

49TH CONVENTION
MINUTES OF DAY 2 OF THE STATE COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, 16 WOLF ROAD, ALBANY, NEW YORK
AND ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP AND PORCUPINE APP

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lisa D. Gansky, Judicial District 1
Alyceya K. Miller, Judicial District 1
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
Brian L. Wells, Judicial District 4
Rachel E. Becker, Judicial District 5
Milva E. Dordal, Judicial District 5
Joseph G. T. Sabin, 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
Richard F. Purtell, Judicial District 6
Steven G. Becker, 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
Sean C. Phelan, Judicial District 7
Erin M. Becker, Judicial District 8
Andrew M. Kolstee, Judicial District 8
Francis Law, Judicial District 8
Leonard E. Morlock, 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
Arthur F. Sintef, Judicial District 10
Angelo E. Veltri, 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

Mark N. Axinn, Judicial District 1
Morry C. Davis, Judicial District 1
Gilbert L. Midonnet, Judicial District 2
Matthew I. Morgan, Judicial District 2
Stacey H. Prussman, Judicial District 2
John A. Janes, Judicial District 4
Brandon G. Lyon, Judicial District 4
Zachary D. Remian, Judicial District 4
Patricia M. Berthod, Judicial District 5
Shawn Hannon, Judicial District 5
Craig A. Miles, Judicial District 5
Thomas D. Quiter, Judicial District 6
Jeffrey C. Bradley, Judicial District 7
Robert J. Glomboski, 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
Robert J. Cocomello, Judicial District 9
Anthony W. Pellegrino, Judicial District 9
Scott W. Thompson, Judicial District 10
Michael A. Arcati, Judicial District 11
Enmanuel H. Torres, Judicial District 12
Susan B. Overeem-Cummings, Judicial District 13

OBSERVERS

Paul C. Sechrist, Porcupine Administrator
 Justin N. Carman, Albany County Vice-Chair
 Ripley G. Hathaway, Columbia County Treasurer
 Blay Tarnoff, Nassau County EC Chair
 Eric M. Cordova, Queens County Vice-Chair
 Chance Haywood, Staten Island Chair
 Thomas A. Pinkhasov, Staten Island Treasurer
 John G. Caulfield, Ulster County Chair
 Robert Cotton, Ulster County Secretary
 Jennifer O’Connor, Rensselaer County Contact
 Joseph J. Colon, Sullivan County Contact
 William P. McMillen, LPNY Chair (1985-1989)
 Caryn Cohen Tarnoff, LPNY Secretary (1998-2002)
 Rodney Edwards, Cattaraugus County
 Matthew Boyle, Erie County

Steven B. Chandler, Schenectady County
 Anthony J. Galea, Schenectady County
 Samuel A. Sanfratello, Monroe County
 Randyn Tarnoff, Nassau County
 Francisco Olvera, Queens County
 Cameron P. Bovenzi, Wayne County
 Chris Ehmling, Candidate for LNC Chair
 Angela McArdle, Candidate for LNC Chair
 Chris Childs, Chair, LP Nebraska
 William Hobson, Vice-Chair, LP Oregon
 Jason Brand, LP Massachusetts
 Jeffrey A. Douglas, Mises Caucus Natl. Coordinator
 Marrion Skinner
 D. Wereley

Note: This meeting is a continuation of the meeting that began on February 19, 2022.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by William Cody Anderson, Chair.

The Credentials and Nominations Report (**Exhibit 1**) indicated that there were 69 voting members at the time the meeting was called to order. 37 of 69 Members of the State Committee were present at the time of roll call; Jay Carr, Craig Colwell, Jeffrey Denecke, Milva Dordal, Paul Grindle, Karyn Keniry-Thompson, Alycya Miller, Gary Popkin, and Angelo Veltri later entered the meeting.

Delegate Selection Committee Chair Lora Newell issued a report. She indicated that the members of the committee also included Rachel Becker, Jay Carr, and Lisa Gansky.

Motion by Lora Newell to **appoint the following Delegates and Alternate Delegates to represent the Libertarian Party of New York at the 2022 Libertarian National Convention** was debated.

