

**Delegates Assembly
April 15, 2021
Draft Minutes**

NOTE: The DA meeting was conducted remotely, via Zoom webinar.
Reminder that only Delegates and designated alternates could vote.

Present:

BATSON	EC	KOLOZI	BCC	JOHN	H	FADEM	KCC	SHEPARD	NYCT
BOWEN	EC	MARTINEZ	BCC	KENIGSBERG	H	HERNANDEZ	KCC	VEY	NYCT
COHEN	EC	PRICE BANKS	BCC	KILKENNY	H	REPETTI	KCC	BUCHSBAUM	Q
DAVIS	EC	WHARTON	BEOC	BERNARDINI	HCC	YARMISH	KCC	GEORGE	Q
DIEUDONNE	EC	ARAM VEESER	C	COLON	HCC	ALEXANDER	L	GERWIN	Q
DIRAIMO	EC	BALUN	C	PIMENTEL	HCC	AUSLANDER	L	GUSKIN	Q
ELLIOTT-NEGRI	EC	BARNETT	C	BOSKET	HEO	FARRELL	L	MUKHERJEE	Q
FABRICANT	EC	HUANG	C	BALLERINI	HEO	MELLEN	L	WEINGARTEN	Q
GREENBAUM	EC	STEMBERG	C	BINK	HEO	WANGERIN	L	CLINGAN	QCC
HATCHETT	EC	CARAGIULO	CCO	BROWN	HEO	CLEARY	LGCC	MAURO	QCC
LEBERSTEIN	EC	SPICER	CCO	CHITTY	HEO	DURAND	LGCC	ROSENTHAL	QCC
LEWIS	EC	ABDALI	CLT	DEMPSTER	HEO	SEO	LGCC	STARK	QCC
LONDON	EC	BATIZ	CLT	GALLAGHER	HEO	CARRERA-JUNCO	MCC	CERMELE	RT
MAJUMDAR	EC	COPPOLA	CLT	GALLOWAY- PERRY	HEO	CREACO	MCC	DISALVO	RT
MELTZER	EC	ELHAKEM	CLT	JAGIELNICKA	HEO	FREAS	MCC	FRIEDHEIM	RT
PERSINGER	EC	GIRGIS	CLT	JENNINGS	HEO	GRONOWICZ	MCC	FRIEDMAN	RT
SANCHEZ	EC	GRUBER	CLT	JOHNSON	HEO	HOFF	MCC	GOLDBERG	RT
SPEAR	EC	HERTZBERG	CLT	LA MAR	HEO	HUTCHISON	MCC	KISSACK	RT
SQUILLACOTE	EC	HINDLE	CLT	LEE	HEO	ISSERLES	MCC	KOTELCHUCK	RT
TYNER- MULLINGS	EC	IRIGOYEN	CLT	MILLER	HEO	JAMES	MCC	MCCALL	RT
UTAKIS	EC	PEREYRA	CLT	MINOR	HEO	JOHNSTONE	MCC	MORAN	RT
VASQUEZ	EC	COPE	CSI	OKROSY	HEO	NAVARATNE	MCC	NELSON	RT
WINTER	EC	GARVEY	CSI	O'SHEA	HEO	OFFENHOLLEY	MCC	NEWFIELD	RT
BANK MUNOZ	B	KARACAS	CSI	PATESTAS	HEO	ROBERTS	MCC	CHAUNG	RF
HASHMI	B	LAWRENCE	CSI	PEREZ	HEO	SMART	MCC	JAMES	RFFU
JUHASZ	B	TOURNAKI	CSI	PEREZ- CABEZAS	HEO	WALKER	MCC	ROTHSTEIN	RFFU
MANLOW	B	BIANCHINO	GS	ROMEO	HEO	BLOOMFIELD- ALVES	ME	SALEK ASEFF	Y
NESS	B	BLAIN	GS	SANTIAGO	HEO	JOSEPH	ME	SHEIDLOWER	Y
SCOTT	B	DUROVIC	GS	WAYLER	HEO	BERRY	MEOC		
WILLS	B	FOUNTAIN	GS	ZECHOWSKI	HEO	CAMERON	MEOC		
CAPLAN	BAR	GRASSMAN	GS	BELCHER	JJ	ALMEIDA	NYCT		
CIOFFI	BAR	HARAKAWA	GS	EPSTEIN	JJ	BEHRENT	NYCT		
DAVIS	BAR	KAGAN	GS	HOVEY	JJ	CHENG	NYCT		
DIGIROLAMO	BAR	MURRAY	GS	KANG	JJ	DOUGLAS	NYCT		

Motion: To postpone the vote on the motion until the next DA (Motion: M. Kagan; seconded)

Motion fails.

Amendment: To change the motion to a ranked endorsement of Scott Stringer first and Dianne Morales second (Motion: J. Gaboury; seconded)

Amendment carries.

Amendment: To amend the motion to have the DA make a ranked choice endorsement. (Motion: N. Almeida; seconded)

Amendment carries.

Motion: To make Scott Stringer the first endorsement choice and Dianne Morales the second (Motion: M. Batson; Seconded)

Amendment: To have a vote on two choices of ranked candidates by majority vote - 1. Scott Stringer 2. Dianne Morales vs 1. Dianne Morales 2. Scott Stringer. (Motion: M. Kagan; Seconded)

Amendment carries.

Amendment: To have a vote on three choices by majority vote - 1. Scott Stringer 2. Dianne Morales vs 1. Dianne Morales 2. Scott Stringer vs. Neither (Motion: M. Kagan, Seconded)

Amendment carries.

