

AFGE Local 2578 Monthly Meeting Minutes

The members of AFGE Local 2578 met at 12:00 PM ET, Tuesday, May 31, 2022. The monthly meeting was held via audio-conference and virtual connection with NARA employees.

A quorum of members was present.

Ottis Johnson, the National Vice President for District 14 of AFGE administered the Oath of Office to Ashby Crowder for the office of President, Heidi Holmstrom for the office of Secretary, and Daniel Dancis for the office of Sergeant-at-Arms.

President Ashby Crowder called the meeting to order at 12:05pm.

Roll Call of Officers: Officers present were President Ashby Crowder, Sergeant-at-Arms Daniel Dancis, and Secretary Heidi Holmstrom. Vice President Kimberlee Ried and Treasurer Jimmie Greenlee were absent.

Meeting Minutes:

Holmstrom read the April minutes. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:

Greenlee was not present to report on the Local's transactions, assets, spending, and membership for the months of April 2022, and no report was received. Members interested in reporting for that time period may reach out to Greenlee. The April report will also be presented at the next meeting.

Safety and Health Committee:

No report.

Legislative Committee:

Crowder reported on follow-up discussions with Senate and House staff following AFGE's legislative conference in Washington, DC in March. Topics of discussion include advocating for increased funding for NARA.

Organizing Committee:

Crowder reported we are waiting to to do in-person events but are hopeful we can resume them in the future. He asked for ideas from membership about potential speakers for a virtual event.

Communications Committee:

No report

Representational Activity:

Crowder reported on needed nominations of new representatives to fill vacant slots at Archives II in College Park. Membership may submit names for consideration and nomination.

On the subject of Telework Agreements, Crowder reminded members that anyone can request an agreement, but telework must be used for work that meets legitimate business needs of the Agency.

Crowder reported that the Council of Locals and NARA have plans for midterm negotiation of the Contract to incorporate post-reentry concerns and replace the multiple MOUs currently in place.

Crowder reported that there are a few pending grievances. Two of them are in settlement negotiations. There is one pending grievance regarding the career ladder at the Federal Register.

Regarding the Vaccine Mandate, Crowder reported that the requirement was reinstated by a Federal Appeals Court. If the injunction is officially lifted, the Safer Workforce Task Force will issue new guidance.

Crowder reminded members to be wary of Last Chance Agreements. Though they may seem like a good idea, you forfeit your right to a hearing before a 3rd party.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Crowder noted that in the recent election the documents sent by mail had some typos. Most importantly, Sergeant-at-Arms Daniel Dancis's last name was misspelled as "Davis."

Crowder reported that there are two delegates registered for the AFGE National Convention in Florida in June. President Ashby Crowder and Vice-President Kimberlee Ried will be attending.

Crowder reported on preparations for the 2021 audit of the AFGE Local 2578 finances. The AFGE National Treasurer's Secretary Office will be available to perform the audit after the June convention.

NEW BUSINESS & Q&A Open Discussion:

Crowder had no motions to introduce.

Nothing was introduced by membership.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE LOCAL:

Crowder extended a welcome to Holmstrom as a new officer and member of the Executive Board and expressed thanks to Dancis for moving from the office of Secretary to the office of Sergeant-at-Arms.

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting was put forth by Ang Reidell, SECONDED by Amber Thiele. The motion was APPROVED by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned by President Crowder at 12:22 pm ET.