Rachel Becker, Delegate
Steven Becker, Delegate
Maria Borell, Delegate
Cameron Bovenzi, Delegate
Mark Braiman, Delegate
Shaun Cahill, Delegate
Gerrit Cain, Delegate
Justin Carman, Delegate
Fredy Calvache, Delegate
John Caulfield, Delegate
Craig Colwell, Delegate
Nicole Colwell, Delegate
Eric Cordova, Delegate
Anthony D’Orazio, Delegate
Gary Donoyan, Delegate

Milva Dordal, Delegate
Jose Garcia, Delegate
Pietro Geraci, Delegate
Kathleen Glogowski, Delegate
Mark Glogowski, Delegate
Paul Grindle, Delegate
Ryan Hallahan, Delegate
Andrew Kolstee, Delegate
Rebecca Lau, Delegate
Brandon Lyon, Delegate
Adam Magoon, Delegate
Alycya Miller, Delegate
Leonard Morlock, Delegate
Susan Overeem-Cummings, Delegate
Christian Padgett, Delegate

Stephen Petruzzo, Delegate
Thomas Pinkhasov, Delegate
Thomas Quiter, Delegate
Michael Rebmann, Delegate
Keith Redhead, Delegate
Craig Shute, Delegate
Arthur Sintef, Delegate
Ian Spier, Delegate
Blay Tarnoff, Delegate
Caryn Tarnoff, Delegate
Randyn Tarnoff, Delegate
Irwin Mark Weinblatt, Delegate
Duane Whitmer, Delegate
Joseph Armao, Alternate Delegate
Charles Atkinson, Alternate Delegate
Juan Ayala, Alternate Delegate

Erin Becker, Alternate Delegate
Jon Chevalier, Alternate Delegate
Christopher Ficken, Alternate Delegate
Alexandra Gordon, Alternate Delegate
Matthew Guilianelli, Alternate Delegate
Jonathan Howe, Alternate Delegate
Matthew Kraiss, Alternate Delegate
Peter Krauss, Alternate Delegate
Matthew Morgan, Alternate Delegate
Francisco Olvera, Alternate Delegate
Tristan Quait, Alternate Delegate
Christian Russo, Alternate Delegate
Peter Papagianakis, Alternate Delegate
Joseph Sabin, Alternate Delegate
Joseph Terwilliger, Alternate Delegate
Matthew Truesdail, Alternate Delegate

The Chair asked if there was an objection to the slate of Delegates and Alternate Delegates. Christopher Olenski objected, but the Chair ruled the objection out of order as Christopher Olenski is a remote participant. Motion by Christopher Olenski to **appeal the ruling of the Chair** was ruled out of order as Christopher Olenski is a remote participant.

The original motion to **appoint the aforementioned Delegates and Alternate Delegates to represent the Libertarian Party of New York at the 2022 Libertarian National Convention** passed without objection.

Lora Newell issued a Treasurer's report in writing (**Exhibit 2**).

Secretary Andrew Kolstee issued a Credentials and Nominations report (**Exhibit 1**). The following individuals were submitted to the Secretary to fill vacancies in the Elections Oversight Committee and accepted their nominations. Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **enter the following candidates into nomination to fill vacancies on the State Committee** was seconded by Pietro Geraci.

Eric M. Cordova (JD11), nominated by Gabrielle S. Cordova

The Chair opened the floor to additional nominations to fill the vacancies in the Elections Oversight Committee.

Andrew Kolstee nominated Christopher Olenski and he accepted the nomination.

In the first round of voting for the Elections Oversight Committee, the results were as follows:

Candidate (vote for 4)	Votes	Percentage
Eric Cordova	28	84.85%
Christopher Olenski	16	48.48%
Luke Wenke (write-in)	1	3.03%
Kolstee's beard (write-in)	1	3.03%
Margaret Thatcher (write-in)	1	3.03%
Remote votes matter (write-in)	1	3.03%
Reuben (write-in)	1	3.03%
REMOTE USERS HAVE RIGHTS ALSO (write-in)	1	3.03%
Wilson Phillips	1	3.03%
Total Votes	51	100.00%
Total Voters	33	

Eric Cordova was elected to fill a vacancy on the Elections Oversight Committee.

