

AFSCME Local 2627  
NYC Electronic Data Processing Personnel  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
March 23, 2010

Agenda:  
Minutes  
Nomination and election of delegates and alternate to AFSCME convention  
Treasurer's Report  
Approval of 2010 Budget  
President's Report  
Old & New Business  
Good & Welfare

President Robert Ajaye called the meeting to order at 6.05 PM.

Minutes

Brother Peter Jablin (ACS) distributed the minutes of the January 19, 2010 general membership meeting. Sister Julie Leibowitz (HPD) made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Brother Gilbert Sambolin (DOE).

The following corrections were made;

Pg. 2, paragraph 7 – Change “Brother Gary Goff (DOF) made a friendly amendment” to “Brother Gary Goff (DOF) made a friendly amendment, which was not accepted by Brother Sambolin (DOE)”

Pg. 4 Under new business and good and welfare change capitalization of “DoItt” to “DoITT”

Under good and welfare add a “,” after Joel Young (HRA)

Add “The meeting adjourned at 7.35 PM.” at the end of the page.

The motion to accept the minutes as corrected passed with no nay votes or abstentions.

Brother Jablin read the motions made at the January and February 2010 executive board meetings, and the March 11 Special Executive Board meeting. Brother Ajaye denied Brother Jablin the right to read the motion passed at the March 22 Special Executive Board meeting. Brother Jablin requested that a special order-of-business vote be taken of the membership to allow him to read the motion passed on March 22. Brother Ajaye denied Brother Jablin's request.

Nomination and election of delegates and alternate to AFSCME convention to be held June 28 to July 2 in Boston.

Brother Ajaye turned the meeting over to the election committee of Election Chairperson Brother Eugene Olmstead, Sister Portia Perkins and Brother Harrell Perkins.

Brother Peter Jablin (ACS) nominated Brother Cody Childs (HRA), Brother Seth Solomon (TA) and Sister Florence Smith (Corrections).

Sister Cynthia Perkins (DOHMH) nominated Brother Peter Jablin (ACS).

Brother Cody Childs (HRA) nominated Sister Cynthia Perkins (DOHMH) and Brother Artie Kellam (HRA).

Sister Andrea Simon (HRA) nominated Brother Bruce Heigh (HRA).

Sister Portia Perkins (DOF) nominated Brother Les Hurd (HHC) and Brother Fred Liu (DEP).

Brother John Brennan (DOT) nominated Brother Gary Goff (DOF).

Brother Seth Solomon (TA) nominated Brother Max Henri Louis-Jacques (TA).

Brother Eugene Olmstead (HRA) nominated Brother Michael Lanni (TRS).

Sister Maria Sette (NYPD) nominated Sister Maria Sette (NYPD).

Brother Dennis Rodriguez (HRA) nominated Brother Dennis Rodriguez (HRA).

Brother Famous Jones (ACS) nominated Brother Famous Jones (ACS).

There were no further nominations and Brother Olmstead announced that the nominations were closed.

The voting was conducted, and the election committee left the room to count the ballots.

#### Treasurer's Report and Approval of 2010 budget

Treasurer Brother Bruce Heigh distributed the local's financial statements for the months of December 2009 and January 2010 and the cumulative financial statement for calendar year 2009. Brother Heigh also distributed the budget for calendar year 2009 and the proposed budget for calendar 2010 and reviewed how he calculated the estimated line-by-line totals for the 2010 budget.

Brother Michael Lanni (TRS) made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Brother Seth Solomon (TA). A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Brother Gilbert Sambolin (DOE) made a motion to accept the proposed 2010 budget. The motion was seconded by Brother James Creque (CUNY). A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Brother Ajaye swore in newly-elected Shop Stewards Brother Jim Ryan (CUNY), Brother Murdock Haskins (DOE), Sister Julie Leibowitz (HPD) and Brother Murdock Haskins (DOE).

### President's Report

Brother Ajaye began his President's report by saying that the DCAS website had documents posted that discussed the proposed reclassification of our titles.

Brother Ajaye said that the AFL-CIO Solidarity Center thanked Local 2627 for its contribution to its Haitian Earthquake Relief fund.

Brother Ajaye thanked Brother Fred Bebbs (DoITT) for his personal contribution to Haitian Earthquake Relief.

Brother Ajaye said that the Department of Design and Construction had issued a dress code.

