

Draft Minutes

Delegate Assembly
January 30, 2020

Present:

BATSON	EC	BATIZ	CLT	HOVEY	JJ	PANAYOTAKIS	NYCT
BOWEN	EC	JUE	CLT	KANG	JJ	SHEPARD	NYCT
COHEN	EC	ARENAS	CSI	MARKOWITZ	JJ	VEY	NYCT
DAVIS	EC	LAWRENCE	CSI	PITTMAN	JJ	BUCHSBAUM	Q
DELUTRO	EC	FOUNTAIN	GS	SEXTON	JJ	GERWIN	Q
ELLIOTT-NEGRI	EC	HARAKAWA	GS	REPETTI	KCC	GUSKIN	Q
FABRICANT	EC	KAGAN	GS	ALEXANDER	L	SHALKOWSKI	Q
HATCHETT	EC	SWEATTE	GS	AUSLANDER	L	CLINGAN	QCC
LEBERSTEIN	EC	TURNER	GS	MELLEN	L	HALL	QCC
LONDON	EC	DUDEK	H	WANGERIN	L	ROSENTHAL	QCC
MAJUMDAR	EC	GABOURY	H	CONNERS	LGCC	STARK	QCC
MELTZER	EC	BENCIVENNI	HCC	DURAND	LGCC	HOOBLER	RET
PERSINGER	EC	COLON	HCC	SHEN	LGCC	FRIEDHEIM	RET
SMITH	EC	STEINBERG	HCC	VAN SLYCK	LGCC	KISSACK	RET
SPEAR	EC	BALLERINI	HEO	YOUENS	LGCC	KOTELCHUCK	RET
TYNER-MULLINGS	EC	BINK	HEO	CREACO	MCC	MCCALL	RET
UTAKIS	EC	CHITTY	HEO	FREAS	MCC	MORAN	RET
VASQUEZ	EC	DEMPSTER	HEO	GRONOWICZ	MCC	NELSON	RET
VAZQUEZ	EC	FREEMAN-BUTLER	HEO	HUTCHISON	MCC	NEWFIELD	RET
WINTER	EC	GALLOWAY-PERRY	HEO	ISSERLES	MCC	JAMES	RFFU
HASHMI	B	LUNA	HEO	JAMES	MCC	ROTHSTEIN	RFFU
MANLOW	B	MATOS	HEO	OFFENHOLLEY	MCC	HANSEN	Y
						SHEARIN	
CIOFFI	BAR	MILLER	HEO	ROBERTS	MCC	PATTERSON	Y
DIGIROLAMO	BAR	MINOR	HEO	SMART	MCC	SHEIDLLOWER	Y
WHARTON	BEOC	PEREZ-CABEZAS	HEO	WALKER	MCC	WEISBLATT	Y
EDWARDS	BCC	STEWART	HEO	CRAWFORD	MEC		
PRICE BANKS	BCC	RIVERS	HEO	JOSEPH	MEC		
DAVIS	C	WAYLER	HEO	CAMERON	MEOC		
HUANG	C	ZECHOWSKI	HEO	ALMEIDA	NYCT		
STEMBERG	C	CLARKE	JJ	LOGUERCIO	NYCT		
MCINTYRE	CCO	EPSTEIN	JJ	MACDONALD	NYCT		

Staff:

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I. Approval of Agenda

A. Agenda

MOTION: To accept the agenda (Motion: H. Meltzer; Seconded)

MOTION: To amend the agenda to add the MLC resolution submitted by the Retirees Chapter. (Motion: D. Kotelchuck; Seconded). Ruled out of order due to existing procedures on the number of resolutions considered per meeting.

MOTION: To amend the agenda to move the Treasurer's report and the resolutions up to the first moment we have a quorum. (Motion: D. Banks; Seconded) **APPROVED.**

MOTION: To accept the agenda as amended. APPROVED.

B. Minutes

MOTION: To accept the December minutes. (Motion: S. Vey; Seconded) **APPROVED.**

II. President's Report and Discussion – B. Bowen

A. Contract Implementation – CUNY will announce pay dates within the next week. New adjunct office hours started with the beginning of the spring semester. Principal Officers are meeting with department chairs on the campuses to ensure smooth implementation of all new provisions. A bullying campaign committee is in formation. PSC has contacted adjuncts who worked 10 or 11 out of the last 12 semesters and who may be eligible for the three-year appointment if they self-identify. In response to a delegate's suggestion: the union should consider bringing a resolution to NYSUT on disability insurance for part-timers.

B. Budget Campaign – The deadline for the state budget is April 1. The Governor's Executive Budget departs from past years in that it does not cut funding for SEEK, College Discovery and other opportunity programs. It proposes funding for some but not all increased fringe benefit costs, but it fails to cover basic operating cost increases or to close the TAP Gap. The mayor's preliminary budget fully funds collective bargaining increases at the community colleges. PSC is joining other unions and organizations to demand new revenue through more progressive taxation.