Local Affiliate Development Committee Chair Robert Arrigo indicated that there was nothing to report. Daniel Donnelly requested a written report and Arrigo indicated that the committee would prepare one.

IT Committee Chair Andrew Kolstee issued a report. Justin Carman and Jeffrey Denecke have recently joined the committee. New committee members will be trained in how to update the website. Kolstee will be stepping down as Chair of the committee on March 31, 2021 and is looking for someone to take over the committee. County Affiliates are encouraged to send updates for the website and any official interested in an LPNY email address can have one created.

Legislative Affairs Committee Chair Richard Purtell issued a report. He gave an overview of a spreadsheet on several bills to support and oppose. He highlighted support for A07225 (police reform bill) and A08683 (reducing signature requirements for independent candidates).

Fundraising Committee Co-Chair Gabrielle Cordova issued a report. She thanked everyone for supporting the fundraiser over the weekend and for Lora Newell and Tom Pinkhasov for their organization efforts. The event brought in over \$1,500. Fundraising for January was \$3,180 and February was \$4,350 for a year-to-date total of \$7,530.

Public Engagement Committee Chair Anthony D'Orazio issued a report. Jeffrey Denecke will be taking over writing of press releases. A media advisor went out for the convention and there will

be a press release. Twitter engagement has increase 15% in the last month, with Lisa Gansky leading that effort.

Rules Committee Chair Paul Grindle issued a report in writing (**Exhibit 3**).

Platform Committee Chair Karyn Thompson indicated that there was nothing to report.

Petitioning Committee Chair Andrew Kolstee issued a report. The first meeting was held last week. He urged the importance of fundraising and volunteering to get over 45,000 signatures for the statewide candidates.

Candidate Support Committee Chair Paul Grindle issued a report. He has reached out to elected Libertarians in New York to determine assistance for reelection. He has found that they need assistance with policy and government procedure and additional races to target for electing Libertarians.

The meeting stood at ease from 11:00 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.

Candidates for Chair of Libertarian National Committee Anthony D’Orazio, Chris Ehmling, and Angela McArdle spoke for five minutes each and answered questions.

The meeting stood in recess beginning at 12:01 p.m.

Videos from candidates for the National Libertarian Committee offices were played: Steve Dasbach for Chair, Joe Hauptmann for Vice-Chair, Erik Raudsep for Vice-Chair, Caryn Ann Harlos for Secretary, Todd Hagopian for Treasurer, Feena Bonoan for At-Large, and Pietro Geraci for At-Large.

The meeting reconvened at 2:03 p.m.

36 of 69 Members of the State Committee were present at the time of roll call.

The Chair announced that the ballot for filling vacancies on the Elections Oversight Committee would be held again, nullifying the previous ballot.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **amend the Agenda to immediately consider filling vacancies on the Elections Oversight Committee** passed without objection.

The Chair opened the floor to additional nominations for the Elections Oversight Committee.

Andrew Kolstee nominated Christopher Olenski and he accepted the nomination.

The Chair announced that the ballot would give the option of voting for one candidate. Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **appeal the rule of the Chair**, indicating that the option should be for voting for three in accordance with the Rules, which failed due to lack of a second.

In the first round of voting for the Elections Oversight Committee, the results were as follows:

Candidate (vote for 1)	Votes	Percentage
Christopher Olenski	19	59.38%
NOTA	12	37.50%
Rebecca Lau (write-in)	1	3.12%
Total Votes	32	100.00%
Total Voters	32	

Christopher Olenski was elected to fill a vacancy on the Elections Oversight Committee.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **remove Gilbert Midonnet as a member of the State Committee from Judicial Committee District 2** was seconded by Pietro Geraci and passed 32-0-2:

