

1. Local 2627
2. District Council 37
3. AFSCME AFL-CIO
4. Virtual General Membership Meeting
5. Local 2627
6. September 19th, 2023

7. **AGENDA**

8. Minutes
9. Treasurer's Report
10. President's Report
11. Old/New Business

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

15. **MINUTES**

16. **MOTION 1**

17. **Laura** requested a motion to accept the minutes of meeting for June
18. 16th, 2023. Wendy Leonardo (DSS-HRA) made the motion and Brandon
19. Stewart (NYCHA) seconded the motion to accept the minutes.
20. Ring central poll was taken, 51 members voted yes and the motion was passed
21. with no further questions.

22. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

23. **MOTION 2**

24. **Laura** requested a motion to table the Treasurer's report until we get a
25. Treasurer.
26. Anthony Chambers (CUNY) made the motion and Artur Kulczynski (City

27. College) seconded the motion.

28. Ring central poll was taken, 54 members voted yes, the motion was passed.

29. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

30. President Laura shared a good news that the Local hired a new accounting firm
31. that has now caught up and recreated the records that did not transfer over
32. when Artie passed. Local was at risk of losing our tax exempt status. The
33. good news is that the Local's tax exempt status is now reinstated.

34. Local is looking for a new treasurer, an e-alert was sent out to the membership
35. and Shop Stewards. Local , has not yet found a treasurer. Local will require all
36. officers to complete the Shop Steward class before a member is onboarded as
37. an official treasurer.

38. Next Laura mentioned the labor day parade which was held on Saturday,
39. Sept 9th 2023. The local had a good turn out. This time local had a vehicle at
40. the parade with the magnetic sign displaying the logo on it and there was
41. some food for the members. Hope next year we will have more members at
42. the parade. It shows solidarity and we definitely want members to think about
43. it. Members can bring family and kids to the parade, it will be a good
44. experience for the member's family.

45. Our website is revamped, we have a new logo, with the name "IT
46. professionals ". We will be uploading the labor day parade details on the
47. website. We will be enabling login for members soon as well.

48. The mayoral agencies got the raises, but the state budget was very late this
49. Year.

50. CUNY was cut by 5%, so we are trying to get more money for CUNY so
51. our members can get money as well. We are waiting to get the CUNY
52. bargaining contract, we are waiting for CUNY to get the 1% budget, we are
53. pushing the governor and the officials. We are working on it.

54. Transit MTA members - we got a tentative date not a confirmed date yet, for
55. the 3% bargaining raises. We also bargained for remote, they have only
56. agreed for 1 day a week remote work for the transit members as that is the
57. same for the management as well. Other locals at Transit have accepted for 1

58.day as well.

59.NYCHA - End of last year we had a lawsuit filed against them , we don't have
60.an update on remote work from them. It is difficult to say how long does a
61.lawsuit take to settle.

62.Natasha was present at the meeting and mentioned its difficult to say how
63.much time a lawsuit with the agency would take to settle.

64.She recommended to invite the General Council at the General membership
65.meeting, so they can explain the union experiences with lawsuits.

66.We agreed to push back on the manager title by 60 days into October. The
67.hiring freeze is coming up in October so it is uncertain.

68.Laura next read on the status of remote work provided by Rose (Associate
69.Executive director for DC37).

70.DC37 have now received a remote work plan from all the mayoral agency,
71.NYPD being the last one.

72.Local met with over 36 agencies so far, there are 10 mayoral agencies with
73.whom local continues to work with for the implementation of the remote work
74.policy.

75.We continue to work with DOE, SCA, H+H (we asked them to do the list by
76.facility) , CUNY, MTA and NYCHA. No one from H+H is complaining as they
77.are getting some kind of remote work.

78.DSS - They were the first agency to meet with DC37. They rolled out remote
79.work plan in different phases. Currently they are implementing the second
80.phase. The ITS department is not part of the first phase, we are working on
81.getting the information from Research on ITS plans.

82.Mayoral executive budget cut by 15%, they are not talking of layoffs.

83.We are going into bargaining for IT titles salaries on October 5th, we are
84.bargaining for RIP, longevity, min and max salary for these titles.

85.Reach out to the Local and DC37 before changing jobs or changing agencies
86.to know more about the benefits of the titles.

87.If you have no performance evaluation, you can still telework. Only
88.unsatisfactory evaluation will qualify for no telework condition.

89. In January 2024 Computer Systems Manager and Computer Operations
90. Manager exams are expected to open.

91. HPD - Natasha mentioned if a member feels they have not received correct
92. amount in their raises. Member will have to file grievances to approve on the
93. pay. Pay order has a range and need to file to find the correct raise. The issues
94. have stemmed from members who have changed agencies, changed titles,
95. break or leave, which may have caused a misinterpretation of needed
96. calculation.

97. OLD/ NEW BUSINESS

98. Announcement: DC37 is trying to recruit volunteer member organizers, pay of
99. \$22/hr, maximum 18 hrs /week, maximum 3 days/week, to get membership
100. cards for non-members, DC37 prefers, members to work on their day off.
101. Council is losing a lot of money when losing track of members.

102. VP is working on a list of non members from our Local to get the list to the
103. Shop Stewarts.

104. Natasha announcement - Political action can use volunteers, call @ 212 815
105. 1550 to sign up to volunteer.

106. Question from a member : Will there be transfers with the hiring freeze?

107. Response from Natasha - The mayor indicated, if there is an emergency only
108. when approved by his office can be hired.

109. MOTION 3

110. Laura requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mitch Goldberg made the
111. motion and Marie Lodescar (Transit) seconded. Votes (58) were taken and the
112. motion was passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.