Brother Ajaye said that DC 37 would be negotiating with the Transit Authority regarding the 4% raise that still hasn't been paid from the last contract.

Brother Ajaye said that DC 37 has not begun negotiating with the city regarding the citywide contracts, but that the locals had been caucusing.

Brother Ajaye said that DC 37 is working with building management at Metrotech to make accommodations for employees who wish to ride their bikes to work.

Brother Ajaye said that Local 2627 has lost approximately 75 members to layoffs, most of which were provisionals at ACS or DOE.

Brother Ajaye thanked the member from the NYPD who had written to the NY State Civil Service Commission in opposition to the reclassification of our titles.

Brother Ajaye said that DC 37 Executive Director Sister Lillian Roberts and President Sister Veronica Costas-Montgomery would be honored at the anniversary commemoration of the Triangle Shirtwaist Company fire. Brother Ajaye asked for a motion to purchase 1 ticket for \$450 to the event. A motion was made, and properly seconded and the motion passed.

### Old Business

Brother Heigh (HRA) said that DC 37 and the city were still negotiating the final details of the agreement to extend transit checks to suburban commuter train lines.

Brother Ajaye said that CUNY had adopted a dedicated sick leave policy which would be implemented soon.

Sister Aria Pride (DoITT) said there was the issue of Sister 2<sup>nd</sup> vice-president Cynthia Perkins's release time being rescinded and that it was not fair that Brother Ajaye was drawing the meeting out and people were leaving without being aware of this.

### New Business

Brother Ajaye said that he had decided to unilaterally rescind Sister Cynthia Perkins's release time and replace her in the office with Brother Michael Lanni and that there had been objections to this from the executive board. Brother Ajaye said that he had rescinded Sister Perkins's release time even though she had been wonderful in servicing the members, but that there were other issues he had with her that caused his decision. Brother Mitchell Goldberg (NYCHA) asked Brother Ajaye to let the members know what his issues were. Brother Mohammed Zaman (FISA) said that Sister Perkins had provided him with excellent service when he contacted the office.

Sister Perkins said that she felt the membership should know Brother Ajaye's justification. Sister Aria Pride (DoITT) said that Sister Perkins had worked in the office for 18 months and the membership was very happy with her performance. Brother Ajaye said he felt that he felt it was his prerogative to make this decision.

Brother Peter Jablin (ACS) said that the local exists to serve the members, and for no other reason. Sister Julie Leibowitz (HPD) said that it was her opinion that it was solely the President's prerogative to determine who was on release time.

Sister Perkins said she was deeply committed to the members of the local and that she encouraged disclosure and transparency. Sister Perkins said she has served the members professionally, legally and ethically, however she was insulted by Brother Ajaye's remark that she did not defrost the refrigerator. Sister Perkins said that she had reviewed the local's constitution and that it was clear that the executive board was the governing body of the local. She said that she frequently arrived early and stayed late to service the members and made herself available to the members on her own time. She added that she had never been disrespectful of the President.

The meeting was recessed until the election committee returned to give its report.

The election committee returned and gave its report;

1. Sister Cynthia Perkins (DOHMH) - 64 votes
2. Brother Fred Liu (DEP) - 56 votes
3. Brother Peter Jablin (ACS) - 52 votes
4. Brother Gary Goff (DOF) - 46 votes
5. Brother Cody Childs (HRA) - 45 votes
6. Brother Bruce Heigh (HRA) - 37 votes
7. Brother Seth Solomon (TA) - 36 votes
8. Brother Artie Kellam (HRA) - 33 votes
9. Brother Michael Lanni (TRS) - 31 votes
10. Brother Famous Jones (ACS) - 29 votes
11. Sister Maria Sette (NYPD) - 25 votes
12. Brother Dennis Rodriguez (HRA) - 24 votes
13. Sister Florence Smith (Corrections) - 24 votes
14. Brother Max Henri Louis-Jacques (TA) - 23 votes
15. Brother Les Hurd (HHC) - 12 votes

Sister Perkins, Brother Liu, Brother Jablin, Brother Goff, Brother Childs, Brother Heigh, Brother Solomon and Brother Kellam were declared to have been elected as delegates. Brother Lanni was elected as an alternate.

Sister Laura Pirtle (FDNY) made a motion to accept the report of the election committee. Brother Ernest Parker (TLC) seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Brother James Creque (CUNY) made a motion to adjourn. Brother Ernest Parker (TLC) seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.50 PM.