

1. Local 2627
2. District Council 37
3. AFSCME AFL-CIO
4. Virtual General Membership Meeting
5. Local 2627
6. November 19th, 2024

7. **AGENDA**

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

13. This RingCentral General membership meeting was called to order at 6:13 PM
14. by President Laura Morand. Laura welcomed all to the meeting and as always
15. thanked them for taking the time to attend the meeting.

16. **MINUTES**

17. **MOTION 1**

18. **Laura** requested a motion to accept the minutes of meeting for
19. September 17th, 2024.
20. Vanessa J Caughman (OATH) made the motion and Alexander Pilyavsky (HRA
21. DSS) seconded the motion to accept the minutes with corrections.
22. Ring central verbal poll was taken, members voted and the motion was passed.

23. **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS NEW SHOPS STEWARDS**

24. Three new Shop Stewards were sworn in from Class of 2024.
25. The shop stewards were sworn in by Norlita DeTaza(LeLe ).

- 26. Anna Panicker-Diaz
- 27. Robert Khatami
- 28. Kristen Lee

## **29. TREASURER'S REPORT**

30. The treasurer Nicolas Pineda presented the treasurer's report.

31. Local's Expense report for October 31st 2024 was included on the current  
32. treasurer Report along with DC37 report (per capita report), ending August  
33. 31st 2024.

34. We have only 6 members from this month remaining to be reimbursed from  
35. 2024.

36. We opened an account with Citi Bank, so we can have a CD account opened  
37. with higher interest rates.

38. Mitchell Goldberg (NYCHA)

39. Are we planning to do the back reports from 2023, how will it be handled?

40. Nicholas : I will need to get more details on the past reports you are referring  
41. to.

42. Laura: Past reports from 2023 , about 11 months reports are still being worked  
43. upon.

44. Ann George (DEP)

45. We are opening a Citi Bank account , which account are we planning to close?

46. Nicholas : We have not yet decided which account will be closed.

47. Laura : We will be opening an account to buy Treasury Bonds with Citi

48. bank. We don't want large amounts like \$250K in one account, Treasury

49. bonds are a secure investment to keep the money growing.

50. Edward Patri (CUNY)

51. How do we get information on our reimbursement?

52. Laura : Marie Lodescar will be the person of contact who will be sending out  
53. the responses.

54. Iqbal Chowdhury (DOE)

55. How long to wait for reimbursement?

56.Laura and Nicholas : 10 business days.

57. Jacqueline Li (OTI)

58.Amongst the 6 members from 2023 , I am one of them and I have given my  
59.address.

60.Marie Lodescar: The email address is in the chat . Please

61. send the mailing address on email to follow up.

62.Alexander Pilyavsky (HRA DSS)

63.Can we invest 1% in Bitcoins?

64.Nicholas : We can only invest in safe and secure accounts. Suggestion is  
65.appreciated.

66.Laura: We have to adhere to the AFSCME financial standards.

67. Jason Banks (FISA)

68.If you are running out of deficit, what are your plans on getting out of it?

69.The reserve is not used to come out of the deficit?

70.Laura : We have deficit because we are catching up on past pending  
71.payments. We get about 10% on every dollar that gets collected by our local.  
72.Remaining goes to DC37 and AFSCME. It is impossible to catch up on the  
73.deficit. We get two checks deposited in a year on the dues collected. 10  
74.months in a year we will be having a net operating loss. The two months of  
75.deposit will make up for all the losses as we spend very conservatively. Our  
76.dues are \$27 a paycheck , despite being a union with the highest paid  
77.members. We have about \$800k as reserves in various bank accounts.

## **78.MOTION 2**

79. Laura requested a motion to accept the treasurer's report.

80.Kalpesh Patel (HRA DSS) made the motion and Terrance Banks (Department  
81. of Parks) seconded . Verbal votes were taken and the treasurer's reports was  
82.approved. The motion was passed.

## **83.PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

84.SCA

85.Laura :We have a tentative agreement which is pending a counter sign and a  
86.summary sheet will be sent out to members by early January 2025. They have

87. agreed to 3% raises and remote work of days a week. \$3000 ratification  
88. bonuses will be given to members for 2025, 2026 and 2027.

89. MTA

90. Laura : Remote work policy has been rolled out with some bumps.

91. Some titles do not qualify, for those titles we are asking for in depth details on

92. why those positions cannot be done remotely. We are not accepting a

93. statement like "operational needs" without any details.

94. CUNY

95. Laura : We do not have the pay dates for the increase yet. Something went

96. wrong in the processing of raises. We may have to do some rallies to put

97. pressure on getting the raises and ratification bonuses.

98. Solan Memorial:

99. Laura: Negotiations are going on , there is chance on Dec 31st they will not go

100. out.

101. Negotiated acquisition for Health Plans:

102. May not happen by Feb or March. We are still stalled with the insurance

103. company. We want more audits done by third parties. The company wants to

104. perform self audit.

105. Mathew Ganz (CUNY)

106. Is it unlikely they will pay by the end of the year?

107. Laura: I don't have those answers.

108. Alexander Pilyavsky (HRA DSS)

109. Can you post on chat , who can we speak to regarding health plans?

110. Website doesn't give specific services.

111. Laura : Reach out to the healthcare benefits coordinator at your agency.

112. Ralph DiBillo (NYPD)

113. Delta dental we are supposed to upgrade, did they upgrade to a higher

114. level?

115. Laura : They now cover implants and some upgrades on additional services.

116.Steven Alvarez (DOE)

117.Do you happen to know when the CSM list will be established and any

118.negotiation on the salaries?

119.Laura : No, there is no information yet.

120.James Naval (CUNY)

121.The pay was supposed to be done by the state, not CUNY. There were some

122.people got paid RIP and retro payment.

123.Laura : The only contractual pay was retro RIP payment.

124.Laura : We are in the process of moving back to Barclay office. Our office will

125.be on the 8th floor, it's a nice office close to the elevator.

126.Our office is ready but we don't have the keys yet. We are expecting to get

127.the keys hopefully the week of Thanksgiving. Hence we may move sometime

128.after December.

129. CUNY

130.Laura : IT Architect, IT Project Specialist, IT Security Specialist, IT Infrastructure

131.engineer. Those IT titles are going to be in our local CUNY. They will not be

132.getting RIP or any additions to gross as they need to be negotiated after the

133.titles come into the local. We don't have a date yet.

134.Laura : December 4th we are going into next bargaining session for the CSM

135.and IT titles with mayoral agencies.

136.Laura :

137.We have met with different agencies regarding compressed work hours.

138.Congestion pricing

139.Laura : We are against it, we have sent a letter to the Governor through MLC

140.but we may not get an exemption. We can definitely ask.

141.Member question: Stuck on Computer Specialist level 1 , how to get out of it

142.in DOE?

143.Laura : Apply if you have a position at another agency, negotiate if you get

144.accepted. Even if your agency agrees to match , there can be a use back at

145.any level all the way in higher ups or even OMB.

146.Natasha : Union cannot push OMB approval its out of our jurisdiction

**147.OLD/ NEW BUSINESS**

148. None

**149.MOTION 3**

150.Laura requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

151.Anthony Chambers (CUNY) made the motion and Vanessa J Caughman

152.(OATH) seconded.Votes were taken verbally and the motion was passed.

153.Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.