

**POLITICAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 10, 2021**

**Minutes**

Chair Cotter called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

**Roll Call:** A quorum was established

**Present (PC):** Chair Cathleen **Cotter,** Vice-Chair John **Ferrara**, Secretary Amanda **Hemmingsen-Jaeger**, Nicole **Juan**, Tess **Flom,** Kristin **Kirchoff-Franklin,** Chet **Bodin**

**Present (Negotiations):** Maureen **Dunaway**, Nicholas **Snavely,** Jerry **Schmitt**

**Present (Staff):** Devin **Bruce,** Dan **Engelhart,** Leah **Solo**

**Absent:** (excused)

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

**Business:**

* Welcome
  + For January welcome, will get a buddy and present a 2-3 minute biographical speech (posted in Slack)
* Report out on 1:1s
* Board/Exec Updates (**Cotter**)
  + Upcoming membership action at MAPE/virtual to call nonmembers on day that pay increases take effect
    - Sign up with Alex Erickson!
  + Strategic Planning board retreat and meeting recap
    - Presentation on “Member and Union Values” (**Solo**)
      * Review of member survey
  + Political Fund update
* PAC Update (**Juan**)
  + Next meeting will be interviewing for new PAC members
* **Motion (Kirchoff-Franklin):** Approve November minutes
  + Second (**Ferrara**)
  + Passed by consensus
* 2022 Political Council Work Plan
  + Review of development zone
  + Work Plan Presentation (**Solo**)
    - Review
    - 2022 Legislative Session
      * $7.7 billion surplus
      * Challenges
      * Potential issues
        + Frontline workers
        + Childcare
        + Paid Family Medical Leave
        + Transportation/Infrastructure projects
    - Member Engagement
      * Lobby Week (Week of March 7th)
        + Possible partnering with Organizing Council and Negotiations team
        + Virtual
      * End of Session Rally (early May)
        + Possible partnering with Organizing Council, Negotiations Team, and other unions
        + In-person
      * Post-Session
    - PC member tasks
  + **Motion (Juan):** Approve lunch reimbursement for OC and Negotiations members for this afternoon’s meeting
    - Second (**Flom**)
    - Passed by consensus

**Joint Meeting with Negotiations Team**

* Introductions
* Political Landscape (**Solo**)
  + Hyperpartisan
  + Every seat is up for election
  + Projected budget surplus
  + Member engagement with Legislators is important
* Level Setting – What has each group been up to? (**Juan**)
  + Political Council recap on development zones, targeted areas, and goals for 2022
  + PAC recap, update, and endorsement process discussion
  + Organizing Council recap on Membership Blitz surrounding retropay on 12/17/21, organizing efforts and changes
  + Discussion on how engagement has/is changing (COVID, virtual meetings, etc.)
  + Negotiations team recap on plans for future and working with PC, OC
  + Future joint meetings
* Action Planning (**Solo**)
  + PC working on Lobby Week
  + Work with Negotiations for Rally (**Kirchoff-Franklin** will reach out)
  + Discussion about outreach, local media, member education, and recruitment
  + Reach out to Meet and Confer Chairs
  + Expected to hear back from OC and Negotiations on commitment by January 14th (next PC meeting)

**Next meeting:** Friday, January 14th at 9:00 AM (Location TBD)

**Adjourned at 3:25 PM**