



**New York City DC 37 Retirees Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes
May 29th, 2025, at 10:30AM (held in person at DC 37)**

Administrator Ann Widger began the meeting at 10:30AM and introduced Deputy Administrator, Terri Brady, who began the meeting. Deputy Administrator Terri Brady gave welcome remarks and called the meeting to order. She led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence and reflection for those we have lost. The Meeting Rules were read by Deputy Administrator Brady.

REMARKS from Henry Garrido

Executive Director of DC 37 thanked Retirees for attending the meeting. He spoke about the update with Retirees' healthcare and his commitment to ensuring that both working members and retirees of DC 37 have the best healthcare possible. He took questions from the group.

REMARKS from Nia Alvarez-Mapp

Senior Organizer for Common Cause and Rank the Vote Nia Alvarez-Mapp gave a presentation on the importance and details of how to rank choice vote in New York City with the upcoming primary elections. DC 37 endorsed candidates this way, so she ensured that members were familiar with this process. She took questions from the group.

Administratorship Update from Ann Widger

Ann Widger thanked those who came to DC 37's second in-person membership meeting since before COVID.

She reported that we have added more than 2,400 new members – which reversed the Association's trend of membership loss of the past 6 years. This is the first time the Association has had more than 26,000 members since 2020. In addition, we have created the ability for retirees to join online and for spouses to join via credit card – which can all be found on our website.

We are trying to strike a balance of in person and virtual membership meetings until the hybrid option is available at DC 37's Headquarters. Our next membership meeting will be virtual and will be on June 26th and the next in person meeting will be on July 24th.

We are working diligently with DC 37 to move the Association's operations back into 125 Barclay St and should be back there in the summer. We are also in the process of hiring new full-time staff to help coordinate the work of the association, continue to answer the phones full-time and help with membership processing and bookkeeping.

Over the past year we were able to compile financial records and conduct audits for the missing 6 years. If you are interested, that audit report is available on the association's website. We are also in the process of completing the 2024 audit. And as she mentioned at our last meeting, we were notified earlier this year by the IRS that the Association's non-profit tax status has been reinstated. We are pleased to report that these immediate and urgent financial matters have been resolved. However, there is still work to be done to address the underlying issues that got us here -- we are restructuring and rebuilding effective operational infrastructure for the Association that was not in place before, that will help ensure we are never facing these same challenges again.

The administratorship will continue for now, but not forever. We are looking to connect deeper with Retiree members across the country who want to get involved and build the strongest Retirees Association we can. Anyone interested in getting more involved with the union, please go to **getinvolved.dc37retirees.org** and fill out the membership engagement form. Will be looking to put together committees and get folks more involved. That means leaning on our experienced leaders to bring their wisdom to the table but also bringing in new leaders to bring in a fresh perspective. We are forming 3 committees for folks interested in playing a part to get the association in a place for DC 37 retirees to get organized for decades to come:

Political Action Committee, Policy and Governance Committee, and Organizing Committee. Anyone interested, please email dc37retirees@afscme.org to join.

REMARKS from Terri Brady

The financial statements mentioned will be available on the Associations website. The statements are unaudited at this time. The current membership count is 26,163. She gave a report from April 2025, stating that the association's total revenue is \$93,298.92. Operating expenses for the same period amounted to \$37,191.35, resulting in a monthly surplus of \$56,107.57. This positive balance reflects our continued commitment to fiscal responsibility and effective resource management.

Statement of Financial Position – as of April 30, 2025, As of the end of April, the Association's total assets stood at \$4,157,143.76. Liabilities totaled \$10,049.43, leaving us with total equity of \$4,147,094.33. These figures indicate a strong and stable financial foundation as we move forward.

CLOSING REMARKS

The meeting was adjourned,