |
| Anthony D'Orazio | Lora Newell | Richard Purtell | |

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **approve a hearing to be held by the State Committee in accordance with Article 12 of the Rules of the Libertarian Party in order to remove Gilbert Midonnet as a Member of the State Committee from Judicial District 2 due to the abandonment of position** was seconded by James Dayton. Daniel Donnelly made a point of order in that Emmanuel Torres is also eligible to be removed due to abandonment. The Chair ruled that such a hearing would need to be initiated by the Executive Committee. The original motion passed 32-1-4:

VOTES IN FAVOR (32)

Robert Arrigo
Rachel Becker
Steven Becker
Richard Bell
Maura Botsford
Jeffrey Bradley
Mark Braiman
Gerrit Cain
Fredy Calvache
Jay Carr
Craig Colwell

Gabrielle Cordova
Anthony D’Orazio
James Dayton
Jeffrey Denecke
Daniel Donnelly
Angela Einwachter
Pietro Geraci
Robert Greibesland
Paul Grindle
Jonathan Gunther
Karyn Keniry-Thompson
Andrew Kolstee

Francis Law
Lora Newell
George Ostrowski
Richard Purtell
Michael Rebmann
William Schmidt
Jame VanDewalker
Brian Wells
Duane Whitmer
VOTES AGAINST (1)
Thomas Quiter

ABSTENTIONS (4)

Gary Donoyan
Mark Glogowski
Christopher Olenski
James Russell
DID NOT VOTE (4)
William Cody Anderson
Robert Glomboski
Brandon Lyon
Irwin Mark Weinblatt

Motion by Anthony D’Orazio to **adjourn** passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee,
Secretary

Exhibit 1

Credentials Report of the Libertarian Party of New York for the State Committee Meeting of February 12, 2022

The State Committee of the Libertarian Party of New York consists of 69 according to their Judicial District. The following 67 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
- Morry C. Davis
- Lisa D. Gansky
- Alycya K. Miller

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
- Shawn Hannon
- Craig A. Miles
- *VACANT*

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
- Jeffrey C. Bradley
- 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
- Leonard E. Morlock
- Michael R. Rebmann
- Jame J. VanDewalker
- Duane J. Whitmer

Judicial District 9

- Daniel P. Donnelly
- Pietro S. Geraci
- Robert J. Greibesland
- William K. Schmidt
- *VACANT*

Judicial District 10

- Jeffrey J. Denecke, Jr.
- Gary L. Donoyan
- Jonathan H. Gunther
- George T. Ostrowski, Jr.
- Arthur F. Sintef
- Scott W. Thompson
- Angelo E. Veltri

Judicial District 11

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

Judicial District 12

- Fredy Omar Calvache
- Emmanuel H. Torres

Judicial District 13

- Richard Bell
- Susan B. Overeem Cummings

Ex-Officio

- Paul M. Grindle

There are currently two (2) vacancies on the State Committee: one (1) vacancy in Judicial District 5 and one (1) vacancy in Judicial District 9.

Report prepared by Andrew M. Kolstee, Secretary.

Exhibit 2

**AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE STATE COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2022**

- 7:00 P.M. Call to Order / Roll Call (credentialing)
- 7:10 P.M. Adoption of Special Rules of Order
- 7:20 P.M. Adoption of Agenda
- 7:30 P.M. Consideration of Rules Amendments
- 8:10 P.M. Old business
- 8:20 P.M. New business
- 8:30 P.M. Adjournment

Exhibit 3 (page 1 of 2)

Special Rules of Order of the Libertarian Party of New York for the State Committee Meeting of February 12, 2022

As adopted by the State Committee on February 12, 2022.

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.** 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. 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 5.2. 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 5.3. 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 3 (page 1 of 2)

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 ninety (90) seconds 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 AND NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES.** Endorsements and nominations of candidates for public office shall be made in the same manner as elections for Party officers.

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.

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

Exhibit 4

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE STATE COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2022

February 4, 2022

The following amendments have been proposed for consideration at the February 12, 2022 Meeting of the State Committee, to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. The meeting information has been sent to everyone on the State Committee to the email address filed with the Secretary.

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Secretary, Libertarian Party of New York
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AMENDMENT 1

6.9. VOTING. In all meetings, each member of the State Committee shall be entitled to a single non-transferable vote, except on all votes pertaining to the designation, nomination, substitution, or authorization of a candidate for statewide office, each member of the State Committee shall cast the whole number of votes cast for Governor from the Unit of Representation as described in Article 6.3, on the line or column of the Libertarian Party in the last preceding general election for Governor.

AMENDMENT 2

14.3. STATEWIDE CANDIDATES.

14.3.1. Candidates for statewide office shall be nominated at a special open meeting of the State Committee in accordance with these Rules and Election Law. This meeting shall be held ~~no earlier than 21 days and no later than four (4) days before petitioning for the statewide office starts.~~ in accordance with Election Law.

14.3.5. The Executive Committee of the State Committee shall constitute the committee to fill any vacancy in such designations that may occur after the State Committee has adjourned. ~~Only enrolled Libertarians shall be eligible to fill such vacancies.~~

15.1.4. STATEWIDE CANDIDATES. Candidates not enrolled in the Libertarian Party shall never be given authorization or nomination to run for **Governor of New York** ~~a statewide office.~~ For all other statewide offices, candidates must receive a two-thirds (2/3) vote to be entered into nomination for such office.

15.1.4.1. CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION. Should a candidate not enrolled in the Libertarian Party be nominated for statewide office, the vote to enter the candidate into nomination shall also serve as a vote to issue a certificate of authorization, should such candidate be nominated.

15.1.4.2. AUTHORIZATION BY GOVERNOR NOMINEE. An affidavit authorizing any candidate for statewide office not enrolled in the Libertarian Party must be signed by the nominated candidate for Governor in order for such nomination to be valid.