

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RULES COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Justin Carman
Paul Grindle
Adam Magoon

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Andrew Kolstee, Chair.

Pietro Geraci suggested that the Rules Committee address the issue with regarding substituting the national candidate in place of the candidate on the statewide petition.

Andrew Kolstee mentioned that the Rules Committee will need to review the provisions for State Committee elections.

Motion by Mark Braiman 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 Karyn Thompson and passed without objection.

6.5.3. **SECRETARY.** The Secretary shall keep an accurate and complete record of the proceedings of all meetings of the State Committee and shall keep these records up-to-date and in order ~~in the master book~~ at the [LPedia page](#) containing the official minutes of the LPNY. [...]

Motion by Mark Braiman 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 Karyn Thompson and debated.

~~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. 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. 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 allow the nomination of a non-LPNY Member for that position. Such a motion requires a three-quarters vote and is non-debatable. If the motion is passed, the candidate will be entered into nomination.

~~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.~~

Motion by Mark Braiman to **amend Proposal I as follows to insert “reopen nominations exclusively to” and “specific” as indicated in purple** was seconded by Michael Rebmann and passed without objection.

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Motion by Christopher Olenski to **postpone consideration of Proposal I until a membership form is created for individuals to join the LPNY.**

Mark Braiman raised a point of order in that the rules do not require a physical form and that an online form would suffice and that the form will soon be completed, and he has already received an email from an individual submitting membership information to become an LPNY member.

Christopher Olenski raised a point of order in that his motion to postpone should be considered since an online membership form does not exist and so discussions of provisions of the rules pertaining to LPNY members is out of order unless resolved. The chair ruled the postponement out of order and point of order not well taken because there is an existing mechanism for

individuals to join the LPNY, through the Board of Elections, and consideration of such point of order would render the LPNY unable to do business.

Christopher Olenski **challenged the ruling of the Chair** and indicated that his motion to postpone was in order. **The Chair's ruling was overturned 4—2** after a roll call vote, with Pietro Geraci, Christopher Olenski, Michael Rebmann, and Karyn Thompson voting in favor of overturning the ruling of the Chair and Mark Braiman and Daniel Castello voting to sustain the ruling of the chair.

Motion by Christopher Olenski to **postpone consideration of Proposal I until a membership form is created for individuals to join the LPNY** was seconded by Michael Rebmann and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Mark Braiman to **amend the motion to read “postpone consideration of Proposal I until the next meeting of the Rules Committee”** was seconded by Pietro Geraci. Christopher Olenski objected. The motion was debated and passed by voice vote.

Christopher Olenski raised a point of order that the amendment changed the intent of the original motion to postpone. The chair ruled that the amendment was in order.

The original motion to **postpone consideration of Proposal I until the next meeting of the Rules Committee**, debated, and passed by voice vote.

There was a general discussion on whether to include the rubric for determining national convention delegates in the Rules of the Libertarian Party.

The chair ruled that since the discussion of delegates includes eligibility such as status as an LPNY Member, such discussion is out of order, as well as subsequent discussions on proposed rules amendments in which LPNY Member is referenced.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Karyn Thompson to **adjourn** was seconded by Daniel Castello.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:07 p.m. without objection.

Andrew Martin Kolstee,
Chair