

**POLITICAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 8, 2022**

**Minutes**

Chair Cotter called the meeting to order at 9:08 A.M.

**Roll Call:** A quorum was established

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

**Absent:** Devin **Bruce,** Leah **Solo,** Kristin **Kirchoff-Franklin** (excused)

**Business:**

* Welcome/Approve March 11th minutes
  + Passed by consensus
* Development Zone follow-up
  + 1:1s follow-up
  + How can we support people?
    - Member-to-member calls
    - Partnering with other unions
* Legislature
  + Contracts
    - Passed the House on March 28th
    - Hearing in the Senate TBA
  + Writing to Senators in progress
  + Rally discussion
* Updating Legislative priorities
  + Period poverty platform proposal (Monica **Weber**)
  + Upcoming solicitation for reviewing legislative priorities
  + Listening sessions in May/June (after session ends)?
* Table at Women Winning event
* Candidates for Political Council
  + Two appointments
  + Two vacancies, but only one nomination so will need a special election
* In-person vs. Virtual meeting
  + Next six-month schedule of development zone locations
  + Summer schedule
    - May 13th (in-person at MAPE HQ)
    - June 9th (virtual)
    - OC Membership drive June 10th (in-person)
    - July 7-8 for onboarding new members
* Executive Team Update (**Cotter**)
  + Labor Notes Conference in Chicago, June 17th-19th (<https://www.labornotes.org/2022>)
  + New Board of Directors and Executive Team App – Govenda
  + OC Membership Drive on June 10th
* Political Action Committee (PAC) Report (**Juan**)
  + Recap of screening meeting with Governor Walz
    - Endorsed by MAPE
  + Endorsements update
  + Plans post-session
  + Local meetings

**Next meeting:** Friday, May 13th at 9:00 AM (MAPE HQ)

**Adjourned at 11:17 AM**