

AFSCME Retirees' Subchapter 161 March 2025

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

The March 12, 2025, executive board meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m.

Diane, Dave, John, Tony, Jesse, MacArthur, and Ida were the officers and executive board members present. Iris also attended. Diane presided.

Tony read the minutes for the February 2025 executive board meeting. John moved to accept them, Dave seconded the motion, and it passed.

Jesse read the secretary/treasurer's report for February 2025. John moved to accept the report, Dave seconded the motion, and it passed.

Next Jesse read the secretary/treasurer's report for March 2025. Again, John moved to accept the report, Dave seconded the motion, and it passed.

Diane told us that silver-level membership in the Illinois History Society would cost \$500. Dave moved to authorize the \$500, and John seconded the motion. We also considered renewing our membership in the Illinois Single Payer Coalition and Physicians for National Healthcare.

Diane asked whether we had paid the surety bond, and Jesse said he had written a check for \$100. Diane said that according to Maria, the retiree coordinator for the state's subchapters, we needed to submit the surety bond by March 1.

Diane told us our subchapter's annual audit would take place at the main branch of the Evanston Public Library at 1703 Orrington on Friday, March 14. John said either the subchapter constitution or the AFSCME one requires an audit twice a year.

We discussed the upcoming election of a trustee. And Diane said we need regional training for treasurers.

Diane talked about the executive board meeting that was held in Springfield on March 7. She also said that on March 24 there would be a post office–related demonstration in the Loop.

Iris said some members of our subchapter had talked to various representatives in Springfield on Lobby Day. Dave said he and others had talked to executive secretaries in the Capitol and had felt that they were heard.

Diane said now is a good time to push for prescription drug affordability and Single Payer Healthcare because drugs don't do people any good if they can't afford them.

Diane told us Citizens Action wants us to speak to Republican lawmakers in person. She said our nearest Republican legislator is in Normal, Illinois and there will be a bus to Normal in late April.

Diane said there would be a picket line at the Department of Human Services (DHS) at 7301 Lincoln Avenue in Lincolnwood on Wednesday, March 19, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Diane said Lenny Lampkin would talk about the Evanston election at the next membership meeting.

Someone said we need to recruit working people as members. John said that when we go to the Lincolnwood picket line, we should bring subchapter business cards showing the time and date of our monthly meetings. Dave said that if we have a list of recent retirees, we should send it to our people.

Dave moved to adjourn, Ida seconded the motion, and we adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Tony Zappia, Recording Secretary