

AFSCME LOCAL 517

General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2025 - 12:00-1:00pm
Virtual: WebEx - See instructions below



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Meeting number: 2557 227 5458

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Attendees:

Christy Aufderhar, Carrie Genereux, Donna Sloan, Abby Miller, Lindsay Babcock, Shannon feeney, Karen Brown, Dwain, Chris Bibeau, Stephanie Johnson, James Wittling, Alissa Lopez, Elizabeth Frank, Astrid Flynn, Heather Vandenheuvel, Kathryn Bursinger, Kathy, Robbin Rosen, Tami Leemon, Lynne Freezy, Emily Jacobsma, Julie Beckel, Angela Plumbo, Karen Harjes, Lori Bratulich, Ryan, Marisa Wildgren, Sara Welle, Carissta Arndt

Agenda

- Call to Order: 12:06pm
- Treasurer's Report
 - Prior Month(s) review and approval: November and December 2025.
 - Carrie motion to approve, Lynne second.
- Secretary's Report
 - Prior Month minutes review and approval: December 2025.
 - Lynne motion to approve, Shannon second.
- President's Report
 - See contract negotiations updates below.
- Business Rep's Report
- Old Business
 - Contract Negotiations Updates
 - Contract negotiations are ongoing, with mediation scheduled for February 2nd.
 - Mediation Outcomes:
 - Tentative agreement (preferred)
 - Another mediation date
 - "Last, Best, and Final Offer"
 - The negotiation team prioritizes workers' quality of life and aims for fair cost of living adjustments.
 - Membership will vote on any final contract offers after mediation concludes.
- New Business
 - 2026 Strategic Planning and Events
 - General Membership Meetings: Remote vs. In-Person/Hybrid Frequency
 - General consensus is remote meetings are preferred, unless for special occasions.
 - A Look Ahead: Board Member Elections, Day on The Hill, etc
 - Next month nominations for board members will occur. March General Membership Meeting is when board member elections occur.
 - Day on The Hill: March 10th

- Good & Welfare
 - Gift Card Drawing: Kathy Pansegrau
 - Adjourn
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Executive Board:

President: Ben Henry

Vice President: Vacant

Treasurer: Shawn Carpenter

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

Recording Secretary: Kaitlyn McCarthy

New Member Secretary: Heather Vandenheovel

Communication Liaison: Alexea Cheatem

Executive Board Members At-Large: Shannon Feeney, Alex Calero, James Wittling

Trustees: Carista Arndt, Robbin Rosen

AFSCME Business Representative: Paul Schwarz

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