

## **AFGE Local 2578 Monthly Meeting Minutes**

The members of AFGE Local 2578 met at 12:00 PM ET, Tuesday, July 26, 2022. The monthly meeting was held via audio-conference and virtual connection with NARA employees.

A quorum of members was present.

President Ashby Crowder called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm.

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

### Meeting Minutes:

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

Crowder reported it has been confirmed that there was not a management official present at the last meeting.

### Treasurer's Report:

Crowder reported on the Local's transactions, assets, spending, and membership for the month of June 2022. The report may be accessed on the AFGE Local 2578 Google Drive.

A MOTION to approve the report was put forth by Myron Fleming, SECONDED by Ried. The motion was APPROVED by voice vote.

### Safety and Health Committee:

Crowder announced Jason Staton as a new member of this committee. The current Local 2578 members are Staton, Fleming, and Crowder as ex-officio.

Fleming noted there are thirty-nine NARA locations. Currently twenty-three are in the High Covid-19 Community Transmission level, twenty-six are in Medium, and one is in Low. More locations have been moving into the High level. We also need to keep an eye on monkeypox, as numbers are rising in areas where some NARA facilities are located.

### Legislative Committee:

Crowder has been in touch with Senator Van Hollen's office to follow up on the NARA appropriation request. One of the goals is to try and avoid loading it down with earmarks. Crowder is working on arranging a tour for Senator Van Hollen and his staff at Archives II, though this may be postponed if Covid levels continue to rise.

Crowder also reported that the House passed the National Defense Authorization Act on July 14 and it included several items important to AFGE, including an additional 2.3% inflation bonus on top of the regular cost of living increase.

There was a question from the chat about whether any NARA employees would be affected by the Trump Administration's Schedule F executive order. Crowder explained that Schedule F would reclassify many Federal employees, but would not apply to anyone at NARA.

#### Organizing Committee:

No report.

#### Communications Committee:

No report.

#### Representational Activity:

Crowder reported that the Covid-19 MOU between the Union and NARA ended on July 7 and, as expected, a number of cases have been opened. The Council of Locals and NARA have midterm negotiations scheduled for this August, so some issues will be addressed then. Negotiation of the full contract will begin next year. If there is anything you'd like to see in the new contract, please contact President Crowder or fill out the upcoming member survey.

Crowder announced that the OPM data breach class action lawsuit has been settled. As part of the settlement, a website ([opmdatabreach.com](http://opmdatabreach.com)) has been set up for those affected to submit claims. If you experienced an out-of-pocket loss due to the breach, you are eligible to apply for compensation.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

#### NEW BUSINESS & Q&A Open Discussion:

Crowder announced that next month, unless the Covid-19 community levels have moved into High, Local 2578 will resume the in-person meeting option at Archives II.

Nothing was introduced by members.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE LOCAL:

Fleming expressed appreciation for bringing back in-person meetings because it allows a greater sense of connection. He also extended a welcome to Jason Staton.

In the chat, Jesse Wilinski noted the upcoming District 14 member appreciation barbeque in September. More info on the event will be coming in our next meeting.

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting was put forth by Reid, SECONDED by Fleming. The motion was APPROVED by voice vote.

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