

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON SUNDAY, JULY 26, 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
Justin N. Carman, IT Director
Pietro S. Geraci, Outreach Director
Paul M. Grindle, Political Director
Catrina Rocco, Volunteer Director

MEMBERS ABSENT

David B. "Chance" Haywood, Treasurer
Mark N. Axinn, Fundraising Director
Richard F. Purtell, Legislative Affairs Director

OBSERVERS

E. Rose Leatherman, Member of the State Committee (JD5)
Mark S. Braiman, Member of the State Committee (JD6)
Steven G. Becker, Member of the State Committee (JD7)
Vincent O'Neill, Member of the State Committee (JD10)
Theresa M. Corrigan, Monroe County Secretary
Michael J. Dowden, Nassau County Treasurer
Brett Yarris, Candidate for Putnam County Executive

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Duane Whitmer, Chair. Secretary Andrew Kolstee conducted a roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

Brett Yarris, candidate for Putnam County Executive, who is endorsed by the Westchester-Putnam Libertarian Party, addressed the committee.

Motion by Christopher Skelly to **authorize the beginning of a search for a paid Executive Director** was seconded by Daniel Castello and passed without objection.

None of the Above for Governor Campaign Committee co-chair Christopher Skelly issued a report. He presented a draft website for the campaign, along with marketing plans he has developed with Daniel Castello.

Communications Director Christopher Skelly issued a report.

IT Director Justin Carman issued a report. The convention website and registration form are complete. The Humanitru contract has not been renewed, and payment processing is shifting to Stripe. He is also working on numerous website updates, as well as a CRM.

Political Director Paul Grindle issued a report. He has compiled a list of tasks that need to be completed. He will also be meeting with Evan Lebrecht regarding a project. He further suggested coordinating messaging between the None of the Above for Governor campaign and local candidates.

Volunteer Director Catrina Rocco issued a report. The primary need for volunteers is for the campaign in Putnam County.

Conventions Oversight Committee Chair Catrina Rocco issued a report in writing (**Exhibit 1**).

Outreach Director Pietro Geraci issued a report. He mentioned that some colleges have Bitcoin Clubs.

Elections Oversight Committee Chair Andrew Kolstee mentioned that the committee has certified a list of qualified candidates, and all candidates and Local Affiliates have been notified accordingly.

Upcoming events and outreach opportunities were discussed.

Motion by Justin Carman to **adjourn** was seconded by Christopher Skelly and passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Andrew M. Kolstee
Secretary

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(will need a volunteer from 9:30-11:00 to check in)

9:30 am Check in: Registration

10:00-12:00 LPNY Business

12:00-12:30 Lunch w/Diane Sare (LPNY money bomb announcement)

12:30-4:30 LPNY Business, Ostrowski Speech, Closing Remarks by Chair.

(will need volunteer to check in from 5:30-7:00)

4:30-6:00 (Free time for those with Liberty's Elite, & Delegate Deluxe Full Day

4:30-7:00 (free time, dinner on own for those with Basic Delegate package)

6:00-7:00 Dinner Break Out Session

7:00-10:00 Liberty After Dark

4:30-7:00 Dinner on own around town (book reservation in advanced, unless going to Diner) Village Social, The Turk, Topsy Taco Bar, Las Americas, Oishii Bistro, Longhorn Steakhouse, Goodhouse Social Club, Pour, Bareburger, Little Crepe Street, Monarca, Bdageoini, Little Kabab Station, Exit 4 Food Hall just to name a few. There are many more.

Or

6:00-7:00 Dinner Breakout Session at Hotel MTK w/ Eric Brakey on The Liberty Candidate's Guide to Practical Door knocking. (included with Elite Sponsorship package, Delegate Full Day Package and Liberty After Dark Package)

7:00-10:00

Introduction of West-Put's endorsed candidate for Putnam County Executive, Blay Tarnoff?

Band/DJ- After every 2 or 3 songs we begin with our roasts. LPNY money bomb announcement)

Assortment of Desserts- Cash Bar-Coffee/tea service

Soft Stop at 10pm -Ending of entertainment and activities. We have 30 minutes afterwards to wind down socializing and conversations.

What's going into the **program**

-Thank you's to donors

-Welcome Statement from the Chair

-NAP

-Order of Business

-Speaker Profiles

-Advertisements

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-Cool things to do and places to visit while in Westchester, Ayn Rand's grave site, Thomas Paine Cottage & Museum, Rise Above Flotation, Empire City Casino, McClean Avenue Pub Crawl, ect.

Vendor Tables-

1. LPNY - We should have a printed copy of Free New York Available and maybe a County Affiliate Task Sheet (in yellow folder about what affiliates should be doing, basic compliance, seeking local candidates, attending board meetings and interfacing with electeds). We should also sell of any past LPNY Merchandise if we have/can)
2. Free State Project/Eric Brakey's Table (part of incentive package)
3. Yarris for Putnam County Executive (at vendor table fee)
4. Libertarian Mutual Aid? (at vendor table fee)
5. Jim Ostrowski ? (will comp if able to attend)
6. Caucuses? (at vendor table fee)
7. Libertarian Merchandise sales? (at vendor table fee)

Silent Table Auction Items-

Minimum of 5 or more affiliates sponsor a gift or gift basket each

Tables

1. VIP Table Markers
2. QR codes at each table for donations to the LPNY. Target \$500, Reach \$1000 in donations. Shout outs to donors throughout the night.

Wristbands-

Green- Elite Sponsor package- All Events, Lunch, Dinner, Dessert (plus yellow and black money bags button)

Yellow- Delegate Deluxe- All Events, Lunch, Dinner, Desserts

Blue- Delegate Package Day business, Liberty After Dark, Lunch, and Dessert, (no dinner)

Red- Liberty After Dark- With Dinner & Dessert (no lunch)

Green, yellow, blue = Lunch

Green, yellow, red = Dinner

All Dessert at (Liberty After Dark 7-10)

Assistance needed for

1. Check in AM & PM (ask nearby affiliates for non delegate to assist)
2. Someone to spearhead printing Free NY (if possible) and soliciting Libertarians for Articles
3. Silent Auction Coordination (Catrina will ask affiliates)
4. Order of Business for Program (Party Secretary?)
5. Welcome Statement from Chair (and vice chair)?
6. Thank you letter to our donors/sponsors (co written from Treasurer/Fundraising Director)

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7. Someone to make a link on our website to donate to the convention moneybomb.
Starting Friday 10/23 ending midnight 10/24. (and monitor throughout the convention providing updates)
8. Someone to set and tend to LPNY table.