

MICHIGAN PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, SEIU LOCAL 517M

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, June 29, 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 Yolanda Johnson, DVP Carmella Johnson, DVP Janice Cosey, DVP Greg Merricle, DVP Rod Jackson, Director Jason Jackson, Director John Eck, Director David Lawrence, Director Roland Whitelow, Director Roberta Oldenburg, Director Jan Martin, & Director Lori Steele, were present. DVP Leticia Trevino, & Director Leni Steiner-Zehender were absent. A quorum was declared at **10:07AM**.

B. Approval of Minutes: The meeting minutes from the March 23, 2024, and April 27, 2024, Executive Board meetings were presented by Secretary-Treasurer Grochowski. Correction to the March 23, 2024, meeting minutes to mark DVP Yolanda Johnson to present and to correct the December 2024 meeting date from the 12 to 14. Director John Eck made a **MOTION** to approve the meeting's minutes. **SUPPORTED** by President Joey Combs. The **MOTION** carried.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

A. Opening Remarks: President Combs thanked and welcomed everyone for talking time out of their Saturday to be on the meeting.

B. 2024 Annual Meeting (7/28): President Combs shared that the 2024 Annual Meeting will be held on July 28, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at William G. Milliken State Park & Harbor in Detroit.

C. 2024 Executive Board Meeting Dates (9/28, 12/14): President Combs announced the meeting date being Saturday, September 28, and December

14, 2024, at 10:00AM. The Hybrid option will be available for those who cannot attend the meetings in person.

D. 2025 Steward Training (3/29-03/30/2025):

President Combs revealed that the 2025 Steward Training will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on March 29 and March 30, 2025.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A. Member Strength Update/SOM Reauthorization Current Numbers:

Interim Executive Director Joey Combs announced the current percentage of 56.4% for the State of Michigan Reauthorization campaign. Interim ED Combs went over the member strength campaign that was created and being implemented by Marian Wilcox.

B. 2024 Bowling Debrief: Interim ED Combs provided details regarding the 2024 Tomorrow's Michigan Today Bowling event held at Royal Scot Golf & Bowl in Lansing on June 14, 2024. Interim ED Combs spoke about the positives and negatives of bowling and the changes we have decided on for the next event. The bowling event had 23 participants.

C. Juneteenth Event Debrief: Interim ED Combs elaborated on the Juneteenth event that was held at Lafayette Park in Detroit on June 15, 2024. SEIU Local 1 and the State Council ran this event, and we should encourage more members to attend this event next year.

D. 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 winners have been selected

and were noticed in the June/July 2024 newsletter.

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. Director Eck made a **MOTION** to ratify the Scientific & Engineering Unit, HSS Unit, Region 2, and Region 3 Bylaws. **SUPPORTED** by DVP Y. Johnson. The **MOTION** carried.

E. Legislative/Advocacy Work: Interim Executive Director Combs introduced the Political and Legislative Director Beth Kelly Byrd from SEIU Michigan State Council who spoke about the wins and losses that we are experiences in Michigan.

F. 2024 SLG Dues Increase
Communication: Interim ED Combs detailed the timeline and specifics of the information we will send to SLG members and their employers regarding the upcoming dues increase, effective September 1, 2024.

G. Bargaining: Interim ED Combs gave an overview of which SLG units are currently in bargaining and which SOM surveys have been sent out and the respective deadlines.

IV. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT:

A. Financial Report (January, February, March, & April): Secretary-Treasurer Grochowski presented the January, February, March, & April 2024 financial statements. DVP Merricle made a **MOTION** to accept the financial statements. **SUPPORTED** by Director Oldenburg. **MOTION** carried.

B. COPE Report: Secretary-Treasurer Grochowski presented the COPE report. Our 2024 goal is \$22,084 and we reached 33% of our goal at the end of June 2024.

V. UNIT & REGION REPORTS:

A. Detailed reports included in Board packet.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

President Combs announced September 22, 2024, from 2:00pm to 5:00pm AFRAM will be holding a Tea Party.

President Combs declared on October 30, 2024; we will be holding a Halloween Roller Staking Party.

President Combs presented on November 22, 2024, in Saginaw the Holidays in the Heart of the City will be held.

President Combs recommended that a member events committee be formed.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

President Combs requested when scheduling general membership and chapter meetings that David Corrie is informed so that the calendar on the website can be updated.

Director Eck spoke about Purple Pay Day where the union should try to encourage members to wear purple on their pay days.

DVP C. Johnson thanked the board for their continued work and dedication.

DVP Jackson expressed his appreciation of President Combs, Secretary-Treasurer Grochowski, and DVP Cosey for leading our union in its current direction.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The **MOTION TO ADJOURN** was made by Director Oldenburg. **SUPPORTED** by DVP Jackson. The meeting adjourned at **12:57 PM**.