VOTES IN FAVOR (32)	Pietro Geraci	Richard Purtell	Steven Becker
Robert Arrigo	Mark Glogowski	Michael Rebmann	Jay Carr
Erin Becker	Paul Grindle	Joseph Sabin	Jeffrey Denecke
Rachel Becker	Robert Greibesland	William Schmidt	Milva Dordal
Richard Bell	Jonathan Gunther	Jame VanDewalker	Lisa Gansky
Mark Braiman	Todd Haggerty	Irwin Mark Weinblatt	Alycya Miller
Fredy Calvache	Karyn Keniry-Thompson	Brian Wells	George Ostrowski
Craig Colwell	Andrew Kolstee	VOTES AGAINST (0)	Gary Popkin
Gabrielle Cordova	Francis Law	ABSTENTIONS (2)	Arthur Sintef
Anthony D’Orazio	Leonard Morlock	Gary Donoyan	Angelo Veltri
James Dayton	Lora Newell	Christopher Olenski	Duane Whitmer
Daniel Donnelly	Timothy O’Connor	DID NOT VOTE (12)	
Angela Einwachter	Sean Phelan	William Cody Anderson	

Motion by Mark Braiman to **adopt the following resolution** was seconded by Pietro Geraci and debated.

In order to help draw more voters' attention to the Libertarian ballot line, LPNY paid petitioning funds shall be used for sheets which include cross-county NYS Assembly candidates (with exceptions as noted at the end of this motion), along with the state-wide candidates. These LPNY-funded NYS Assembly candidates must be State Committee members in good standing or elected officers of recognized LPNY affiliates. They must not have submitted a designating petition prior to the independent petitioning period, and must sign a pledge that they are not pursuing any other independent ballot line. To demonstrate their effort, as a precondition for receiving LPNY funding, the NYS Assembly candidate must have collected one hundred (100) or more signatures with their own resources by the end of the second week of petitioning. By the end of the third week of petitioning, the LPNY petitioning committee will verify that signature requirements for congressional districts have been met, and if there is a deficit, from that point forward the LPNY petitioning committee shall have authority to utilize paid petitioners in any manner they approve, in order to meet election law demands for gaining ballot access for these candidates. Any other candidate seeking financial support, can submit for approval from the executive committee prior to March 15th, 2022.

Motion by Pietro Geraci to **amend the aforementioned resolution to read as follows** was seconded by Andrew Kolstee:

In order to help draw more voters' attention to the Libertarian ballot line, LPNY paid petitioning funds shall be used for sheets which include cross-county NYS Assembly candidates (with exceptions as noted at the end of this motion), along with the state-wide candidates. They must not have submitted a designating petition prior to the independent petitioning period, and must sign a pledge that they are not pursuing any other independent ballot line. To demonstrate their effort, as a precondition for receiving LPNY funding, these candidates must have collected seven percent (7%) or more signatures with their own resources by the end of the second week of petitioning. By the end of the third week of petitioning, the LPNY petitioning committee will verify that signature requirements for congressional districts have been met, and if there is a deficit, from that point forward the LPNY petitioning committee shall have authority to utilize paid petitioners in any manner they approve, in order to meet election law demands for gaining ballot access for these candidates. Any other candidate seeking financial support, can submit for approval from the executive committee prior to March 15th, 2022.

Motion by Gabrielle Cordova to **allow a member of the Petitioning Committee who is not a member of the State Committee to speak** passed without objection. Eric Cordova spoke against the amendment.

The amendment by Pietro Geraci failed 10-19-3:

VOTES IN FAVOR (10)	Rachel Becker	Lora Newell	Jay Carr
Richard Bell	Fredy Calvache	Richard Purtell	Craig Colwell
Mark Braiman	Gabrielle Cordova	Michael Rebmann	Jeffrey Denecke
Gary Donoyan	Anthony D’Orazio	Joseph Sabin	Milva Dordal
Pietro Geraci	Daniel Donnelly	William Schmidt	Lisa Gansky
Jonathan Gunther	Angela Einwachter	ABSTENTIONS (3)	Todd Haggerty
Andrew Kolstee	Mark Glogowski	James Dayton	George Ostrowski
Timothy O’Connor	Robert Greibesland	Sean Phelan	Gary Popkin
Christopher Olenski	Paul Grindle	Jame VanDewalker	Arthur Sintef
Brian Wells	Karyn Keniry-Thompson	DID NOT VOTE (14)	Angelo Veltri
Irwin Mark Weinblatt	Francis Law	William Cody Anderson	Duane Whitmer
VOTES AGAINST (19)	Alycya Miller	Erin Becker	
Robert Arrigo	Leonard Morlock	Steven Becker	

