

AFSCME Retirees' Subchapter 161 June 2025 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

The June 11, 2025, executive board meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Diane said we gave \$500 to the Illinois Alliance for Retired Americans. She told us it will hold a convention at the UAW Building in Ottawa on Saturday, September 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. She said people who want to attend must register by August 30. Jesse, MacArthur, and Dave said they will go.

Diane also told us Citizen Action will hold its 50th anniversary dinner at the Hilton at 720 South Michigan Avenue in Chicago on Friday, November 7, at 5:00 p.m.

Diane said that the Alliance for Community Services (ACS) would be holding two fundraisers and that we had already donated to the ACS at the beginning of the year. She also informed us that ACS members Tom Wilson and Fran Tobin had been arrested and were raising money for a lawyer. John moved that we send \$200 to the Legal Defense Fund, Dave seconded the motion, and it passed. Then John said we would need to bring up this donation during the members' meeting the following week.

Diane told us she and her husband were in Springfield on June 5 and 6. She also said they had gone to Blue Cross Blue Shield the previous Saturday.

Diane told us Illinois House Bill 697 would impose new regulations and fees on pharmacy benefit managers. She also said the Tier Two Pension Bill hadn't passed.

Diane told us the City Colleges Union had joined AFSCME. She also informed us that on Saturday, June 14 (No Kings Day), there would be demonstrations in the Loop and Oak Park at 1:00 p.m. and at Fountain Square in Evanston from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

John told us that he would be starting a six-week vacation on July 6 and he hoped to be back on August 16. He pointed out that he therefore would not attend the July and August e-board meetings.

Dave told us Curt's Café wouldn't finish its remodeling until mid-August and mentioned that its meeting room was small. In response, Diane said she would like more members to get involved. MacArthur asked Dave if he had checked on the other restaurant MacArthur had told him about. Dave replied that it was way north and west near Lake Cook Road. Dave also said Hackney's, another restaurant we'd met at, had auditory problems and a \$325 minimum.

Then Dave said he thought we should focus on demonstrations that are broad. Diane said we need to engage in more organized communications.

Ida moved to adjourn, someone seconded the motion, and we adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Tony Zappia, Recording Secretary