

MICHIGAN PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, SEIU LOCAL 517M
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday, March 23, 2024 – Zoom Meeting – 10:00am

I. ROLL CALL /ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

A. Roll Call, Declaration of Quorum:

Secretary-Treasurer Bryan Grochowski conducted roll call. Board Members President Joey Combs, Secretary-Treasurer Bryan Grochowski, DVP Leticia Trevino, DVP Janice Cosey, DVP Greg Merricle, DVP Rod Jackson, Director Jason Jackson, Director Anna Schiller, Director Roland Whitelow, & Director Jan Martin were present. DVP Yolanda Johnson, DVP Carmella Johnson, Director Edward Barr, Director Leni Steiner-Zehender, Director Roberta Oldenburg, Director Kevin Mercado, & Director Lori Steele were absent. A quorum was declared at **10:11AM**.

B. Approval of Minutes: A correction to the February 24, 2024 meeting minutes was made to change the month from January to February. The meeting minutes from the December 9, 2023, and February 24, 2024, Executive Board meetings were presented by Secretary-Treasurer Grochowski. DVP Janice Cosey made a **MOTION** to approve the meeting's minutes. **SUPPORTED** by DVP Leticia Trevino. The **MOTION** carried.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

A. Opening Remarks: President Combs wished everyone a happy snowy morning and thanked everyone for talking time out of their Saturday to be on the meeting.

B. 2024 Executive Board Meeting Dates (6/29, 9/28, 12/14): President Combs announced the meeting date being Saturday, June 29, September 28, and December 12, 2024, at 10:00AM. The Hybrid option will be available for those who cannot make the meetings in person.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A. 2024 – SOM Reauthorization: Interim Executive Director Joey Combs announced the current percentage of 17.2% for the State of Michigan Reauthorization campaign.

B. Steward Training Debrief: Interim ED Combs provided details regarding the 2024 Steward Training held at the AC Hotel on March 9 and 10, 2024. Interim ED Combs spoke about the positives and negatives of the training and the location. Interim ED Combs announced that we will be moving steward training back to the Crowne Plaza Hotel for 2025.

C. Information Services Report: Interim ED Combs presented the Information Service Report prepared by Dave Corrie. Full details of the report are in the packet.

The 2024 Tomorrow's Michigan Today Scholarship Applications are due by May 24, 2024, the form is available on the website.

Interim ED Combs updated the Executive Board on the status of our reviewing and updating the unit and region bylaws to ensure compliance with our new Constitution and Bylaws for SEIU Local 517M. After they are determined to be following the SEIU Local 517M Constitution and Bylaws they will be forwarded to the Executive Board for approval and that will be the date that they are effective on. DVP Janice Cosey made a **MOTION** to ratify the City of Allegan Bylaws, the City of Grand Haven Bylaws, Hackley Library Bylaws, Herrick Library Bylaws, Muskegon Clerical Bylaws, Muskegon Community College Bylaws, SCCMHA Bylaws, Wayland Aides Bylaws, and Wayland Bus Drivers Bylaws. **SUPPORTED** by DVP Rod Jackson. The **MOTION** carried.

D. Member Strength Update: Interim ED Combs spoke about the dues check off for

schools that came into effect on February 13, 2024. 32 school contracts and 2 of the contracts have been able to ratify with the new dues deduction language.

- E. **Legislative/Advocacy Work:** Interim ED Combs explained that we can not plan a lobby day until the legislators go back into session. We can still show up to their coffee hours. International will be having Union for All campaign and the dates will be in the E-Former.
- F. **TWR 2024 Local Member Strength Plan:** Interim ED Combs submitted the Together We Rise 2024 Local Member Strength Plan on December 5, 2023. Through the plan we were able to ask for funding, which the interaction will be able to pay for half of the Member Strength compensation.
- G. **Bowling and Annual Meeting:** Interim ED Combs shared information for the upcoming Tomorrow Michigan Today Scholarship Bowling Event on Friday, June 14, 2024, from 12:00pm to 6:00pm at Royal Scott and the Annual meeting on Sunday, July 28, 2024, at William G. Milliken State Park and Harbor the time will be TDB.

IV. **SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- A. **Financial Report (October, November & December 2023 Financials):** Secretary-Treasurer Grochowski presented the October, November, and December 2023 financial statements. DVP Leticia Trevino made a **MOTION** to accept the financial statements. **SUPPORTED** by DVP Rod Jackson. **MOTION** carried.
- B. **COPE Report:** Secretary-Treasurer Grochowski presented the COPE report. Our 2024 goal is \$22,084 and we reached 8% of our goal at the end of February 2024.
- C. **Member Charges:** Secretary-Treasurer Grochowski presented the charges against Director Kevin Mercado.

Violated Article 17, Section 1, Charge #1, "Violation of any specific provision of these Constitution and Bylaws." Specifically, Article 6, Section F which states: "Any

officer or Executive Board member shall not be absent from three meetings in a calendar year." Defendant missed regularly scheduled meetings on April 29, 2023, July 29, 2023, and December 9, 2023.

A **MOTION** was made by President Combs to accept the charges. **SUPPORTED** by DVP Cosey. The **MOTION** carried.

Secretary-Treasurer Grochowski made a **MOTION** to permanently remove Kevin Mercado from the SEIU Local 517M Executive Board based on findings and decision of the SEIU 517M Executive Board. **SUPPORTED** by DVP Cosey. The **MOTION** carried.

V. **UNIT & REGION REPORTS:**

- A. Detailed reports included in Board packet.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**

President Combs announced that we will be sending a peace lily for DVP Carmella Johnson's loss.

VII. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

DVP Leticia Trevino volunteered to join the COPE committee.

DVP Rod Jackson announced that Ed Barr resigned from his board.

- VIII. **ADJOURNMENT:** The **MOTION TO ADJOURN** was made by DVP Cosey. **SUPPORTED** by President Combs. The meeting adjourned at **12:00 PM**.