MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK HELD ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP

MEMBERS PRESENT

Duane J. Whitmer, Chair
Daniel J. Castello, Vice-Chair
Andrew M. Kolstee, Secretary
Christopher Skelly, Communications Director
Mark N. Axinn, Fundraising Director
Justin N. Carman, IT Director
Richard F. Purtell, Legislative Affairs Director
Pietro S. Geraci, Outreach Director
Paul M. Grindle, Political Director
Catrina Rocco, Volunteer Director

MEMBERS ABSENT

David B. "Chance" Haywood, Treasurer

OBSERVERS

James B. Fitch, Member of the State Committee (JD5)
Vincent J. O'Neill, Member of the State Committee (JD10)
Patrick F. Corrigan, Monroe County Vice-Chair
Theresa M. Corrigan, Monroe County Secretary
Daniel R. Serritello, Orange County Chair
Nicole A. Hewson, Orange County Vice-Chair
B. Gary Triestman, Ulster County

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 p.m. by Duane Whitmer, Chair. Secretary Andrew Kolstee conducted a roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

Duane Whitmer issued a Chair's report.

Chance Haywood was not present to give an Executive Director report. Duane Whitmer and Andrew Kolstee reported on tasks given to the Executive Director on July 1, 2026. The first task was the collection of County Affiliate information, which has not been completed. The second task was regarding the database, which was deferred until the IT Director report. The third task was planning the NOTA campaign, which was deferred until the None of the Above for Governor Campaign Committee. The fourth was a list of all individuals who are running for State Senate and State Assembly for a targeted mailer on several issues, which has not been completed.

None of the Above for Governor Campaign Committee co-chair Christopher Skelly issued a report. The website votenota.org was launched along with a press release. There is a pledge to vote for NOTA form on the website. The campaign was covered by the Independent Political Report and Free Republic. The campaign was posted on social media, although a few individuals who support Larry Sharpe have pushed back. Sharpe failed to obtain enough signatures for the Republican Party primary or the Coalition Party line. The Executive Director assisted with securing the domain and launching the website.

Pietro Geraci expressed a concern that the Orange County Libertarian Party plans to table an event in support of Larry Sharpe and officers of the affiliate were invited to address their concerns. Orange County Chair Daniel Serritello and Orange County Vice-Chair Nicole Hewson were promoted to discuss their concerns. However, Orange County officers stated that the Orange County Libertarian Party stands with the None of the Above campaign. The Chair outlined several concerns regarding supporting Larry Sharpe, citing the lack of a strategy and resources. Monroe County Secretary Theresa Corrigan reported on Monroe County's experience with petitioning.

Communications Director Christopher Skelly issued a report in writing **(Exhibit 1)**.

Fundraising Director Mark Axinn did not have anything to report.

IT Director Justin Carman issued a report. Convention pages have been set up, and donation pages have been updated after leaving Humanitru. He will launch a help desk ticket system, which will be integrated with website forms. He is continuing work on the CRM.

Legislative Affairs Director Richard Purtell did not have anything to report.

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

Political Director Paul Grindle issued a report. He is waiting on the list of candidates. Evan Lebrecht has developed a candidate tracker.

Volunteer Director Catrina Rocco issued a report. She has assisted the Westchester-Putnam Libertarian Party with yard signs. She also attended the Nassau County Libertarian Party meeting. Blay Tarnoff is seeking support for his campaign for Congress.

Conventions Oversight Committee Chair Catrina Rocco issued a report. There are 22 people registered for the convention. A total of $3,065 has been received from the registrations.

Elections Oversight Committee Chair Andrew Kolstee reported that the committee will meet to certify the results.

The Executive Committee discussed addressing the use of Flock cameras. Vice-Chair Daniel Castello is working on a plan.

The meeting **entered Executive Session** at 9:22 p.m. to discuss personnel matters without objection.

Motion by Mark Axinn to **adjourn Executive Session** passed without objection.

Executive Session was adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

Motion by Catrina Rocco **that the Chair be granted the authority to exercise sole supervisory and personnel authority over all staff for the remainder of this term** was seconded by Paul Grindle and passed without objection.

Motion by Catrina Rocco to **hire an Executive Assistant for the remainder of this term, with duties and responsibilities as determined by the Chair** was seconded by Mark Axinn and passed without objection.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **adjourn** was seconded by Daniel Castello and passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Andrew M. Kolstee
Secretary

Exhibit 1

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

September 2026

Prepared for the LPNY Executive Committee • Prepared by the Communications Director • As of September 13, 2026

Social Media Overview

Engagement Metrics for 2026 (Year-to-Date)

The following table summarizes key performance indicators for impressions and follower growth across LPNY's primary social media platforms from January 1, 2026, through the present date.

Platform	Impressions	Current Follower Count
X	1.127M	10,559
Facebook	3.174M	20,225

Facebook continues to deliver the larger share of raw impressions and remains the Party's largest owned audience. X is the more conversational channel and the primary venue for discussion of ballot access, statewide strategy, and the NOTA campaign. Combined year-to-date reach on these two platforms exceeds 4.3 million impressions. Figures cover LPNY's official accounts only and exclude paid advertising, affiliate pages, and the newly launched NOTA campaign accounts.

NOTA Campaign — Communications Note

The VOTE NOTA campaign website has launched at votenota.org. Dedicated Facebook and X accounts for NOTA New York have been created and officially launched with the website and press release. The press release has been issued and remains available to the Executive Committee.

Six pledges have been received through the website to date. The campaign has received attention from Independent Political Report, which published a September 5, 2026 article on the launch. Social media reaction has been mixed, with the most visible criticism coming from supporters of Larry Sharpe. Full campaign status is set out in the accompanying NOTA Campaign Report.

Communications Priorities

- Continue regular posting on LPNY's official X and Facebook accounts, with clear separation between Party news and NOTA campaign content.
- Drive traffic from LPNY channels to votenota.org and the write-in voter guide.
- Track NOTA account metrics separately so they are not mixed into LPNY year-to-date totals.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Skelly
Communications Director
Libertarian Party of New York

Exhibit 2

I was on vacation for almost all of July and August, so I don't have much, but here's what I got:

I. Someone reached out from St. Lawrence County about starting an affiliate, but he turned out to be a moron.

II. Someone from Jefferson County reached out about starting an affiliate; I called him and gave him the run down and he said he'd think about it and get back to me.

III. Opportunities abound with Unite NY. Check their website.