

Delegate Assembly: DRAFT Minutes

January 24, 2019

Present:

BATSON	EC	GUISHARD	BCC	CHITTY	HEO	TIRYAKI-SONMEZ	L	ROSENTHAL	QCC
BOWEN	EC	KOLOZI	BCC	DEMPSTER	HEO	BASTAS	LGCC	STARK	QCC
COHEN	EC	WHARTON	BEOC			CONNERS	LGCC	CERMELE	RET
DAVIS	EC	BARNETT	C	GALLAGHER	HEO	COOGAN	LGCC	FRIEDHEIM	RET
DELUTRO	EC	HUANG	C	HARRINGTON	HEO	DURAND	LGCC	HYLAND	RET
DIEUDONNE	EC	STEMBERG	C	MATOS	HEO	EGGER-SIDER	LGCC	KOTELCHUCK	RET
DIRAIMO	EC	JEU	CLT	MILLER	HEO	SEO	LGCC	MCCALL	RET
GREENBAUM	EC	ARENA	CSI	OKROSY	HEO	VAN SLYCK	LGCC	MORAN	RET
LEBERSTEIN	EC	COPE	CSI	STEWART	HEO	GRONOWICZ	MCC	PERLSTEIN	RET
LEWIS	EC	BAINS	GCC	CLARKE	JJ	HOFF	MCC	SHEIDLOWER	Y
LONDON	EC	FOUNTAIN	GS	EPSTEIN	JJ	HUTCHISON	MCC	WEISBLATT	Y
MAJUMDAR	EC	JABOLA-CAROLUS	GS	HOVEY	JJ	KURTZ	MCC		
MELTZER	EC	KAGAN	GS	KANG	JJ	LEVY	MCC		
PERSINGER	EC	SHIRAZI	GS	MARKOWITZ	JJ	OFFENHOLLEY	MCC		
SMITH	EC	SWEATTE	GS	PINELLO	JJ	SMART	MCC		
SPEAR	EC	TURNER	GS	PITTMAN	JJ	DOUGLAS	NYCT		
TYNER- MULLINGS	EC	GLICK	H	SEXTON	JJ	LOGUERCIO	NYCT		
UTAKIS	EC	GOLD	H	CALLY	KCC	MACDONALD	NYCT		
VAZQUEZ	EC	BERNARDINI	HCC	ALEXANDER	L	NGANA	NYCT		
WINTER	EC	PIMENTEL	HCC	AUSLANDER	L	PANAYOTAKIS	NYCT		
WINE	BAR	STEINBERG	HCC	CAMPBELL	L	RUDDEN	NYCT		
DIGIROLAMO	BAR	BINK	HEO	FARRELL	L	BUCHSBAUM	Q		
PETERSEN	BAR	BOSKET	HEO	MELLEN	L	CLINGAN	QCC		

Guests:

Nora Almeida (NYCT), Lara Beaty (LGCC), Sandra Craig (NYCT), Sami Disy (JJ), Elisabeth Gareis (BAR), Sarah Gatur (Student), Hayley Iam (Student), Carol Lang (BCC), Shayla Levi (Student), Marcia Newfield (RET), Sarah Standing (NYCT), Ruth Wangerin (L), Thomas Watters (B),

Staff:

Ahmad, Shomial	Gabriel, Barbara	Lewis, Sam	Pfordresher, Kate	Young, Patricia
Bell, Debbie	Guzman, Jorge	Moore, Faye	Powell, Emma	Zauderer, Naomi
Brill, Deirdre	Lasher, Renee	Paul, Ari	Rasiotis, Sam	Zwiebach, Pete
Clark, Francis	Lashley, Kim	Paul, Eric	Rosato, Diana	

I. **Approvals**

A. Agenda

MOTION: To accept the agenda amended to move the Taylor Law Resolution to the President's Report (Motion: K. Okrosy; Seconded.) **APPROVED.**

B. Minutes

MOTION: To accept the December minutes (Motion: S. Sheidlower; Seconded.) **APPROVED.**

II. **President's Report and Discussion**

- Moment of silence for HEO Delegate Carrie Roberts who passed away. Pres. Bowen read a statement about her union service written by Andrea Vasquez.
- Future DA scheduling – The union is considering changing the regular day of the DA to Tuesday or Wednesday to reduce scheduling conflicts with other organizations. We will need to plan well in advance; please share any thoughts on the idea with N. Majumdar.
- Update on adjunct multi-year appointment grievances – More than 2,000 adjuncts are now on multi-year appointments. PSC is in settlement talks on two major grievances on implementation.

