

**POLITICAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**September 10, 2021**

**(Community Engagement Zone – Rochester)**

**Minutes**

Chair Cotter called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

**Roll Call:** A quorum was established

**Present:** Chair Cathleen **Cotter,** Vice-Chair John **Ferrara**, Secretary Amanda **Hemmingsen-Jaeger**, Nicole **Juan**, Kristin **Kirchoff-Franklin,** Chet **Bodin,** President Megan **Dayton,** MAPE Staff Leah **Solo**

**Region 20 Members:** Steven **Speltz** (2001 President), Angela **Christle** (Region 20 Director), Gabe **­** (MNDOT Meet and Confer)

**Absent:** Tess **Flom,** MAPE Staff Devin **Bruce** (excused)

**Abbreviations:** Political Council (PC), Political Action Committee (PAC)

**Business:**

* Welcome and Introductions
* Brief overview of Political Council (PC) PowerPoint presentation (**Juan**)
* Political Action Committee (PAC) PowerPoint presentation (**Juan**)
	+ Question: What is the regional (specifically Rochester) PAC membership?
	+ Feedback**:** Communicate PAC donation process to members, especially as nearing election time
* Region 20 Overview PowerPoint presentation (**Speltz**)
	+ About 500 employees across 48 work sites (71% membership)
	+ Region includes I-35 east to border, and Red Wing south to Iowa
	+ Feedback: Reaching out to new employees is very valuable
	+ Conversations Training was very successful
	+ Quarterly steward trainings
* Motion (**Ferrara**): PC will cover lost time for members present
	+ 2nd (**Juan**)
	+ Passed by consensus
* Contract approval and current path (**Solo**)
	+ Essential Worker Taskforce ($250 million) -> Full legislature
	+ Telling the MAPE story
	+ Despite history of contract not being partisan, it is becoming more so due to division of Legislature
	+ Next steps: Membership vote (in progress) -> Subcommittee on Employee Relations (SER); Has 30 days to meet and have a tie or positive vote to pass (interim effect) -> Full legislature for ratification during regular session
* Member Comments
	+ Concern over disclosing medical information due to vaccination status

**Next meeting:** Friday, October 8th at 9:00 AM (Zoom)

**Adjourned at 12:12 PM**

**Afternoon** – Conducted de-brief, discussions, and plans for future development zone meetings