

1. Local 2627
2. District Council 37
3. AFSCME AFL-CIO
4. Virtual General Membership Meeting
5. Local 2627
6. February 18th, 2025

7. **AGENDA**

8. Minutes
9. Treasurer's Report
10. Special order of business
11. President's Report
12. Old/New Business

13. The in person General membership meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM
14. by President Laura Morand. Laura welcomed all to the meeting at DC37
15. office, first in person meeting at the new office building since 2018 and as
16. always thanked them for taking the time to attend the meeting. This was a
17. special meeting to replace the January 2025 meeting.

18. **MINUTES**

19. **MOTION 1**

20. **Laura** requested a motion to accept the minutes of meeting for
21. November 19th, 2024.
22. Wendy Leonardo (DSS) made the motion and Anthony Mejias (DSS)
23. seconded the motion to accept the minutes with corrections.
24. Typo on line 98, spelling for Memorial Sloan Kettering.
25. Verbal poll was taken, members present voted in favor and the motion was
26. passed.

27.TREASURER'S REPORT

28.The treasurer, Nicolas Pineda has been in the hospital sick, hence we do not
29.have a treasurer's report.

30.MOTION 2

31. Laura requested a motion to table the treasurer's report until we get a new

32.Treasurer.

33.Charles McClain(DSS) made the motion and Terry Ferguson (DSS) seconded .

34.Verbal votes were taken and the treasurer's reports was approved to be

35.tabled. The motion was passed.

36.We have closer to 6000 members, the report is a complicated report.

37. We have over \$800K spread over three bank's accounts, MCU,

38.Amalgamated and Capital One.

39.We got several refund checks from the IRS. In 2023 we were in jeopardy to

40.almost lose out tax exempt status. We hired a CPA firm and they rescued our

41.tax exempt status.

42.Kathy Simon (DOB)

43.Where can we find previous treasurer's reports?

44.Laura : We issue to members when they come to the meeting. The financials,

45.we don't post, as it is confidential to the membership. You may sit down with

46.the officers and work looking at a report that you may want to look at.

47.SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

48.Introduction of the DC37 Reps and officers were done by Laura.

49.Local 2627 Officers: Kalpesh Patel (First Vice President), Marie Lodescar

50.(Second Vice President), Ann George (Recording Secretary)

51.Local 2627 Executive board members : Charles McLain (DSS) , George

52.Villegas (BMCC CUNY), Anthony Chambers (John Jay CUNY), Noel Ramos

53.(DCAS).

54.Reps: Natasha Isma (DOE,OTI, DDC, NYCERS, DOB, Campaign Finance

55.Board, DCW and others), Riley (Transit, NYCHA, DSS, Law Department, H+H

56.and others), Brian (NYPD, Parks, DCAS, DOF, DEP and others) , Norita De

57. Taza (CUNY, DOI, FDNY and others)

58. DC37 : David Boyd (Division Director), Madonna Knight (Asst. Division

59. Director) and Robin Roach (General Counsel).

60. The rep assigned to your agency is the best contact for you to discuss agency

61. Issues.

62. Local 2627 office is on the 8th Floor (8E) in this Barclay DC37 Headquarters

63. building.

64. Trustees were elected , Local held the trustee election.

65. Robin explained the role of the volunteers for the election as per International

66. Constitution. Robin was the counsel to the two volunteers, Anthony Chambers

67. (Election Committee Chair) and Renatta English.

68. The chair asked : Are there any nominees for trustee?

69. Steve Visovsky (DSS) nominated himself.

70. Kalpesh Patel made the nomination- Sumiko Gilcrest (DOE)

71. The two nominees were then asked again by the chair if they accept the

72. nomination.

73. Sumiko was asked over the phone at the meeting in the presence of

74. membership, if she accepted the nomination. Sumiko accepted the nomination.

75. The ballots were made and the election was conducted after checking the

76. eligibility.

77. Total 35 ballots were placed, 1 vote was voided.

78. Vote counts - 22 for Steve and 12 for Sumiko.

79. MOTION 3

80. Laura requested a motion to accept the election report, Steve is the new

81. trustee.

82. Charles made the motion and Marie Jeremie (Transit) seconded.

83. A verbal vote was taken and members present voted in favor, the motion

84. passed.

