

**AFSCME LOCAL 517**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**2/24/2025**  
**WebEx Meeting**



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**Attendees:** Ashley, Heather, Lisa, Paul, Kaitlyn, Carrie, Madeline, and Alexea.

- Call to Order - 12:04pm
- New Member Secretary's Report
  - Last week there were 3 people that attended NEO
  - Looking for people from each dept that can attend NEO
- Communication Liaison's Report
  - No update
  - Will post about DOTH
  - Boards in offices to be updated by March
  - Video with each e-board member is getting put together
- Business Representative's Report
  - Working on getting recordings from negotiations
  - Mediation 3/5; Lisa, Ben, & Paul
  - DOTH is 4/1
  - 4/2 Forest Lake office hours
    - 11-1pm (Lisa to reserve room)
    - Paul to send link for those who can't join in-person
  - Request to have Paul ask about starting negotiations earlier to have numbers finalized before open enrollment
- President's Report
  - E-board Nominations
    - No positions were contested; no elections necessary
- Old Business
  - Board Pay
    - At March meeting ask for raise; Paul to provide us contracts from past 10 years to determine overall raise over time frame
  - Day on the Hill
    - Discussion on number of people to approve and which costs to cover
      - Will be finalized at March meeting based on expressed interest
    - Paul to send text blast with invite and "your member dues help support this"
    - Include call to action in march general membership email
- New Business
  - Ashley to send out old contract survey for board review
  - Member Action Teams
    - 10 people would be ideal
    - Maybe 1 per department
    - Request for trainings
      - Local social media, MAT, and MAP
        - Conduct MAT with just e-board then again with larger group
        - Paul to send out MAT training invite to Lisa, Carrie, Kaitlyn, & Lisa
- Adjourn - 1:03pm

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**Executive Board:**

President: Lisa Peterson

Vice President: Ben Henry

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

Treasurer: Shannan Hendricks

Recording Secretary: Ashley Stoner

New Member Secretary: Heather Vandenheuvel

Communications Liaison: Alexea Cheatem

AFSCME Business Representative: Paul Schwarz

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