



## **POLITICAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 8, 2021**

### **Minutes**

Chair Cotter called the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M

**Roll Call:** A quorum was established

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

**Absent:** (excused)

#### **Business:**

1. Welcome
2. Back-up notetaking rotation (**Hemmingsen-Jaeger**)
  - a. January-Weber
  - b. February-Bodin
  - c. March-Juan
  - d. April-Weber
  - e. May-Bodin
3. Reflection on Retreat (**Ferrara**)
4. Next Steps on Legislative Plan (**Solo**)
  - a. Geographical areas of focus
  - b. Days on the Hill: Agency specific, Building, One overall day
  - c. Will be requesting help from Regional Directors for their respective agency/region
  - d. Assist or work with Negotiations Team?
5. **Motion (Ferrara):** Pay for lost time for members participating in agency day on the hill
  - a. Second (**Juan**)
  - b. Passed
  - c. Cotter, Ferrera, and Juan will work out details and criteria

6. Executive Session entered at 11:17 AM and ended at 11:35 AM
  - a. Consensus reached that in-person meetings will occur when members and attending staff are vaccinated
  
7. COVID-19 Vaccines
  - a. Support statement from Executive committee
  - b. Feedback to include language that MAPE supports best practices, evidence-based research, guidelines/recommendations from MDH, and members working on the frontlines
  
8. Discussion about lawsuit to remove contractual salary raises
  
9. Looking ahead to potential joint meeting with PAC and Political Fund
  - a. Meeting will center on where political infrastructure is, resources, and mapping out future political work within MAPE
  
10. **Motion (Ferrara):** Thank you, Jason, for your outstanding service to the Political Council!
  - a. Second (**Juan**)
  - b. Passed

**Next meeting: Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM**

**Adjourned at 1:40 PM**