The original motion by Mark Braiman to **adopt the aforementioned resolution** was debated.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **refer the consideration of the resolution to the Petitioning Committee** passed 27-3-1:

VOTES IN FAVOR (27)	Jonathan Gunther	Irwin Mark Weinblatt	Jay Carr
Rachel Becker	Timothy O’Connor	Brian Wells	Jeffrey Denecke
Richard Bell	Sean Phelan	VOTES AGAINST (3)	Milva Dordal
Fredy Calvache	Karyn Keniry-Thompson	Robert Arrigo	Lisa Gansky
Craig Colwell	Andrew Kolstee	Mark Glogowski	Paul Grindle
Gabrielle Cordova	Francis Law	Richard Purtell	Todd Haggerty
Anthony D’Orazio	Alycya Miller	ABSTENTIONS (1)	George Ostrowski
James Dayton	Leonard Morlock	William Schmidt	Gary Popkin
Daniel Donnelly	Lora Newell	DID NOT VOTE (15)	Arthur Sintef
Gary Donoyan	Christopher Olenski	William Cody Anderson	Angelo Veltri
Angela Einwachter	Michael Rebmann	Erin Becker	Duane Whitmer
Pietro Geraci	Joseph Sabin	Steven Becker	
Robert Greibesland	Jame VanDewalker	Mark Braiman	

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **adjourn** was seconded by Anthony D’Orazio and passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee,
Secretary

Exhibit 1

Credentials and Nominations Report of the Libertarian Party of New York for the State Committee Meeting of February 20, 2022

The State Committee of the Libertarian Party of New York consists of 69 according to their Judicial District. The following 69 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
- Joseph G. T. Sabin

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

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

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

NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE VACANCIES (3 POSITIONS)

The following names were submitted to the Secretary as candidates for the Elections Oversight Committee:

- **Eric M. Cordova (JD11), nominated by Gabrielle S. Cordova (accepted nomination)**

Report prepared by Andrew M. Kolstee, Secretary.

Exhibit 2

LPNY Treasurer's Report February 19, 2022

LPNY KEY BANK

Housekeeping Committee account balance as of 2.19.2022: \$5,008.09

CC General account balance as of 2.19.2022: \$40,858.46

Total cash on hand as of 2.19.2022: \$45,866.55

Reoccurring Expenses for February (to date)

Constant Contact: \$125.07

Grasshopper: \$32.74

Pre-approved expenses for February:

\$886.45 (Legal fees – Ostrowski)

\$3,330.00 (Press Service – Consorte Marketing)

Total Expenses for February (to date): \$4,374.26

Fundraising results for January: \$3,180.38

Fundraising results for February (to date): \$4,350.47

Fundraising results year to date: \$7,530.85

Respectfully submitted,

Lora Newell

Treasurer

Exhibit 3

REPORT OF THE RULES COMMITTEE OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK

February 20, 2022

Previous Work

We have reestablished a regular meeting schedule of two meetings per month and have been making progress through our working file.

Current Work

The Rules Committee has received a formal proposal for the chair of the Special Committee on the Judicial Committee. We also have the last available text that our members had seen in the Special Committee's Google Doc before receiving the final proposal. We have been editing the last available document until receipt of the formal report, and have been individually looking at the formal report over the last two weeks. On our meeting this Wednesday, we will be comparing the differences between the two.

Anticipated Schedule

It is likely that we will have a formal Judicial Committee proposal by our next state committee meeting, as well as a few of Kolstee's rules tweaks and optimizations.

Amendment Suggestions

Please send any and all rules questions, suggestions, ideas, or full proposals to either me or our heroic Secretary Kolstee, or to any of the committee's members. We would love to incorporate your proposals into our report so you don't have to arrange for the mailing and discussion on your own, unless of course you wish to. If you have any hot takes on our party's rules and wish to be added to the Rules Committee, please message me so I can propose your addition to the committee.