- **MOTION to accept Taylor Law Resolution to be sent to NYSUT RA calling for the repeal of the no-strike provision of the Taylor Law**

Resolved that NYSUT will work with legislators and other public-sector unions to draft legislation that, without diminishing any of organized labor's existing legal protections, will grant public-sector employees the right to strike.

Resolved that NYSUT will fight for public-sector workers in New York State to gain the legal right to strike by making the repeal of [Section 210 of the Taylor Law](#) a legislative priority and working with other unions and organizations to this end.

Resolved that NYSUT will include in its publications and membership meetings opportunities for education on the right to strike in the United States, including how the right was won, its history as a fundamental democratic right, the role it has played in building the labor movement, and the history of the Taylor Law in New York State.

MOTION: To amend line 48 to add "including the Triborough Amendment" (Motion: B. Shepard; seconded) **APPROVED.**

Motion passed by acclamation.

- There is still no new CUNY Chancellor, but we expect an announcement soon.
- Bargaining and Contract Campaign – PSC is building a series of tactics to achieve an acceptable contract settlement. State and city unions have been settling contracts at 2% per year. . The governor just released his executive budget, with little new funding for CUNY. Meetings of PSC leaders are being rescheduled for earlier in the start of the semester to discuss strategy and tactics.

Two bargaining sessions are scheduled in February. CUNY did not include funding for \$7K in their budget request. PSC must maintain the pressure. A preliminary calendar of actions for January to April 2019 was presented.

- Delegate Pamela Stemberg presented a petition signed by 10% of the Delegates calling for a special DA on Saturday Feb. 9th to discuss and plan for the contract campaign. Pres. Bowen said the Officers would work to schedule it, depending on space available that weekend, and inform Delegates.

III. **Administrative Items**

A. Executive Director's Report – D. Bell

The union needs to increase membership among part-timers. The organizers and the liaisons cannot do it alone. We need to ensure that we gain access to new hires in both full-time and part-time titles on their work-time through orientations.

Elections Committee Report

The Committee certified the election of alternate delegates in two chapters

Retiree Chapter: Robert Cermele replaces Joan Greenbaum as an alternate delegate.

Lehman Chapter: Gul Tiryaki-Sonmez replaces Christy Folsom as alternate delegate.

Pre-printed nominating petitions for chapter elections are available and are due back on March 4.

MOTION: The DA appoints N. Majumdar and S. Persinger as alternates to the Elections Committee to replace members who have retired and ensure a quorum for review of petitions and voting. (Motion: B. Friedheim; Seconded) **APPROVED.**

- B. N. Majumdar reported that the Executive Committee approved a statement in solidarity with the faculty who are on strike at Wright State University.

C. Treasurer's Report – S. Persinger

Summary for November

Operating Income \$1,635,000

Operating Expenses \$1,515,000

Surplus \$ 120,000

Summary for the Year to Date (3 months)

Total Operating Income \$4,622,000

Total Operating Expenses \$4,332,000

Surplus \$ 290,000

Year to Date (3 months)

A \$50,000 deficit was budgeted for three months. The financial statement shows an actual three-month surplus of \$290,000 when year-to-date expenditures are compared with year-to-date income. Over three months, PSC spent \$452,000 less in expenses than budgeted and received \$112,000 less income than anticipated. This resulted in a favorable bottom line of \$340,000.

No vote could be taken due to loss of quorum.

IV. **Resolutions**

A. Full Divestment from Fossil Fuels

B. Housing and Climate Justice in New York City

No vote could be taken on the resolutions due to loss of quorum.

V. **Old Business**

E. Moran reported that there is still no Pension Committee.

VI. **New Business**

J. Gallagher requested that the union provide information on any impact to members, including RF members, from the federal government shutdown, especially through any interruption in federal grants.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. **Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn at 8:50p.m. (Motion: E. Hovey; Seconded) **APPROVED.**