85. David Boyd performed the ceremony to swear in Steve as a trustee.

86. Congratulations Steve Visovsky!

87. Steed Wells (MTA) - New shop Steward was also sworn in by David Boyd at
88.the meeting.

89.PRESIDENT'S REPORT

90.Laura thanked all who helped with the serving of food.

91. Mary Van Nay, Foy the Holland, Oscar Banh, Matt Schell, Marie Lodescar,

92.Kalpesh Patel, Noel Ramos, Anthony Chambers, Charles Mclain, George

93.Villegas.

94.Events :

95.Mayoral candidate forum e-alert will be sent out soon, Feb 26th , 6-8 PM.

96.Make sure to sign up for DC37 action alerts along with the L2627 e-alerts.

97. DC37 Lobby day is coming up on Tuesday, March 4th in Albany, you will need

98.to use your time if you do decide to go. Local can surely use more

99.participation from members to make it in person, do RSVP.

100.Friday March 14th is DC37 Women's History month celebration, please RSVP

101.to attend.

102.Laura :We just got back from Albany yesterday after the Caucus meeting. We

103.were there to push for Tier 6 concerns as the main agenda.

104.DC37 is in support of the Medicare advantage, city cannot afford the

105.growing health insurance costs.

106.There is a bill in Albany to make Medicare for all, we are not in support of

107.that as city unions pay zero, but state in in favor of the bill as it

108.brings down their cost by about 10%.

109.The city members will be hurt by such a change.

110.We make sure 98% of all procedures does not require pre approval for the

111.retirees.The retirees are pushing for us to pay the copay for them.

112.The OLR website can give you, side by side information about the healthcare

113.plans.

114.PBM (Prescription benefits manager) was explained briefly.It will take about
115.18 months to be rolled out, it will assure more prescriptions for our members
116.in future.

117.Terry Ferguson (DSS)

118.Does that include cancer prescription coverage?

119.Laura:We are trying to get PICA in.

120.We have Ozempic and Zepbound covered for mayoral agencies. Half the
121.cost is reimbursed by DC37. You need to send the prescription directly to Lilly
122.direct, the DC37 pharmacy.

123.Richard Burbidge (MTA)

124.Do retirees have representation when contracts are negotiated?

125.Laura : Unfortunately not, MLC does not have a seat at the table. We are
126.behind the city. We were there to make sure Memorial Sloan Kettering does
127.not get dropped out on January 1st 2025.

128.Noel Ramos (DCAS)

129.When it comes to benefits for 340B as learned at Albany workshop. When
130.you have a chance take a look at the website, the money that is suppose to
131.come back to health and security plans. Read the bill details on the websites,
132.as that will help in bringing down the copays.

133.PHRMA.ORG - website that talks about the legislative.

134.By June of this year we are expecting a final decision on the retiree

135.association contract for health and prescription coverage.

136.There are two assembly bills (3607,4639) in Albany that the retiree
137.association is pushing for.

138.Currently, 80% cost is covered by Medicare advantage when over 65, 20%
139.is where the city is trying to cover the gap.

140.The union is also not in favor of city bill 1096.

141.ICE is an issue, if they come to your job, you call General Counsel and NYPD

142.on what to do. At DOE sites they need to have a warrant to enter.

143.Anti union cards have been sent to our members. Please let us know if you

144.receive any such card or phone calls.

145.Health Insurance :

146.GHI - Blue Cross Blue Shield : Friday last week , they were suppose to reveal
147.the bids for the RFP of health insurance. We will have more information soon.

148.There will be a New advantage care unit at 150 Chamber street, starting in
149.March 2025.

150.We are still working on the newer titles, IT titles, Computer systems manager,

151.Computer operations manager , Telecommunications manager

152.titles and Cybersecurity titles, we are still working on getting their salary

153.ranges.

154.Some information on salary range were received, not yet official, so we can

155.get rid of the TBD.

156.We are working on compressed tours at the Parks department. We are not

157.accepting that, as they are saying they cannot work remote, so we are

158.pushing for them to come up with an alternative.

159.The Citywide remote work , there is no indication it is going to end in May.

160.There is indication they will be extending it.

161.CUNY : Finally got paid, they had the pay dates implemented.

162.OLD/ NEW BUSINESS

163. None

164.MOTION 4

165.Laura requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

166.Wendy Leonardo (DSS) made the motion and Steed Wells

167.(MTA) seconded.Votes were taken verbally and the motion was passed.

168.Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM.