

# AFSCME LOCAL 517

General Membership Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2025 - 12:00-1:00pm

Virtually: WebEx



**Attendees:** Ben Henry, James Wittling, Kaitlyn McCarthy, Katie Wallner, Lindsay Babcock, Madeline Nyvold, Paul Schwarz, Reese Glaser, Robbin Rosen, Tyler Dales, Shannon Feeney, Shannan Hendricks, Alexea Cheatem, Dani Brown, Kathy Pansegrau, Alex Calero, Carissta Arndt, Ashley Stoner, and Shawn Carpenter.

## Minutes

- Call to Order - 12:02pm
- Treasurer's Report
  - January review and approval
    - **Motion** to approve January treasurer's reports - Alexea C.; Second - Ashley S.
  - Debit card issues. During our recent audit, it was discovered that our local should not have a debit card. Debit cards don't allow for the two signatories required. We could see about getting a credit card, as that would allow a second party to approve all purchases made prior to authorizing payment.
- Secretary's Report ([link to minutes on website](#))
  - January review and approval
    - **Motion** to approve January secretary's minutes - Madeline N.; Second - Shannan H.
- President's Report
  - E-board Position Descriptions
    - Open positions were described as taken from the council 5 website
- Business Rep's Report
  - 1 grievance filed
  - 1 outstanding grievance; will go to arbitration on 3/5
  - Day on the Hill is 4/1 - members should consider attending; meet with lawmakers about issues as an AFSCME group. If interested, event agenda and signup are available through [memberlink](#).
  - Union representative will hold open office hours at the Forest Lake Service Center on 4/2 from 11am-1pm. A zoom link will also be provided for those who want to meet virtually.
- Old Business
  - None
- New Business
  - E-board Nominations
    - President: Lisa Peterson
    - Vice President: Ben Henry
    - Treasurer: No nominees
    - Recording Secretary: Kaitlyn McCarthy
    - Chief Steward Exempt: No nominees
    - Chief Steward Non-Exempt: Carrie Genereux
    - Member-at-Large (3 positions): Shannon Feeney, James Wittling, and Alex Calero
    - Trustee: No nominees
  - Day on the Hill
    - As discussed by business rep. Reach out to [afscme517secretary@gmail.com](mailto:afscme517secretary@gmail.com) with questions.
  - Robin Rosen, who was appointed to an open trustee position in December was officially sworn in.
  - Call for those interested in being a part of the negotiations committee. Reach out to [afscme517secretary@gmail.com](mailto:afscme517secretary@gmail.com) to express interest.

- Good & Welfare
    - Gift card drawing
      - James W. is the winner!
  - Adjourn - 12:50pm
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**Questions about the union or membership?** Fill out our [contact form](#) and a local union member will be in touch.

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**Executive Board:**

President: Lisa Peterson

Vice President: Ben Henry

Treasurer: Shannan Hendricks

Chief Stewards: Carrie Genereux (non-exempt) and Vacant (exempt)

Recording Secretary: Ashley Stoner

New Member Secretary: Heather Vandenheuvel

Communication Liaison: Alexea Cheatem

AFSCME Business Representative: Paul Schwarz

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