

Special Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2020, Oakland 29th St (w/ Zoom), 5:30pm-7:30pm
MINUTES

Executive Board Members Participating: President Joseph Bryant, VP of Organizing Jennifer Esteen, VP of Politics Ramses Teon-Nichols, VP of Representation Sandra Lewis, VP Region-A Akbar Bibb, VP Region-B Mary Sandberg, VP Region-C Yeon Park, VP Region-D Theresa Rutherford, VP Region-E Marcus Williams, Nathan Dahl, Jim Wise, Karla Faucett, Angel Valdez, Harold Powell, Cynthia Landry, Derrick Boutte, Monique Chaney-Williams, Felipe Cuevas, Richard Thoele, Todd Nosanow, Mercedes Riggelman, Brandon Dawkins, Lorraine Bowser, Taffie Walter, Geneva Haines, Tazamisha Alexander, Sunny Santiago, Elizabeth Harrison, Tom Popenuck, Travis Balzarini, Tina Diep, Julie Meyers, Cheryl Hicks

Executive Board Members Excused: Amos Eaton, Dellfinia Hardy, Sasha Cuttler, Pete Albert, John Arantes, Sandra Wall, Tula Biederman, Evelyn Curiel, Rhea Davis, Jessica Nila

Staff in Attendance: John Stead-Mendez, Josie Mooney, Robert Li, Joanne Cansicio, Jonathan Nunez-Babb

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Call to Order:

President Joseph Bryant called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. A quorum was established. President Bryant gave an overview of the purpose for calling a Special Executive Board Meeting.

It was explained that a formal appeal was made to the Executive Board around the recent City of Berkeley Maintenance chapter elections, which was submitted on Feb. 24. In accordance with Article 13(i) of the Chapter Bylaws Template, when an appeal is submitted to the Local Executive Board, the Board has within fifteen (15) working days to respond to the appeal. Therefore, due to this timeline, President Joseph Bryant called for a special meeting, since the next regularly scheduled Board meeting date is past the fifteen (15) working days from when the appeal was filed.

Member Comments:

Lee Nora Golver-Holloway, Berkeley Maintenance Chapter:

She spoke to the election appeal, and expressed her disagreement with the findings. She requested to re-do the entire election.

Renita Terry, Berkeley Maintenance Chapter:

She spoke to the findings and investigation by the election committee, and feels that the history of the chapter's elections was not taken into account.

Danny Walker, Berkeley Maintenance Chapter:

He spoke on the need to come to a resolution to enable the chapter to move forward, as the Union needs to focus on negotiations with management.

Chapter Election Committee Presentation:

Jonathan Nunez-Babb, field representative, explained that there were a total of four (4) members who served on the Berkeley Maintenance Chapter Election Committee. He introduced two (2) members from the committee, Matt MacArthur and Israel Lopez, who presented the Election Committee's final report and recommendation. Documents provided to the Board included the chapter election notice, voting instructions, sample ballots, vote count report, challenges that were filed, as well as the election committee's report of their findings and resolutions to the challenges that were filed.

The Election Committee concluded that six (6) of the challenges filed were found to be invalid. One of the challenges cited duplicate voting. The committee found that there was one (1) member who voted twice. However, their findings showed that the duplicate vote would not have affected the outcome of the election.

The Election Committee did find one (1) valid challenge resulting in the ordering of a partial re-run of the election. Only the *Vice President* election outcome was found to be affected by the violation of *Article 13. Chapter Election, (d), Notice* of the Local's chapter bylaws template. The Bargaining Team Member at Large election was held without any modifications, as the Bargaining Team Member candidate for *Unit J* ran unopposed.

M/S/C (Taylor/Rutherford) to accept the Chapter Election Committee's final report and recommendation.

M/S/C (Boutte/Dawkins) to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Duncan
Secretary