

**POLITICAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 10, 2021**

**Minutes**

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

**Roll Call:** A quorum was established

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

**Present (Negotiations):** Maureen **Dunaway**, Nicholas **Snavely,** Jerry **Schmitt**

**Present (Staff):** Devin **Bruce,** Dan **Engelhart,** Leah **Solo**

**Absent:** (excused)

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

**Business:**

* Welcome
	+ For January welcome, will get a buddy and present a 2-3 minute biographical speech (posted in Slack)
* Report out on 1:1s
* Board/Exec Updates (**Cotter**)
	+ Upcoming membership action at MAPE/virtual to call nonmembers on day that pay increases take effect
		- Sign up with Alex Erickson!
	+ Strategic Planning board retreat and meeting recap
		- Presentation on “Member and Union Values” (**Solo**)
			* Review of member survey
	+ Political Fund update
* PAC Update (**Juan**)
	+ Next meeting will be interviewing for new PAC members
* **Motion (Kirchoff-Franklin):** Approve November minutes
	+ Second (**Ferrara**)
	+ Passed by consensus
* 2022 Political Council Work Plan
	+ Review of development zone
	+ Work Plan Presentation (**Solo**)
		- Review
		- 2022 Legislative Session
			* $7.7 billion surplus
			* Challenges
			* Potential issues
				+ Frontline workers
				+ Childcare
				+ Paid Family Medical Leave
				+ Transportation/Infrastructure projects
		- Member Engagement
			* Lobby Week (Week of March 7th)
				+ Possible partnering with Organizing Council and Negotiations team
				+ Virtual
			* End of Session Rally (early May)
				+ Possible partnering with Organizing Council, Negotiations Team, and other unions
				+ In-person
			* Post-Session
		- PC member tasks
	+ **Motion (Juan):** Approve lunch reimbursement for OC and Negotiations members for this afternoon’s meeting
		- Second (**Flom**)
		- Passed by consensus

**Joint Meeting with Negotiations Team**

* Introductions
* Political Landscape (**Solo**)
	+ Hyperpartisan
	+ Every seat is up for election
	+ Projected budget surplus
	+ Member engagement with Legislators is important
* Level Setting – What has each group been up to? (**Juan**)
	+ Political Council recap on development zones, targeted areas, and goals for 2022
	+ PAC recap, update, and endorsement process discussion
	+ Organizing Council recap on Membership Blitz surrounding retropay on 12/17/21, organizing efforts and changes
	+ Discussion on how engagement has/is changing (COVID, virtual meetings, etc.)
	+ Negotiations team recap on plans for future and working with PC, OC
	+ Future joint meetings
* Action Planning (**Solo**)
	+ PC working on Lobby Week
	+ Work with Negotiations for Rally (**Kirchoff-Franklin** will reach out)
	+ Discussion about outreach, local media, member education, and recruitment
	+ Reach out to Meet and Confer Chairs
	+ Expected to hear back from OC and Negotiations on commitment by January 14th (next PC meeting)

**Next meeting:** Friday, January 14th at 9:00 AM (Location TBD)

**Adjourned at 3:25 PM**