

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 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
Christopher Skelly, Communications Director
Paul M. Grindle, Political Director
Catrina Rocco, Volunteer Director

MEMBERS ABSENT

Justin N. Carman, IT Director
Richard F. Purtell, Legislative Affairs Director
Mark N. Axinn, Fundraising Director
Pietro S. Geraci, Outreach Director

OBSERVERS

Mark S. Braiman, Member of the State Committee (JD6)
Samuel J. Hordesi, Member of the State Committee (JD6)
Steven G. Becker, Member of the State Committee (JD7)
Vincent J. O’Neill, Member of the State Committee (JD10)

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Duane Whitmer, Chair. Secretary Andrew Kolstee conducted a roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **tentatively set the 2026 State Convention for Saturday, October 24, 2026, at Hotel MTK in Mount Kisco, New York; to authorize the Treasurer to execute the contract and remit a deposit of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to secure the venue; to provide that the deposit shall be refundable if a more favorable venue is secured prior to April 30, 2026; and to make this authorization contingent upon the State Committee, at its April 12, 2026 meeting, amending the rules to expand the window during which an organizational meeting may be held** was seconded by Daniel Castello and passed without objection.

Motion by Paul Grindle to **endorse Maurice Waldron for New York State Assembly District 120** was seconded by Andrew Kolstee, debated, and passed without objection.

Duane Whitmer requested the Treasurer how much fundraising came in through Larry Sharpe. The Treasurer reported that it was under \$100.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **enter Executive Session** to discuss political strategy was seconded by Christopher Skelly and passed without objection.

Motion by Paul Grindle to **censure Andrew Kolstee for extending the meeting** was seconded by Christopher Skelly. Andrew Kolstee objected, and the motion was not brought to a vote.

The meeting **entered Executive Session** at 7:29 p.m.

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

Executive Session was **adjourned** at 8:15 p.m.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **adjourn** was seconded by Chance Haywood and passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Andrew M. Kolstee
Secretary