

**POLITICAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 9, 2021**

**Minutes**

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

**Roll Call:** A quorum was established

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

**Absent (excused):** Rebeca **Sedarski,** Monica **Weber**

**Business:**

* Welcome
* **Motion:** Approve outstanding minutes (March) **(Ferrara)**
  + Second (Hemmingsen-Jaeger)
  + Passed
* Legislative Updates (**Bruce, Solo**)
* DOC/DPS/BCA Day on the Hill Recap
* Good turnout from MAPE and Legislature (both parties)
* Omnibus Bills completed this week
* House – Almost all operating adjustments included; Senate – Almost none
* Bills moving to House and Senate next week
* Discussion of federal funds and American Rescue Plan
* Hopefully will hear something by May 1st
* Premium Pay update
* Private businesses, Tribal governments, Municipalities, etc. eligible
* Essential frontline workers paid up to $13/hour ($25,000/year) for work during the pandemic
* Cost effects of moving instruction from on-campus to online
* Cost Winona State $10 million to move to distance learning
* DHS/MDH Day on the Hill Recap (**Juan**)
* Successful – Twitter activity, member interest, good turnout from MAPE and Legislature (both parties)
* Good feedback about training from members
* MMB proposals discussion
* Reactions to proposal
* Concerns about lack of equity consideration and teleworking provisions
* Next steps/Actions
* One on One report outs **(all)**
* Discussions and reactions from MMB proposal
* Placement of promotional opportunities
* Partnering with other unions
* Questions about MAPE management
* Supporting Negotiations Team
* All-Call Day on the Hill?
* Job classifications
* Request to support legislation
* Crimes motivated by bias (HF1691)
* MAPE members requested statement against AAPI hate
* **Motion (Bodin):** Political Council to support the language in HF1691, and request Board of Directors approval for MAPE support.
  + Second (**Juan**)
  + Passed
* Negotiations Conversation (Guest Adam Novotny-Negotiations Co-Chair)
* Mixed messaging between Governor/Commissioner conversations and the proposals from MMB
* Reactions of proposed language
* Structural racial inequities shown in hiring, retaining, and layoff practices
* Next steps – identifying engagement and education plans
* Action for Temporary Unclassified employees– April 22nd
* Sign-up: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeV2E3ND36Leycn0zm7ky1157kRsRrW3x5URD1-p4-crhsfGg/viewform>
* Budget
* MNSTATE Day on the Hill **(Ferrara)**
* Targeting April 29th
* Same format at previous
* Well organized and prepared Meet and Confer
* Issues:
* MNSTAT funding
* ISRS (Integrated Student Records System)/NexGen funding
* Permanent unclassified employees
* All Call Day on the Hill **(Solo)**
* No tentative date yet
* Possibly collaborate with another group
* Going forward with planning
* Idea for fall session or training to encourage Meet and Confers to proactively get involved prior to the legislative session
* Agenda item for May meeting: Discuss planning for legislative priorities (call for ideas, timing, outreach, coordinate with Communications)
* Next Steps – Legal Joint Meeting
* Better understanding of roles and Campaign Finance law
* Tentatively April 30th
* Part-day meeting with PAC

**Next meeting:** Friday, May 14th at 9:00 AM

**Adjourned at ­­­­1:50 PM**

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

May - Chet

June - Nicole