

# NY Overview

# New York STAR Voting Chapter

**Zoom link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5782786837>

**Event Invite:** [http://starvoting.org/ny\\_meeting](http://starvoting.org/ny_meeting)

**Drive:**  New York Chapter

## Roles:

- **Chair:**
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## Oct 27, 2025 Monthly Meeting

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**(time) am:** Review Prior Action Items

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**(time) pm:** Discussion

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**Action Items:**

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**Motions Passed or Decisions Made?:**

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August 25th 2025

# Aug 25, 2025 Monthly Meeting

Attendance: Arend, Sara, Orson, Brian, Erik, Flynn

(10 min) Intro/Open Discussion and Education for New Members

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☒ Intros

- Name + Location
- What's your why?
- What's your background with civic activism?

(time) am: Discussion

- Updates
  - Brian
    - Reached out to Monroe County election board
    - Reached out to state senator (able to meet with staff)
      - Will follow up with constitutionality
    - Local DSA, Libertarians, Republicans, Democrats, Green Party
      - DSA got back to Brian
      - They seemed interested
      - They didn't like STV for the single transferable vote
      - N most agreeable, versus n most representative
    - Do we have boiler plate legislation?
      - Sara: Yes, we have boilerplates for statewide, pilots, studies, and a couple more
  - Orson
    - Shall we flood administrators with mail on STAR Voting?
      - That's a tool in the toolchest, but we would probably save that for when we have a specific ask, and start that with individual outreach
  - Erik
    - Unite NY is pushing for RCV
    - They're doing documentary screenings of majority rules
    - LWV is doing an event with Unite NY, that can be a good to get STAR in on

- Flynn
  - MK had done research on home rule law
  - Flynn had verified his findings
  - Most municipalities in NY are allowed to supercede state law with their local ruling
  - Will create a memo which can be persuasive for district attorneys.
- What's your 3-year vision for the chapter?
- How will the chapter balance local and state-wide efforts?
- What specific goals should be set for the NY chapter? (below are some examples)
  - SMART Goals
    - Specific
    - Measurable
    - Achievable
    - Relevant
    - Time-bound
  - Canvass for X new contacts
  - Contact X legislators
  - Gather X endorsements from organizations
  - Gain X new volunteers
  - Schedule X meetings / presentations
  - Etc
- Chapter Meetings
  - How often should the chapter meet?
    - Monthly (Brian, and Orson)
  - Erik will reach out to Matthew Kouba
  - Brian can be backup for scheduling meetings
- Leadership Roles
  - 5-point leadership model
  -  5 Point STAR Chapter Leadership Model

(time) pm: Open Discussion

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(time)pm: Adjourn:

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- Sara:
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  - Create list of template legislation
- Arend
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Meeting Notes:

Motions Passed or Decisions Made?:

September 22nd 2025



# Sep 22, 2025 Monthly Meeting

Chair:

Note Taker:

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- Who makes the determination about which method gets used
  - For a county in NY the county legislature are the people
  - For Ulster County, they have 12 people on the board and there's a general
  - <https://legislature.ulstercountyny.gov/>
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(time) pm: Open Discussion

- 4th Monday's at 5pm EST
  - Next meeting October 20th @ 5pm EST
- Which platforms are you most available on
  - Orson: Text or Email
  - Brian: Slack, Email

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- Orson:
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- Flynn:
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October 27th 2025

# Oct 27, 2025 Monthly Meeting

## Leadership:

- Chair: Arend
- Note Taker: Brian Padalino
- Attendance: Arend, Sara, Brian, Orson

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- Orson
  - Follow up with legislator after reaching out

- Brian
  - Continue engagement with LWV locally and state wide
  - Reach out to Libertarian party in Rochester and assess engagement
  - Investigate local laws for implementing STAR voting (i.e. School Board, etc.)
  - Reach out to other election reform organizations (i.e. UniteNY, etc.)
- Arend
  - ☒ Finish the events page listing ([starvoting.org/events](http://starvoting.org/events))
  - ☒ Duplicate the event for future meetings
  - ☒ Convert NY standing agenda to use tabs instead of a long scroll, and using the agenda template
- Sara
  - Send Brian the name of the LWV NYS advocate for RCV
  - Presentation to Greens 10/28
  - Contact Artie Sintef and David Fite re Libertarian Party.
- Matthew Kuoba:
  - sync with team on election laws in NY that are relevant.
- Eric Carter:
  - sync with team to get notes/video to pass on from FWD party presentation to Brian, including contacts.

### Meeting Notes:

- Orson
  - Reached out to local legislator, but did not hear anything back.
  - Talked with the Green Party to introduce STAR Voting/Sara to present
- Brian
  - League of Women Voters
    - President of LWV Rochester wants to work with NY State and Senate to get something adopted
    - NY LWV has recently codified Final Five RCV Voting
    - Sara met the person, in charge of outreach and education at previous Forward Party meeting
    - Frame STAR as an update, so that LWV can upgrade without it feeling like a back peddle
    - Brian can connect the outreach coordinator with the local league
- Sara
  - Presented and got feedback from Forward Party

- Met NY Outreach person for pitching RCV. He supports STAR as an update to RCV, recommends framing it as an update, not a position reversal.
- Talked with Hadassah Mativetsky regarding adding STAR voting to NYS
- Allies to reengage
  - o Libertarian party outreach
    - Artie Sintef
    - David Fite
  - o DSA Outreach
    - DJ Elf
  - o AOC Design Firm
    - AOC and Bernie have both been silent on RCV
  - o Lindsey Cormack
    -  Ranked-Choice in NYC: A Look at the Voter Experience" wit...
    - [https://starvoting.org/peer\\_review](https://starvoting.org/peer_review) ( <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/1532673X231220640> )
  - o Jon Munitz: <https://x.com/JonMunitz>
    - Podcasted in NY
    - Big on UBI

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November 24th 2025

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