

Minutes of the Local 2627 General Membership Meeting

Date: March 25, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

1 Call to Order

2 The meeting was called to order by President Laura Morand at 6:30 PM.

3 Acknowledgment was made to all members for attending both virtually and in-
4 person, with a note regarding the previous month's soul food theme for Black
5 History Month.

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7 171 members registered, with 24 attending in person.

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9 Approval of Previous Minutes-Members were asked if they had reviewed the
10 minutes from February 18, 2025. A motion was made by George Villegas
11 (Executive Board Member) to approve the minutes, seconded by Fred Seaman
12 (OTI). No corrections or changes were suggested. The motion carried with a
13 majority vote.

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15 Announcements: Treasurer Resignation: Nicholas Pineda resigned from his
16 position due to health concerns. Anne George was introduced as the new treasurer,
17 emphasizing her commitment to getting finances back on track.

18 Secretary Appointment: Anthony Chambers was introduced as the new secretary,
19 having previously served on the executive board.

20 New Executive Board Member: Sumiko Gilchrist was appointed to fill a vacancy
21 on the Executive Board. Executive Board members and Council Reps were
22 introduced

23 Financial Updates:The new treasurer, Anne George, will be working on catching
24 up financial records following the previous treasurer's resignation.

25The need for a potential increase in dues was discussed due to staffing requirements
26 and financial sustainability.

27 Legislative Issues: Discussion of significant cuts to Medicaid that may affect
28 members, specifically a proposed \$9 billion cut for New York State. Concerns
29 were raised about the impact of Intro 1096, which seeks to allow the city council to
30 negotiate retired health insurance benefits, potentially undermining union
31 negotiations.

32 Tier 6 Update: Discussion on potential changes to Tier 6 contributions and benefits
33 was led. Suggestions included reducing the contribution percentage from 6% to a
34 capped amount and addressing overtime calculations that impact retirement
35 benefits.Members were encouraged to engage with the union's activities and stay
36 in contact with their shop stewards.Information was shared about joining advocacy
37 efforts for Tier 6 changes through the website fixtier6.org.

38 Questions and Comments: Members asked various questions regarding health
39 benefits, tier structures, and future union activities. Responses were provided by
40 President Laura Morand and other executive members, emphasizing the
41 importance of collaboration and staying informed.

42 2 speakers (1 from VIP 1 from Aflac) addressed the body about their

43 products. Their info can be found on the Local's website

44 The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 (could not make out the names or agencies of
45 who made the motion or seconded it) with a thank you to all members for their
46 participation.