

**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**