

## **AFSCME Retirees' Subchapter 161 November 2025 Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

The November 12, 2025, executive board meeting was called to order at 12:19 p.m.

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

There was a speaker named Connor Brennan. He talked about Starbucks workers trying to get their rights. He told us their union was trying to get a contract with the company. Dave moved to give the Starbucks union \$400–\$600, but Diane said we would need to vote on it at the members' meeting.

We talked with the manager of Curt's Café, where we were convening, about ordering food easily and solving problems with our meeting room.

Tony read the October 2025 e-board meeting minutes. Dave moved to approve them, John seconded the motion, and it passed.

Jesse read the finance report. Diane asked if we had gotten the blank checks, and Jesse said they had finally arrived. Dave said we should switch to a credit union, and Jesse mentioned the Central Credit Union in Maywood. Diane said we would table that discussion. Dave moved to approve the finance report, John seconded the motion, and it passed.

Diane brought up our surety bond and asked if we had any expenses. John said we had to pay \$102 for parking and TV at Curt's Café. Diane said that since this expense was under \$200, we could allocate it at the e-board meeting.

Dave brought up our donation to the Starbucks workers, and John said the e-board should name the amount. Dave moved that we donate \$500, and someone seconded the motion.

Diane described plans for the November 19 membership meeting. She told us the speaker would be Tom Suhrber, a book author and organizer.

She said he would talk about the transition from segregated schools to integrated ones. Diane said we should try to bring in more people by telling them our next meeting would be about education, and Connor would talk about Starbucks workers.

We discussed the December membership meeting, where we will hold our holiday party.

Dave moved that we continue to hold our e-board meetings at Curt's Café, Jesse seconded the motion, and it passed.

Diane told us that on the following Friday, November 21, the Illinois Labor History Society would hold a dinner at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Building at 2722 South Martin Luther King Drive. She said the doors would open at 5:00 p.m. and the program would begin at 6:00 p.m. She said she, Phil, Jesse, Iris, MacArthur, Dave, and John would attend the dinner. John said he would give rides to anyone from Evanston.

Diane informed us that we would have lots of actions in November and December and that in January, someone would speak about what to do about the agenda.

Jesse told us Dorothy Webster's funeral would take place on November 29 at 1500 West Glenlake.

Someone said Alan Ross, who had attended a few of our meetings, had passed away.

Dave moved to adjourn, John seconded the motion, and we adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Tony Zappia, Recording Secretary