

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Duane J. Whitmer, Chair
Daniel J. Castello, Vice-Chair
Andrew M. Kolstee, Secretary
David B. “Chance” Haywood, Treasurer
Richard F. Purtell, Legislative Affairs Director
Pietro S. Geraci, Outreach Director
Paul M. Grindle, Political Director
Catrina Rocco, Volunteer Director

MEMBERS ABSENT

Christopher Skelly, Communications Director
Mark N. Axinn, Fundraising Director
Justin N. Carman, IT Director

OBSERVERS

Mark S. Braiman, Member of the State Committee (JD6)
Steven G. Becker, Member of the State Committee (JD7)
James M. Ziobro, Member of the State Committee (JD7)
Vincent J. O’Neill, Member of the State Committee (JD10)
Susan B. Overeem-Cummings, Member of the State Committee (JD13)

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Daniel Castello, Vice Chair. Secretary Andrew Kolstee conducted a roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

Andrew Kolstee issued a Secretary’s report.

Chance Haywood issued a Treasurer’s report in writing (**Exhibit 1**). He noted the upcoming significant expense for Humanitru, and discussion followed. He also reported that donations through Scott Kohlhaas have increased.

Outreach Director Pietro Geraci issued a report in writing (**Exhibit 2**).

Political Director Paul Grindle issued a report. A village project meeting was held. There are also potential candidates. He discussed working on finding candidates.

Convention Oversight Committee Catrina Rocco issued a report. She is working on potential vendors for the 2026 convention.

Volunteer Director Catrina Rocco reported that she and Richard Purtell met with county affiliate leaders about meeting local legislators. She also visited several affiliates and updated contact emails in a spreadsheet. Dutchess County reported presenting local issues to its state senator.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **appoint the following individuals, in the order listed, as Alternate Delegates to the Libertarian National Convention in accordance with the delegate rubric: Jeffrey Monheit (1st Alternate), Martin Mutka (2nd Alternate), Joseph Terwilliger (3rd Alternate), Paul Schaffenberger (4th Alternate), Vita Vivek (5th Alternate), Robert Fritton (6th Alternate), Anna Ostrowski (7th Alternate), and Brandon Larsen (8th Alternate)** was seconded by Pietro Geraci and passed without objective.

Due to concerns brought up by several members, Andrew Kolstee reported that he will have a report on members of the State Committee, County Affiliate officers, and appointed Delegates to the National Convention, who may no longer be LPNY members in accordance with the Rules.

Duane Whitmer issued a Chair's report. He reported that Larry Sharpe enrolled as a Republican to run in the Republican primary. Several people have concerns about this. He does not recommend rescinding the endorsement.

Pietro Geraci requested an update on the Executive Director position. No action has been taken, but Duane Whitmer reported that he may have a potential donor to fund the position.

Pietro Geraci reported that he has potential amendments to the Policy Manual regarding State Committee members expectations, which will be presented at a future meeting.

Motion by Pietro Geraci to **enter Executive Session to discuss candidates and potential litigation** was seconded by Andrew Kolstee and passed without objection.

The meeting entered Executive Session at 7:57 p.m.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **adjourn Executive Session** passed without objection.

Executive Session was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **adjourn** was seconded by Richard Purtell

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Andrew M. Kolstee
Secretary

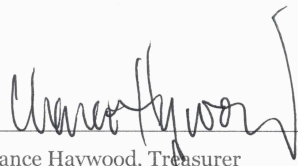
Exhibit 1

LIBERTARIAN PARTY NEW YORK Treasurer's Report February 1, 2026

Beginning Balance January 1, 2026 :	\$44,242.95		
Income			
Credit Cards via Stripe	\$2,531.54		
Checks			
Cash			
Crypto			
Miscellaneous			
Total Income :	\$46,774.49		

Expenses :			
Monthly Reoccurring Expenses	\$267.01		
Yearly Reoccurring Expenses	\$608.56		
Credit Card Processing & Bank Fees	\$122.88		
Refunds			
Miscellaneous	246.83		
Total Expenses :	\$1,245.28		
Ending Balance January 31, 2026 :		\$45,529.21	

Stripe			
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Key Bank			
#2035 (Income)	2,950.02		
#1763 (Expenses)	4,070.71		
Chase Bank			
#9007	27,000.00		
#5071 (Ballot Access Fund)	11,163.36		
Cash Equivalent & Cash on January 31, 2026 :		45,529.21	



 Chance Haywood, Treasurer

Exhibit 2 (page 1 of 2)

February 2026 Outreach Report

Short month, short report! Here we go!

- I. Jeffrey Thuman of Niagara County reached out about getting involved, but I've been out of the country and unable to contact him. I was geoblocked from my LPNY account and was only able to access it upon using mobile data. I called earlier this afternoon but he did not answer.
- II. I had a Zoom call with John Clifton and Mark Weinblatt of Queens:
 - A. Meetings average 4-6 members. The pandemic and loss of ballot access killed interest. They've tried college outreach with little success; I suggested they reach out to poli-sci departments to try to arrange events.
 - B. We discussed combining forces with the other borough affiliates and I suggested they try to recruit folks from the monthly Manhattan social.
- III. Spoke with Naz Garabedian of Saratoga:
 - A. From my notes: Texting works better than email. Reporting a lack of engagement; will recruit new members willing to put in the work, the supervisor and town of Greenville Center council got voted out; the citizen council will be amending the code but the affiliate considers this mission accomplished so won't be involved; the town code enforcement officer will not be going on anyone's property because everyone hates him. Nick is now Secretary. Average attendance is 3.
- IV. I spoke with Blay Tarnoff of Nassau and let him know I'm available as a resource.
 - A. I'm not sure why he wasn't aware of this because I consistently email all county affiliates with updates.
- V. Nathan Dingy has the Ontario County LP webpage up and is gradually putting things together. I think he was planning a gathering, but I am currently unable to check the email because I am geoblocked.
- VI. Orange County Treasurer Daniel Serrittello is now its Vice-Chair; Secretary Nicole Hewson resigned.
 - A. Orange County seeks to use Larry Sharpe's appearances to recruit folks from Rockland County and form a joint affiliate.

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- VII. Unite NY is pushing Ranked-Choice Voting in the Albany area and has a lobby day coming up on the 25th. Check [here](#) to keep abreast of upcoming events.
 - A. They are seeking speakers on behalf of RCV. Register [here](#). Multiple dates available.