



# Political Council Meeting

## January 10, 2020

### Minutes

Chair Cotter called the meeting to order at 9:10am

**Roll Call:** A Quorum was established

**Present:** Chair Cathleen **Cotter**; Vice Chair John **Ferrara**; Secretary Megan **Dayton**; Jessica **Garcia**; Nicole **Juan**; Monica **Weber**; MAPE Staff Devin **Bruce**; MAPE Staff Leah **Solo**

**Absent:** Jason **Broberg** (excused)

#### I. Council Business

##### a. Political Plan

i. Review draft and discuss potential incentives for member participation and what counts as canvassing credits

1. **Bruce** and **Solo** will determine parameters for what defines a 'shift'

b. Legislative Agenda was updated with tiers and language added for affordable access to prescription drugs for all Minnesotans

i. **M(Ferrara)S(Juan)P to approve MAPE's legislative agenda as it stands at 10:43am**

1. **Voice Vote:** none opposed

c. Set dates for agency Days on the Hill (DOTH) and plan out how they are led

i. Department of Corrections set for Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 12noon

1. **Bruce** will reserve space for this meeting

ii. Department of Human Services set for Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 12noon

1. **Bruce** will reserve space for this meeting

2. **M(Ferrara)S(Garcia)P for the Political Council to pay rapid response network and speakers recruited from Greater Minnesota lost time and travel in accordance with MAPE policy**

a. **Voice Vote:** none opposed

iii. Other agencies' DOTHs considered

1. Minnesota State – A date will be determined at a subsequent meeting in collaboration with the Minnesota State Meet & Confer team working on the issue of unclassified appointments

- 2. Department of Education
- 3. Department of Natural Resources
- d. Rapid Response Network
  - i. The Political Council will develop a network of members who are in the metro that can show up quickly for hearings or other legislative actions but will focus more on agency DOTHS and will return to this at a subsequent meeting
- e. Next Pouring Into Public Service (PIPS) event scheduled for Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm
  - i. Topic will cover “Words to unite, not divide”
  - ii. **Weber** will secure location by Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> and an invite will be sent to target audience
- f. Developing toolkits
  - i. The Political Council will begin creating a toolkit to assist members in communicating with their legislators
  - ii. **Cotter** will draft sample letter to legislator
  - iii. **Garcia** will inform Council members of available apps
  - iv. **Ferrara** will create an outline and framework for the toolkit
- g. Political Council members plan to attend the AFCSME rally and encourage other metro-area members to attend as well
- h. Listening sessions and in-district meetings are discontinued and efforts moved into PIPS

## II. Updates from other committees

- a. **Cotter** provided an update on the Executive Committee including plans for the local Presidents meeting, hiring efforts for various MAPE staff positions open, and presentation of 2020 draft goals
- b. **Juan** provided an update on the Organizing Council including their desire for continued collaboration during their restructure
- c. **Weber** provided an update on the PAC including open position, next meeting dates and all-day screening on January 31<sup>st</sup>, potential dates for a joint meeting in April or May, and efforts to keep PAC focused on races that MAPE engages

## III. Other Business

- a. Discussion on the PAC vs. Political Council flyer will be postponed until the MAPE communications staff position is filled
    - i. **Cotter** will draft out bullets and meet with new communications person when they are hired
  - b. Professional development of Council members
    - i. Discussion on how to carry out the work of the Political Council and the strategic goals and how to lead at an executive level
    - ii. Send Council members to conferences for post-legislative session
      - 1. LaborNotes Conference – April 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> in Chicago
      - 2. IAF trainings – various dates
      - 3. AFL-CIO 2020 Campaigns Conference – February 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> in Bloomington
- a. M(Juan)S(Dayton)P to cover Council members’ registration plus lost time, mileage, related expenses**

i. **Voice Vote:** none opposed

**Next Political Council meeting February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Executive Session entered at 2:50pm and ended at 3:13pm**

**Adjourn at 3:47pm**