

**AFSCME LOCAL 517**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**8/26/2024**  
**WebEx Meeting**



**Attendees:** Lisa Peterson, Alexea Cheatem, Paul Schwarz, Carrie Genereux, Ashley Marston, Ben Henry, Heather Vandenheuvell, Alex Calero, and Shannan Hendricks.

- Call to Order - 12:04pm
- New Member Secretary's Report
  - 4 new members
  - NEO has been really well attended
  - Heather to create sign-up for future NEO so that 2-3 AFSCME members are there
  - Request for Paul S. to provide more physical cards for new members to sign
- Communication Liaison's Report
  - Carrie, Madeline, and Heather met with Jarret to brainstorm questions and content for a 101 training and additional member engagement resources
  - Request for additional focus on building community
    - Suggestion to host a happy hour or other event for AFSCME members and non-members
- Business Representative's Report
  - Suggestion to attend Hennepin's NEO to see how they run theirs
  - Upcoming training: Enhancing communication skills
    - Reach out to Paul if interested
- President's Report
  - Leadership changes
    - Lynne Freezy stepped down on 8/22/24
    - Lynne will continue to be active on LMC and ILMC
    - Ben Henry, current VP declined to step into the President role.
  - **Motion** to appoint Lisa Peterson, current Chief Steward to the role of President - Carrie G.; **second** - Ben H.; motion carries.
    - Ben and Carrie will continue to steward.
  - Request for additional t-shirt order; Shannan to check budget
- Old Business
  - Council 5 Convention
    - Make sure those interested sign up for workshops and coordinate with other 517 delegates
  - Workshop Followup
    - Very productive; should schedule second workshop
    - Report back that google workspace will likely not be a solution for the local
    - Will attempt to create one gmail account for all e-board to use and respond to
- New Business
  - Leadership Changes
  - LMC Meeting
    - Lisa, Carrie, Adam, Heather, Ashley, and Paul S. to attend
    - Issues to discuss
      - Custodial services on nights, weekends, and at outbuildings
      - Comp/OT during holiday weeks
      - NEO meeting space
  - AFL-CIO Meeting
    - Candidate screening 8/28 - reach out to Kera Peterson or [afscme517secretary@gmail.com](mailto:afscme517secretary@gmail.com) if interested in attending
- Adjourn - 12:52pm

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**Executive Board:**

President: Lisa Peterson

Vice President: Ben Henry

Chief Stewards: (non-exempt) and (exempt) Vacant

Treasurer: Shannan Hendricks

Recording Secretary: Ashley Marston

New Member Secretary: Heather Vandenheuvel

Communications Liaison: Alexea Cheatem

AFSCME Business Representative: Paul Schwarz

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