Vote: Option A: 1. Scott Stringer 2. Dianne Morales - 72 votes

Vote: Option B: 1. Dianne Morales 2. Scott Stringer - 58 votes

Vote: Option C: Neither option - 17 votes

MOTION as amended: That PSC make a ranked endorsement of Scott Stringer first and Dianne Morales second for Mayor.

Above motion ruled out of order because none of the options have received a majority vote yet.

Vote: Option A: 1. Scott Stringer 2. Dianne Morales - 78 votes

Vote: Option B: 1. Dianne Morales 2. Scott Stringer - 53 votes

Vote: Option C: Neither option - 17 votes

MOTION as amended: Option A, that PSC make a ranked choice endorsement of Scott Stringer first and Dianne Morales second for Mayor.

CARRIES

III. Administrative Items

A. Treasurer's Report – S. Persinger

- Monthly Financial Report – February (Motion to accept: K. Offenholley; seconded) **ACCEPTED**

Total Operating Income:	\$1,462,000
Total Operating Expenses:	\$1,396,000
Surplus (Deficit):	\$ 66,000

Year-to-date (6 months):

Total Operating Income:	\$9,859,000
Total Operating Expenses:	\$9,868,000
Surplus (Deficit):	\$ (9,000)

Commentary: As of February 28, 2021, the financial statement shows an actual six-month deficit of \$9,000 when year-to-date expenditures are compared with year-to-date income. \$9,868,000 was spent and \$9,859,000 was received over the six-month period.

B. Executive Director Report – D. Hubbard

Making progress on filling organizing positions and Director of Operations and Human Resources. Ana Torres is retiring from the PSC after 38 years of service.

Elections Committee Report to the Delegate Assembly

I. New delegates

- A. Ellen Belcher became a delegate at John Jay replacing Holly Clarke.
- B. Maria Treglia became a delegate at BCC replacing Sophia Cantave
- C. Shakia Brown became a HEO delegate replacing Sharon Hawkins.
- D. Maya Harakawa became a delegate for the GC chapter replacing Alex Caring-Lobel.

II. The Elections Committee voted to certify the election of Ángel Martinez as Part-Time Personnel Officer.

III. Ballots are due in the election of PSC union-wide officers and delegates at 5:00pm on April 29. The count will take place on April 30. The Elections Committee will meet to certify the results on May 10.

IV. The PSC will conduct a special election for alternate delegates in the HEO and CSI chapters. The schedule is as follows:

May 3 – Voting instructions will be mailed and emailed.

May 28 – Polls close at 5:00pm.

June 1 – Votes will be counted and results are announced.

MOTION: To accept report (Motion: S. Sheidlower; seconded) **ACCEPTED**

IV. President’s Report and Discussion

- Free the Funds Rally

Noted that CUNY is receiving a significant amount of money from federal stimulus bills, and PSC is planning a “Free the Funds” action on Wednesday, April 28.

- Health and Safety Standards

PSC is producing a set of reopening standards. Draft was shared with delegates ahead of the meeting. Thanks to the coordinators and activists who have helped to produce them. Still pushing to negotiate with CUNY on bargainable issues.

- City Health Insurance Discussions

Put current proposal to shift retirees to Medicare Advantage in the context of past efforts to find savings to avoid increased costs for members. PSC and Welfare Fund have consistently raised issues with the proposal, but there is momentum within the city unions to accept the proposal. Proposal is rightly a concern for retirees and members more generally.

MOTION: That the DA support the Retirees Chapter’s call for a moratorium on the proposal to shift retirees from traditional Medicare to Medicare Advantage

and ask the PSC to bring the moratorium to the MLC (E. Moran; seconded)

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- State Budget and Campaigns

A. Vasquez deferred report until the next DA meeting.

- Report on EC Actions

V. Resolutions

- Re-declare Support for H.R.40

MOTION: Therefore be it Resolved that the PSC CUNY add its name to those names by reiterating and renewing the union's unqualified support of the bill, and that it maintain said support for as long as may be necessary until the slavery reparations effort succeeds;

Be it resolved that, given the fact that the PSC supported the bill originally, it reaffirm that support now, over twenty years on, while also urging the AFT to do the same;

Be it resolved that the PSC work to educate its members about these issues and H.R. 40 in order to involve as many members as possible in an effective lobbying effort in support of the bill.

Be it resolved, given that H.R. 40 calls only for a study (and not reparations itself) and since chattel slavery was a pivotal form of labor abuse in U.S. history and the fact it played a critical role in the nation's economic growth, the PSC, as a labor union, declare itself ethically and morally bound to support slavery reparations as an ongoing commitment.

Be it resolved, finally, therefore that the membership of the PSC CUNY take action through the work of the Anti-Racism Committee, and by other means, and work in solidarity with organizations such as N'COBRA, the Movement for Black Lives, or others involved in the fight for reparations.

(Motion: Shauna Vey; resolution originally brought by Maureen Fadem, Stuart Kaufer, Dr. D.P. Banks, Ruth Wangerin, Cecelia McCall, Anthony Gronowicz, and Howard Meltzer.; seconded)

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- No Cold War with China

MOTION: Therefore be it resolved, that the PSC opposes and rejects the steady build-up to war with China by the US government, and declares that as anti-war US trade unionists and educators it is our duty to join in solidarity with Chinese fellow-workers, educators and scholars to oppose US military spending for a Cold War in China, which leads to further racism at home; and

Be it further resolved, that the PSC will bring this resolution forward for consideration by our state affiliate NYSUT, our national affiliate the AFT, and other labor bodies, so as to build a movement among US teachers and unionists against a Cold War with China.

(Motion: International Committee; seconded) **Deferred after some discussion due to lack of time.**

VI. Adjournment MOTION: To adjourn (Motion: S. Shiedlower) APPROVED.