

## Political Council Meeting Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2020

9am-3:59pm

**Purpose:** Welcome and Orient new members, elect leadership, Pivot from Special sessions to elections.

**Outcome:** Plan for talking to and recruiting from locals about upcoming elections, new elected leaders.

### MAPE Political Council

Icebreaker: What are you nervous or excited for as electoral season heats up?

### Logistics

- Statewide MAPE President Megan Dayton spoke towards the beginning of the meeting offering insights into the focus of the MAPE Political Council, and expressed her interest in participating and supporting the Political Council as requested or desired.
- MAPE Email: Each MAPE Political Council member receives a [first initial][last name]@mape.org email address.
- Slack Channel usage: The MAPE Political Council plans to use Slack for communication, and we discussed the uses and level of access for each channel based on current membership/leadership and focus of those channels. The discussion specifically focused on access for Slack for former members, ex-officio members, and full members, and ways to facilitate collaboration without censorship.
  - o John moves for the below changes, Nicole Juan seconds the minutes; adopted by consensus.
    - **#general** – Used for political commentary and legislative/electoral news (Everyone)
    - **#general-politico** – Used for council business (Council and staff)
    - **#in-district-meetings** – Currently unused but could be repurposed for any programs we are running that involve working with legislators (Agency DOTH for example) (Council and staff)
    - **#listening-sessions** – Currently unused but could be repurposed for any programs we are running that require working with locals directly. (Council and staff)
    - **#meeting-agendas-minutes** – A file share to post our meeting agendas and minutes. Not for discussing them. (Council, staff, and President)
    - **#politico-partners** – Where we have discussions with the organizing council (Council, staff, president, and outside partners such as the organizing council).
    - **#random**
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- Governing Documents/who we are/what we do: We received our governing documents (including the currently approved version of charter and bylaws).
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### Elections

- We unanimously elected Chair and Vice Chair; Cathleen Cotter and John Ferarra self nominated for the positions, respectively. Nicole seconded the nominations.
- Whitney Terril self nominated for the role of secretary.

### Grounding and Info Share

- Leadership transition/New members introduction
- Meet and Confers: Meet and Confer team continues to meet weekly to discuss the economic crisis and to offer updates from any MAPE interactions with MMB or agency

leadership. The updates include major policy updates (e.g., COVID-19 leave) and updates from nearly ever DHS Meet and Confer chair. Lottery is an example of an agency who does not attend very often due to their budget not being affected at this time.

- Updates from MMB on Covid leave and budget

### **Special Session Debrief/July Special Session Preview**

#### **Elections**

- Importance of VBM
- Importance of Election Judges
- PAC Update and Volunteer Opportunities (Devin and Monica)

**Local Meetings** - We discussed the importance of each political council member attending a local meeting to share a presentation about the MAPE Political Council and our goals.

#### **Other Business**

- Toolkit

**Concluded meeting at 3:59 PM.**

**Minutes Compiled by W. Terrill and Submitted for Review on July 17, 2020.**