

Minutes of the Local 2627 General Membership Meeting

Date: May 25, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: 125 Barclay St (and virtual)

1 Call to Order:

2 The meeting was called to order by the President Laura Morand at 6:25 PM.

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4 Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

5 The minutes were distributed prior to the meeting.

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7 Motion to Approve Minutes:

8 Moved by: George Villegas – Executive Board Member

9 Seconded by: Wendy Leonardo (didn't provide agency)

10 No discussion or amendments were proposed.

11 The minutes were approved unanimously, both in the room and online.

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13 Treasurer's Report:

14 Ann George, the new Treasurer, presented the financial reports for 2025 which
15 included the First Quarter Report (January - March 2025) and the April
16 report.

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18 Discussion and Questions

19 The reports indicated a decrease in profit primarily due to delayed financial
20 reporting from DC-37.

21 The Treasurer addressed inquiries on higher yield savings accounts, stating the
22 need to adhere to AFSCME and financial security standards.

23 Questions regarding tuition reimbursements were raised, highlighting issues
24 related to delays and the handling of reimbursement processes

25 Various members expressed concerns regarding current financial processes,
26 specifically about education reimbursements and banking procedures.

27 Jacqueline Lee (OTI) raised a query about delayed tuition reimbursements. It
28 was clarified that a technical issue had contributed to the backlog, and the
29 committee is working to resolve it by mid-year.

30 Victor Davis (NYPD) queried about tuition reimbursement from 2023, and it
31 was confirmed that previous gaps were being addressed.

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33 Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report

34 Moved by: Mohamed Choudry (CUNY)

35 Seconded by: Chris O'Brien (OTI)

36 The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously, in person and virtually

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38 President's Report:

39 The President provided updates on several key issues:

40 Members of mayoral will receive a 3.25% raise effective May 26, 2025.

41 CUNY will get their raise in June.

42 Upcoming contract expiration for the mayoral employees is May 2026, with a

43 call to participate in the June primary elections.
44 The President urged members to not rank Andrew Cuomo in the primary
45 election due to his prior actions against unions, and encouraged them to
46 support endorsed candidates.
47 Highlights of town hall meetings and activities related to upcoming union
48 events were shared.
49 A labor rally for candidate Adrienne Adams in June.
50 Information about upcoming heritage events was mentioned (Asian and Italian
51 Heritage).
52 The local will have an election for a trustee next month, with voting to occur
53 in person.

54 General Questions:

55 A question about the environmental changes in various agencies was raised.
56 Discussion of the grievance procedure and addressing individual grievances
57 without union representation was explained.

58 Technology Updates:

59 The implementation of new technology for meetings was discussed, aimed at
60 enhancing member engagement through improved online features.

61 Health Insurance Update:

62 Transition from GHI with Blue Cross Blue Shield to GHI with United
63 Healthcare.
64 Expected increase in coverage, especially for mental health services.
65 Less pre-authorization required for specific procedures.
66 No co-pay increases anticipated with the new plan.
67 Members will be notified within 90 days of any changes; the plan is expected
68 to take effect on January 1, 2026.

69 CUNY IT Exams:

70 Discussion of the recent completion of the CUNY IT Senior Associate exam
71 and hiring from promotional lists.
72 A total of 347 hires from the IT Associate list and 170 from open competitive
73 exams.

74 Recruitment Program:

75 A new New York State Helps program was mentioned, aimed at retaining
76 staff in challenging recruitment areas.
77 The program seeks to establish 43 titles across various unions in hard to
78 recruit titles.

79 New Shop Stewards Sworn In

80 James Ashe and Helene Miele, were sworn in as new shop stewards by
81 Norlita DeTaza

82 Committee Meetings:

83 Upcoming meetings include the Disability Advisory Committee and Civil
84 Service meetings. It was noted that participation in these meetings is crucial
85 for understanding civil 91 service processes and upcoming changes.

86 Political Action Committee (PAC) Donations:

87 The committee discussed contributions to the PAC to support labor-friendly
88 candidates.
89 A recent decision was made not to endorse candidates who support bills
90 detrimental to labor rights.

91 Pension and Pay Stubs:

92 Richard Burridge (NYCTA) asked about retaining paper pay stubs. It was

93 advised for members to retain physical pay stubs for validation of
94 employment and pension claims.

95 Clarifications on the retirement process, specifically timeline estimates for
96 pension distribution.

97 **Freedom Foundation Propaganda:**

98 Concerns were raised about members receiving misleading information from
99 the Freedom Foundation.

100 A lawsuit is in the process to address the dissemination of misinformation and
101 protect union members.

102 **End President's Report**

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104 **Motion to Adjourn:**

105 Moved by James Ashe

106 Seconded by Wendy Leonardo

107 Motion passed unanimously both in person and virtually.

108 Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm

Next Meeting:

June 17, 2026 6pm at 125 Barclay St.

Minutes Prepared by: Anthony Chambers Local 2627 Secretary

Date: