

AFSCME Retirees' Subchapter 161 February 2026 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

The February 11, 2026, executive board meeting was called to order at 12:12 p.m.

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

There were no e-board meeting minutes this time.

Jesse read the finance report. Diane said the audit was due in March. MacArthur asked why the bank charges us a fee and said that since we have a big account, they shouldn't charge us. Dave asked if this is the most convenient bank. Someone moved to approve the finance report, somebody else seconded the motion, and it passed.

We discussed the audit, which would be held at the Evanston Library, at Church and Orrington, on Tuesday, February 24, at 2:00 p.m.

Diane said there would be a quarterly PEOPLE meeting on Zoom. Dave suggested that we tell PEOPLE we wouldn't pay for their organization until we had a more open discussion. John moved that we raise the issue pertaining to the legislative process at the next quarterly e-board meeting in Springfield. Dave seconded the motion, and it passed.

Diane told us that on Tuesday, February 17, there would be a bus taking people to Springfield to lobby. She said she, Dave, and Iris would be going.

Diane said we would prepare for the subchapter elections, which will take place on the third Wednesday in April. John told us that all officers will be up for reelection and that Walt's term as trustee will end, so we will need to replace him.

Diane told us the Alliance for Community Services will hold a Zoom talent show on Wednesday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m.

Diane told us that on Saturday, March 28, there will be No Kings Day rallies everywhere. John said we should go to the rally in Evanston rather than the one in downtown Chicago. He asked if we could show the training video at the next membership meeting.

John said we should have people pay for their meal and save the receipt. He indicated that the raffle winner should show Jesse their receipt and he would write them a check.

Tony asked if we could meet at Omega Restaurant, but John said they don't have a separate room for us to meet in. He added that at Curt's Café, we would have two curtains, and we should have four wireless mics and no more than two rows of tables. He said we could use the room we were meeting in at the time for the screen looking out into the main room. Dave told us there is free parking half a block to one block north of Central Street. John said the staff bathroom is available only after our meetings.

Dave said Fritz Kaegi would be a better choice for assessor than Pat Hynes. Diane told us Maria had sent us a list of candidates the union was endorsing.

John moved to adjourn, Dave seconded the motion, and we adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

Tony Zappia, Recording Secretary