

Peckham Branch Labour Party

Minutes of Meeting

Held on 11th July 2024 at St Luke's Church Hall

Branch members present:

Tolu Elewore (TE), Sabina Emmanuel (SE), Tracy Julian (TJ), Isha Lakoh (IL), Sunny Lambe (SL - Chair), Malc McDonald (MM), Alfred Mayaki (AM), Yunze Wang (YW)

Also present: Ward councillors Barrie Hargrove (CBH), Cleo Soanes (CCS)

Apologies: None

Meeting commenced at 19:45. With 8 members present, the meeting was quorate. Minutes taken by MM in the ongoing lack of a branch Secretary.

General Election result

The meeting opened with a round of applause for the Labour victory at the General Election on 4th July.

Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

These were adopted without amendment.

Ratification of Papa Asiedu as youth delegate to the CLP General Committee was deferred pending the outcome of election of branch officers (see below)

Election of branch officers and delegates

Nominations for branch officers and delegates were as follows:

| | Nominee | Nominator | Second | |
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| Branch officers | | | | |
| Secretary | Yunze Wang | TJ | SL | Elected unopposed |
| Vice-Chair | Alfred Mayaki | SE | TJ | Elected unopposed |
| Women's Officer | Isha Lakoh | MM | SL | Elected unopposed |
| Additional CLP delegates | | | | |
| None | | | | |

MM resigned as a CLP General Committee delegate, and from the Campaign Database Officer position. As a result, the branch officers and CLP General Committee delegation both meet gender balance requirements, with women members holding 50% of the positions in both cases. However, this prevented the meeting from ratifying Papa Asiedu as youth delegate.

Nominations for CLP Officer positions

Nominations for vacant CLP officer positions were as follows:

| | Nominee | Nominator | Second | |
|---------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| BAME Officer | Deborah Hobson | SE | TJ | Nominated unopposed |
| LGBT Officer | Yunze Wang | MM | TJ | Nominated unopposed |
| Youth Officer | Yunze Wang | MM | TJ | Nominated unopposed |

Nominations for CLP delegates to conference

Nominations for CLP delegates to conference were as follows:

| | Nominee | Nominator | Second | |
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| Women's conference | | | | |
| | Tracy Julian | ?? | ?? | Nominated unopposed |
| | Isha Lakoh | ?? | ?? | Nominated unopposed |
| National conference | | | | |
| | Barrie Hargrove | AM | Everyone | Nominated unopposed |
| | Cleo Soanes | TJ | SL | Nominated unopposed |
| | Althea Smith | SE | SL | Nominated unopposed |
| | Tracy Julian | TJ | MM | Nominated unopposed |
| | Cassie Rist | MM | AM | Nominated unopposed |

Nominations for national party positions

Nominations for national Labour Party positions were as follows:

| | Nominee | Nominator | Second | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Auditor | | | | |
| | Sunny Lambe | YW | SE | Nominated unopposed |
| National Executive Committee | | | | |
| | Sunny Lambe | SL | YW | Nominated unopposed |

Branch back account signatories

The meeting ratified that the bank account signatories should be the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, with any payments authorised by any two of these three officers. For clarity, as of this meeting, the role holders are:

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| Chair | Sunny Lambe |
| Secretary | Yunze Wang |
| Treasurer | Tracy Julian |

Other business

- TJ raised the issue of abuse and intimidation of election candidates
- SE reported on a distressing firearms incident in North Peckham Estate the previous day. The victim was currently in a critical condition
- TJ raised the issue of engagement with branch members and suggested October or November for a members' cheese and wine social event. A budget of £100 from branch funds was agreed. There was also discussion about varying meeting day and time and a mix of in-person and Zoom meetings, to see whether this would enable more members to become active in the branch
- TJ proposed a farewell meal for MM; CCS thanked MM for his service to the branch. MM in turn thanked the branch for the friendship and comradeship he had enjoyed over many years

Meeting closed at 21:06