First Vice President Vásquez reported on PSC's coalition work with CUNY Rising Alliance and the Revenue Coalition. The union is working on an omnibus bill, A New Deal for CUNY, for increased long-term state financing. Details will be announced when bill language is finalized.

Legislative Representative Fabricant reported that PSC has been working for six months on building a new kind of campaign. PSC is hosting a Revenue Coalition Town Hall Meeting on Saturday. PSC is cultivating champions of CUNY in the state legislature.

III. Administrative Items

A. Treasurer's Report – S. Persinger

- Monthly Financial Reports – November

Summary for November

Operating Income	\$1,914,000
Operating Expenses	\$1,526,000
Surplus	\$ 388,000

Year to Date (3 months)

A \$28,000 deficit was budgeted for three months. The financial statement shows an actual three-month surplus of \$367,000 when year-to-date expenditures are compared with year-to-date income. Over three months, PSC spent \$335,000 less and received \$60,000 more income than budgeted, resulting in a favorable bottom line of \$395,000.

MOTION: To accept the November financial report (Motion: H. Meltzer; Seconded) **APPROVED.**

B. Executive Director's Report – D. Bell

• Elections Committee Report

The Elections Committee certified the following alternate delegates at the Grad Center:

1. Alex Caring-Lobel – replacing Chloe Asselin
2. Ivana Durovic – replacing Isaac Jabola-Carolus
3. Erin Cully – replacing Lynne Turner, who is becoming a delegate.

Reminder: Pre-printed nominating petitions will be available for the spring 2020 chapter elections on Feb. 3. Chapter chairs will receive slate petitions. Individual petitions will be mailed to all independent candidates. All petitions are also available at the PSC office. Signed petitions are due on March 2.

MOTION: To accept the Elections Committee report. (Motion: E. Moran; Seconded) **APPROVED.**

III. Resolutions

a. Demand from TIAA Investment Options Free of Fossil Fuels

Resolved, that NYSUT urge TIAA, while maintaining its fiduciary responsibility to its members, to provide higher education members with investment alternatives, including equities, that exclude fossil fuel investments and the four large banks financing the expansion of fossil fuel extraction or infrastructure (Bank of America, CITI, JPMorgan Chase and Wells Fargo); and be it further

Resolved, that NYSUT encourage its higher education locals to meet with CUNY, SUNY, and their research foundations to urge them to expand TIAA's fund offerings to include funds that have zero fossil fuel holdings.

MOTION: To accept the resolution demanding that TIAA provide investment options free of fossil fuels. (Motion: S. Sheidlower; Seconded) **APPROVED.**

b. Full Divestment of NYS Public Pensions from Fossil Fuels

Resolved, that NYSUT urge NYS TRS and NYC TRS to protect public pensions and divest from all fossil fuel holdings in keeping with their fiduciary responsibility; and be it further

Resolved, that NYSUT urge Comptroller DiNapoli to divest the NYS Common Retirement Fund he oversees from fossil fuels and consider investing in renewable energy, including community owned renewable power.

MOTION: To accept the resolution calling for the full divestment of NYS public pensions from fossil fuels. (Motion: B. Friedheim; Seconded) **APPROVED.**

c. Improved Coverage of Behavioral Health (Retiree Council Resolution)

RESOLVED, that NYSUT will seek legislation that will require medical insurance plans provide adequate and accessible coverage for mental and/or behavioral health diagnosis and treatment both for members and for all NYS residents; and be it further

RESOLVED, that NYSUT assist its locals with educating its members that they have the right to equitable access to mental and behavioral services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that NYSUT will encourage its local to bargain the inclusion of adequate and accessible mental and/or behavioral health coverage as part of a local's medical package.

MOTION: To co-sponsor the Retiree Council resolution calling for improved coverage of behavioral health. (Motion: C. McCall; Seconded) APPROVED.

- d. NYSUT Urges that the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (NYSTRS) Divest from GEO Group Inc. (Retiree Council Resolution)

RESOLVED, that NYSUT urge NYSTRS to divest its shareholdings in GEO and other similar private corrections industries.

MOTION: To co-sponsor the Retiree Council Resolution urging NYSTRS to divest shareholdings in GEO and other private corrections industries. (Motion: S. Leberstein; Seconded) APPROVED.

- e. Disability Retirement (Retiree Council Resolution)

RESOLVED, that NYSUT seek legislation that would improve the disability pension calculation for members who are granted a disability retirement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that NYSUT consider seeking legislation that would allow a member who qualifies for a disability pension due to an injury in the performance of their duty to receive a more appropriate disability pension.

MOTION: To co-sponsor the Retiree Council Resolution on disability retirement. (Motion: B. Friedheim; Seconded) APPROVED.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

To vote in the primary election, the deadline to change party registration is February 14.

VI. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn. (Motion: H. Meltzer; Seconded) APPROVED.