

AFSCME Retirees' Subchapter 161 October 2025 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

The October 22, 2025, executive board meeting was called to order at 11:46 a.m.

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

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

Diane told us she, Phil, Karl, Dave, Iris, and MacArthur would go to the AFSCME Retirees' Convention in Springfield. She said they would register at the hotel on Tuesday, October 14, rent five rooms with two king-size beds in each, and attend the retirees' convention on Wednesday and Thursday. She added that on Friday, October 17, they would attend the active workers' convention as guests, and she asked who was going to attend it. It turned out that she, Phil, Jesse, Karl, Iris, and possibly MacArthur would go. She mentioned that they would have to register, and Dave said three or four cars were going down to Springfield.

Diane said the IARA Senior Power luncheon would take place in Chicago, at 1901 Carroll Street, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22. She said she, Phil, Iris, MacArthur, and Dave would be attending, and their lunches were already paid for.

Diane informed us that the Alliance for Community Services dinner would take place in Chicago, at 637 South Dearborn Street, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21. She assured us there was a lot next to the building and parking prices were reasonable. She said we had received an ad for the dinner and she, Phil, Violet, John, MacArthur, Jesse, Karl, Iris, and Dave would attend it. John said he would provide a carpool for the people from Evanston.

Diane told us the Illinois Labor History Society dinner would take place at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 21, at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Building at 2722 South Martin Luther King Drive. She announced that Larry Spivack would receive an award there. She said she, Phil, Dave, Jesse, MacArthur, and possibly Iris would go to the dinner.

Diane informed us that Citizen Action would hold an event at the Hilton at 720 South Michigan in Chicago at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 7. She said she, MacArthur, Jesse, and Dave planned to attend. She reminded us that we had sent Citizen Action a check months earlier.

John said he was returning the microphones he'd bought from Amazon. He gave back the check Jesse had given him to pay for them and asked Jesse to void it and give him a check for ten dollars.

John also told us we were having problems with Wintrust and asked if there was a credit union that was more aligned with our principles. Then John said our members who were going to the convention should ask the people there. Jesse recommended that we switch to the Central Credit Union of Illinois, but Diane suggested that we work on this issue in a couple of months.

Ida suggested that we go to Curt's Café for the November e-board meeting. Diane said she preferred the library because it was quieter. John said the e-board meeting would take place at Curt's Café and the members' meeting would be at Sweet Basil. He informed us that we had a mic system and a television for both meetings. Ida asked if we could meet at the EHS building, but someone pointed out that there isn't much parking there, and we'd have to bring our own food and set up and break down the tables. Jesse added that we don't have a contract for EHS.

Someone told us Curt's Café was at 2922 West Central Road in Evanston, which is between Grosse Pointe and Green Bay Roads. John said the street directly east of Curt's Café was Lincolnwood.

Jesse said the EHS's \$280 fee was prohibitive. Someone said the Evanston Library's first-floor room cost only \$60 but wasn't available before 1:00 p.m. John asked if we would be unable to get individual checks at Sweet Basil. He added that major decisions concerning Sweet Basil's policies were made somewhere else. Diane said we needed to switch in an orderly way. John told us that at Curt's Café, customers order and pay for food before they get it.

Diane informed us that the speaker for the next members' meeting has a book and is from the education union.

Diane asked whether the state police would support ICE.

Diane told us there had been a No Kings demonstration on October 18.

Dave said he was asking Maria if we could go back to original Medicare. Diane replied that we were in the second year of a ten-year contract with Aetna for Medicare Advantage.

John moved to adjourn, Jesse seconded the motion, and we adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Tony Zappia, Recording Secretary