

**LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
AGENDA OF THE STATE COMMITTEE MEETING
OF SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025**

6:00 P.M. Call to Order (Duane Whitmer, Chair)

6:00 P.M. Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum (Andrew Kolstee, Secretary)

6:05 P.M. Old business

Resolution 2 was postponed from the December 15, 2024 meeting of the State Committee:

WHEREAS under the leadership of Angela McArdle, Chair of the Libertarian National Committee (LNC) had a fiduciary duty to support the Libertarian Party's Presidential and Vice-Presidential nominees, as outlined in Libertarian Party Bylaw 2-4, but failed to fulfill this duty, and its actions have undermined the Libertarian Party's principles, nominees, and credibility; and

WHEREAS Angela McArdle actively undermined Chase Oliver's candidacy through damaging public remarks, promoted the use of the campaign to aid Donald Trump's reelection such as suggesting that Chase Oliver would take votes away from Joe Biden to benefit Trump, and endorsed a joint fundraising effort with Robert F. Kennedy Jr., and for deliberately working with an opposing candidate to the detriment of our own, specifically Donald Trump, who was not the party's nominee, and placing trust in politicians with no demonstrated commitment to advancing libertarian ideals, causing significant harm to the party's reputation, independence, and credibility; and

WHEREAS Angela McArdle has engaged in questionable dealings, including the nonprofit Rescue the West, receiving at least \$776,000 from organizations affiliated with Robert F. Kennedy Jr., without disclosure to the Libertarian National Committee and dismissing related questions at a recent LNC meeting; and further eroded trust by hiring her personal partner as a fundraiser and appointing unqualified personnel, creating the appearance of self-dealing and undermining accountability within the Libertarian Party; and

WHEREAS LNC Secretary Caryn Ann Harlos fulfilled her fiduciary duties by ensuring Chase Oliver was placed on the ballot in Colorado, yet was suspended in what appears to be a retaliatory act driven by personal grievances rather than legitimate concerns. Despite the Libertarian Party Judicial Committee voiding her suspension and related LNC actions—affirming the importance of due process and integrity in governance—Harlos has not been reinstated, exposing a disregard for procedural fairness and internal checks and balances. Further, at the December 7, 2024, LNC meeting, a motion passed allowing officers to be removed for subjective reasons deemed "potentially harmful," enabling retaliatory actions and undermining fairness, accountability, and trust within the party; and

WHEREAS the Libertarian Party of New York recognizes the importance of grassroots efforts to advance liberty, while also acknowledging that national party actions affect public perception and membership at state and local levels; and

WHEREAS the Libertarian Party of New York has historically refrained from commenting on national party actions; however, these actions have alienated donors, hindered state ballot access, and weakened local and national campaigns, while fostering a perception of the Libertarian Party as "Republican Lite," harming its identity as an independent party, and under Angela McArdle's leadership, the national Libertarian Party has taken actions that have severely damaged its credibility, fostered internal corruption, and aligned the party with partisan interests that betray core libertarian principles, forcing the Libertarian Party of New York to clarify to our constituents that we vehemently oppose and disavow the actions and direction of the national Libertarian Party;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LPNY condemns actions by the LNC and Angela McArdle that undermined the Libertarian Party's Presidential and Vice-Presidential nominees, including public criticism of the nominees, joint fundraising with another party's candidate, failing to address state ballot obstruction, and engaging in questionable hiring practices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LPNY demands the resignation of Angela McArdle as Chair of the LNC and calls for her removal by a vote of the LNC if she does not resign within twenty-four (24) hours of this resolution's passing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LPNY demands the resignation of any LNC member who has enabled or contributed to internal corruption, undermined the party's principles, or harmed its nominees and growth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the LPNY commends Caryn Ann Harlos for her dedication to upholding ballot access and integrity by speaking out against corruption, even in the face of retaliation, and calls for her immediate reinstatement as National Secretary, recognizing that her removal was unjust and harmful to the principles of transparency and accountability; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the LPNY differentiates itself from the actions of the National Libertarian Party by rejecting decisions and behaviors that undermine libertarian principles. The LPNY affirms its commitment to upholding the values and mission of liberty and integrity that truly represent the movement, distancing itself from actions that fail to align with these principles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the LPNY is dedicated to advancing liberty at the local level, where meaningful and lasting change begins. Through grassroots activism, unity, civility, transparency, and accountability, the LPNY is focused on empowering individuals, strengthening local organizations, and building a principled Libertarian movement in New York. By leading with integrity and prioritizing community-based efforts, the LPNY is committed to restoring trust, growing its presence, and making a tangible impact in the lives of New Yorkers.

Several members of the State Committee have drafted an amended resolution, which can be found [here](#).

7:00 P.M. Adjournment