

**POLITICAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 11, 2022**

**Minutes**

Chair Cotter called the meeting to order at 12:35 P.M.

**Roll Call:** A quorum was established

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

**Present (Staff and Executive):** Devin **Bruce,** Leah **Solo**

**Absent:** Tess **Flom** (excused)

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

**Business:**

* Welcome
* Approve February 11th and March 3rd minutes
	+ **Motion (Bodin):** Approve minutes from February 11th and March 3rd meetings
		- Second (**Juan**)
		- Passed by consensus
* Bylaws review (**Ferrara**)
	+ Review and amend with updates
	+ Attendance (Article 6)
		- Expected that PC would reach out to member prior to pursuing action
	+ Meetings and Voting (Article 7)
	+ Topics for future discussion (potentially July)
		- Excused vs. unexcused in a future discussion
		- Suspensions, removal, and judicial process
* Lobby Week debrief
	+ Reactions from members
	+ Continue to increase engagement and bring in new people
	+ Follow-up with legislators: <https://mape.org/contact-your-legislators>
	+ Additional follow-up coming
* Next steps after lobby week on development zones
	+ How did it go with targeted districts?
	+ Did we identify new leaders?
	+ Plans to get more folks to write emails to legislators
	+ Future dates:
1. May Rally (?)
2. Summer Door knock and social thing
3. Fall Door knocks
* TBA: Trainings in June?
* PAC Listening Session (**Juan**)
	+ March 15th and 16th
	+ Keep focused on contract, negotiations, MAPE related concerns/issues
* PC Operations Lead
	+ **Ferrara** stepping down
	+ Responsibilities: Onboarding new members (including ensuring new e-mail, Association Leave letter), Slack Administrator
* Statewide Elections
	+ Nominations due March 17th
	+ **Juan** running for re-election
	+ **Hemmingsen-Jaeger** not running for re-election
	+ Discussed goals and responsibilities for supporting MAPE endorsed candidates
		- Currently, PC members need 5 shifts (~2 hours) prior to election, and 3 during GOTV
		- Personal and development zone goals?
		- Future standing agenda item to report on progress
		- Training
		- Future meeting(s) set goals and plan
		- Summer meetings may include business and shift work
	+ Reviewed development zone arc

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

**Adjourned at 3:10 PM**