

**POLITICAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 12, 2021**

**Minutes**

Vice-Chair Ferrara called the meeting to order at 9:08 A.M.

**Roll Call:** A quorum was established

**Present:** Vice-Chair John **Ferrara**, Secretary Amanda **Hemmingsen-Jaeger**, Nicole **Juan**, Rebeca **Sedarski**, Chet **Bodin**, MAPE Staff Leah **Solo**, MAPE Staff Devin **Bruce**

**Absent:** Chair Cathleen **Cotter,** Monica **Weber** (excused)

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

**Business:**

* Welcome
* Legislative Updates (**Solo**)
* Over 1,000 participants for Zoom Summit with Governor between Zoom meeting and YouTube.
* YouTube video has had over 500 views
* Revised budget forecast released
* Early Retirement Incentive (ERI) update
* Expires March 31, 2021
* Paid Family/Medical Leave (PFL) bill
* Has not been heard in the Senate, but traveling through the House
* Private prison ban bill
* Pre-sentence Investigative report (PSI) bill
* **Motion (Juan):** Approve February Political Council minutes
* Second (Sedarski)
* Passed
* Political Council Webpage update **(Solo)**
* PC web page updates include charter/bylaws; platform and minutes coming soon

<https://mape.org/committees/political-council>

<https://mape.org/legislative-session-2021>

* One on One report outs **(all)**
* Juan: four in the last month, two scheduled for next week. Conversations focused on equity work within agency (DHS), legislative and budget updates, and membership
* Ferarra: monthly 1:1 with regional director, meeting with members in local and other greater MN locals, OC Chair Sarah Evans
* Sedarski: Was in Mexico most of the last month (excused)
* Bodin: Meetings for DOH recruitment; outreach to locals (Alexandria, Brainerd, Duluth, etc) to participate in legislative meetings
* Hemmingsen-Jaeger: working through steward issues and membership; working on meeting with and activating folks for DOC/DPS/BCA DOH
* Brief convo on telework anticipated timelines and policies
* Day on the Hill Updates and Discussion **(Solo)**
* Brief conversation on recruitment; working with OC, regional directors Meet and Confers, etc.
* Monday March 15: DHS, MNSure, MDH
* Reviewed agenda
* March 24: DOC/DPS/BCA
* Able to sign up in portal; more folks expected for the full
* Others upcoming:
* MN State
* All call (possibly)
* Joint PC/PAC/Political Fund Conversation **(Solo/Ferrara)**
* Looking to schedule around the end April or June (post negotiations)?
* Trying on Friday of April (23rd)
* Leah reaching out to PAC and Political fund to confirm date
* Topics include gathering information and guidance on legalities on working together, strategy, and any changes if necessary
* Also: Two PAC openings
* Negotiations
* Should be a standing PC agenda item
* Invite co-chairs to next PC meeting for update and discussion on collaboration
* For next month’s PC meeting, Nicole will invite:
* Adam Novotny & Carolyn Murphy
* All PC members should try to have a 1:1 with their regional negotiations rep in the next month.
* **Motion (Juan):** Give $100 each to Rebeca and Cathleen in memorial of their fathers
* Second (Bodin)
* Passed
* Joint Meeting with Organizing Council
* Members present: Zac Echola, Sarah Weiss, Co-Chair Lauren Siegel, Kirsten Peterson, Bobbie Miller Thomas, Co-Chair Sarah Evans
* Discussion about a Joint Resolution to update Board of Directors Workgroups
* **Motion (Ferrara):** Members of Organizing and Political Councils support the draft to change the Board Workgroup Rules, and seek out other MAPE committees to present at Board of Directors meeting in June
* Second (Miller Thomas)
* Passed
* Organizing in Development Zones
* Rochester
* St. Cloud
* Maple Grove
* Stillwater
* White Bear Lake
* Ely
* Brainerd/Bemidji
* Discussion of work for reaching out to members, and informing and engaging members into their local political process
* Strengthsfinder assessment
* Utilizing a consultant to conduct for OC/PC during a summer joint meeting
* Council members can submit proposals and ideas for discussion at check-in meeting to take place in the second half of May
* Proposals should include: Consultant/group name, why, estimated cost, and estimated lead time
* PAC Update (**Juan**)

**Next meeting:** Friday, April 9th at 9:00 AM

**Adjourned at 2:27 PM**

**Back-up Note-Taking Rotation:**

April - Monica

May - Chet

June - Nicole