**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK HELD ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 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
Paul M. Grindle, Political Director
Catrina Rocco, Volunteer Director

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

David B. "Chance" Haywood, Treasurer
Mark N. Axinn, Fundraising Director
Justin N. Carman, IT Director
Richard F. Purtell, Legislative Affairs Director
Pietro S. Geraci, Outreach Director

**OBSERVERS**

James B. Fitch, Member of the State Committee (JD5)
Mark S. Braiman, Member of the State Committee (JD6)
Samuel J. Hordeski, Member of the State Committee (JD6)
Steven G. Becker, Member of the State Committee (JD7)
Christian Padgett, Member of the State Committee (JD10)

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 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 **approve the minutes of the July 27, 2025 meeting of the Executive Committee; the August 5, 2025 meeting of the Executive Committee; the October 5, 2025 meeting of the Executive Committee; the October 25, 2025 meeting of the State Committee; the January 18, 2026 meeting of the Executive Committee; the February 22, 2026 meeting of the Executive Committee; the March 8, 2026 meeting of the State Committee; the March 29, 2026 meeting of the Executive Committee; the April 7, 2026 meeting of the Executive Committee; the April 12, 2026 meeting of the State Committee; the May 3, 2026 meeting of the Executive Committee; the May 22, 2026 meeting of the Executive Committee; the June 7, 2026 meeting of the Executive Committee; the June 28, 2026 meeting of the Executive Committee; the June 28, 2026 meeting of the State Committee; and the July 26, 2026 meeting of the Executive Committee** passed without objection.

Chance Haywood was not present to give a Treasurer's report.

Chance Haywood was not present to give an Executive Director report. Duane Whitmer reported that Haywood did not attend the two Executive Director meetings (September 14 and September 21) held since the last Executive Committee meeting.

None of the Above for Governor Campaign Committee co-chair Christopher Skelly issued a report. The committee is continuing to promote the campaign on social media and receive vote pledges. The Chair mentioned the need to request the write-in results under the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL).

Conventions Oversight Committee Chair Catrina Rocco issued a report. She presented a convention day planning worksheet and is seeking volunteers.

Elections Oversight Committee Chair Andrew Kolstee reported that the committee will meet September 28 at 8:00 p.m.

Duane Whitmer issued a Chair's report. In it, he reported that there is an issue in Niagara County regarding toxic waste dumping in a particular area. Some families are seeking relocation. There is a petition to involve the Environmental Protection Agency. He also reported that he has a list of local candidates to contact.

Motion by Paul Grindle to **extend the meeting for five hours** was ruled out of order by the Chair.

Motion by Catrina Rocco to **adjourn** was seconded by Christopher Skelly and passed without objection.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:30 p.m.

Andrew M. Kolstee
Secretary