

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RULES COMMITTEE  
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Andrew Kolstee, Chair  
Mark Braiman  
Justin Carman  
Daniel Castello  
Pietro Geraci  
Adam Magoon  
Christopher Olenski  
Michael Rebmann  
Karyn Thompson

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Paul Grindle

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Andrew Kolstee, Chair.

**The reading of the amended minutes of June 29, 2021 and December 14, 2021 meetings of the Rules Committee were waived and the minutes were approved** without objection.

**The reading of the minutes of January 12, 2022, January 26, 2022, February 9, 2022, February 23, 2022, and March 9, 2022 meetings of the Rules Committee were waived and the minutes were approved** without objection.

Andrew Kolstee reviewed the current proposals in the working document and determined an order for the consideration of amendments.

Motion by Adam Magoon to **recommend Proposal I as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Christopher Olenski and debated.

**15.1.4. STATEWIDE CANDIDATES.** To be considered for a statewide candidacy, one must be an LPNY Member. However, in the event that nominations have already closed for a particular statewide office, a motion may be made to reopen nominations exclusively to allow the nomination of a specific non-LPNY Member for that position. Such a motion requires a three-quarters (3/4) vote and is non-debatable. If the motion is passed, the candidate will be entered into nomination.

Michael Rebmann call the question and Christopher Olenski objected.

Motion by Michael Rebmann to **amend Proposal I as follows to strike “considered for” and “a statewide candidacy” as indicated in orange and insert “a candidate for nomination for any of the following offices to be filled by the voters of the entire state” and “Governor/Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, United States Senator, Presidential/Vice Presidential Elector” as indicated in purple** was seconded by Daniel Castello and passed by voice vote.

**15.1.4. STATEWIDE CANDIDATES.** To be ~~considered for~~ a candidate for nomination for any of the following offices to be filled by the voters of the entire state ~~a statewide candidacy~~, one must be an LPNY Member: Governor/Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, United States Senator, Presidential/Vice Presidential Elector. However, in the event that nominations have already closed for a particular statewide office, a motion may be made to reopen nominations exclusively to allow the nomination of a specific non-LPNY Member for that position. Such a motion requires a three-quarters (3/4) vote and is non-debatable. If the motion is passed, the candidate will be entered into nomination.

The original motion to **recommend Proposal I as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** passed by voice vote.

**15.1.4. STATEWIDE CANDIDATES.** To be a candidate for nomination for any of the following offices to be filled by the voters of the entire state, one must be an LPNY Member: Governor/Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, United States Senator, Presidential/Vice Presidential Elector. However, in the event that nominations have already closed for a particular statewide office, a motion may be made to reopen nominations exclusively to allow the nomination of a specific non-LPNY Member for that position. Such a motion requires a three-quarters (3/4) vote and is non-debatable. If the motion is passed, the candidate will be entered into nomination.

Motion by Mark Braiman to **recommend Proposal H2 as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Adam Magoon, debated, and passed without objection.

**14.3.6. STAND-IN CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.** The State Committee may nominate a stand-in candidate for President and Vice President of the United States for the purposes of selecting names for an official Libertarian Party independent nominating petition if the Libertarian National Convention in which such candidates are to be nominated, is scheduled to begin after the start of the petitioning period. The Executive Committee shall be named on the petition as the committee to fill vacancies.

**14.3.6.1. OPTION TO RETAIN STAND-IN CANDIDATE(S) IN THE GENERAL ELECTION.** After the Libertarian National Convention and prior to the declination deadline of independent candidates as determined by the New York State Board of Elections, the State Committee may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, officially request that one or both stand-in candidate(s) remain as the candidate(s) through the general election.

**14.3.6.2. PROCEDURES TO FILL VACANCIES.** If a vacancy occurs in the independent nomination for President and/or Vice President, the Executive Committee, acting as the committee to fill vacancies, shall name the candidate(s) chosen at the Libertarian National Convention as substitute(s). In the event that the Libertarian National Convention fails to nominate a candidate for President or Vice President of the United States, or nominates None of the Above (NOTA), the Executive Committee, acting as the committee to fill vacancies, shall choose the nominee(s) according to their own discretion.

Motion by Pietro Geraci to **recommend Proposal F as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Mark Braiman, debated, and passed without objection.

**13.2. ELIGIBILITY.** Each Delegate and each Alternate Delegate to Libertarian National Conventions must be an LPNY Member, ~~a Bylaws Sustaining Member (BSM) of the National Libertarian Party, and a resident of the State of New York.~~

Motion by Adam Magoon to **recommend Proposal B as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Justin Carman passed without objection.

**9.2. NOMINATIONS TO FILL VACANCIES.** Nominations to fill any vacancy in any party office may be submitted by any member of the State Committee to the Secretary in advance of the meeting or on the floor at the meeting.

~~**9.2.1. SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS IN ADVANCE.** If such nominations are submitted to the Secretary at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting, the Secretary shall distribute the names of the nominees and any statement regarding their candidacy to all members of the State Committee at least five (5) days in advance of the meeting in which vacancies are to be voted upon.~~ Once the filling of vacancies begins, the Secretary shall present the nominations they received and all such qualified candidates that accepted the nomination shall be entered into nomination.

~~**9.2.2. SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR.**~~ Subsequent nominations may be made from the floor prior to the election to fill any vacancy. The Chair shall request that each nominee confirm that they are qualified to fill the vacancy

and accept the nomination in order to be entered into nomination to fill the vacancy they seek.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Michael Rebmann to **adjourn** was seconded by Justin Carman and passed without objection.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 9:00 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee,  
Chair