

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026
DURING THE LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL CONVENTION
AT DEVOS PLACE, 303 MONROE AVE. NW, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49054
AND ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Duane J. Whitmer, Chair
Daniel J. Castello, Vice-Chair (online)
Andrew M. Kolstee, Secretary
David B. “Chance” Haywood, Treasurer
Christopher Skelly, Communications Director
Mark N. Axinn, Fundraising Director
Justin N. Carman, IT Director (online)
Pietro S. Geraci, Outreach Director
Paul M. Grindle, Political Director
Catrina Rocco, Volunteer Director

MEMBERS ABSENT

Richard F. Purtell, Legislative Affairs Director

OBSERVERS

Erinn Rose Leatherman, Member of the State Committee (JD5)
Vincent J. O’Neill, Member of the State Committee (JD10) (online)

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Duane Whitmer, Chair. Secretary Andrew Kolstee conducted a roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

Andrew Kolstee reported that the region agreement with Pennsylvania and New Jersey has fallen apart due to a lack of commitment from Pennsylvania. Andrew Kolstee, Chance Haywood, and Duane Whitmer reported on other attempts to form regions. Duane Whitmer suggested joining Region 0.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee that **the Libertarian Party of New York enter a Libertarian National Committee region with Indiana and Ohio, provided that, if such a regional agreement is not achieved, the Libertarian Party of New York shall not join any other Region** was seconded by Catrina Rocco. Justin Carman objected due to lack of notice of the meeting and lack of clarity of what is going on.

Motion by Mark Axinn to **divide the question into two parts: the region with Indiana and Ohio and the fallback of joining no region** passed without objection.

Following further debate, Andrew Kolstee proposed an alternative approach of joining a region with no more than four states. The original motion that **the Libertarian Party of New York enter a Libertarian National Committee region with Indiana and Ohio, provided that, if such a regional agreement is not achieved, the Libertarian Party of New York shall not join any other Region** was withdrawn without objection in favor of this approach.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee that **the Libertarian Party of New York enter a Libertarian National Committee region with no more than four states** passed without objection.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **adjourn** was seconded by Mark Axinn and passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Andrew M. Kolstee
Secretary