



**New York City DC 37 Retirees Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes
July 24th, 2025, at 10:30AM (held in person at DC 37)**

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

REMARKS from The Honorable Sen. Kevin S. Parker (NY-21)

New York State Senator for the 21st District in Brooklyn Kevin S. Parker thanked Retirees for attending the meeting. He spoke about the ongoing focus in the state senate and the impact of the recent federal budget bill on the state and city level. He took questions from the group.

REMARKS from Stanley Reed

Administrator Widger introduced Stanley Reed, the Health and Pension Counselor from the DC 37 Health and Security Fund. Stanley reminded everyone to keep their personal information up to date. This includes your marital status, address and beneficiary information. More information can be found at https://www.dc37.net/benefits/benefits_all. If you need to update your beneficiary, visit [dc37.net](https://www.dc37.net/benefits/benefits_all) and complete the Change of Beneficiary form [here](#). Also make sure we have your current email address and phone number in the file. The updated DC 37 Health and Security Benefits Enrollment and Change Form, which can now be found [here](#), is now available. The PEP newsletter just went out so you should receive that soon.

If you have any questions about DC 37 Health and Security Fund benefits, you can call them directly at 212-815-1234.

There will also be a Health and Security Benefits Fair on Monday, July 28 from 10 AM-12 PM, and again on Wednesday, July 30 from 2 PM – 4PM at 125 Barclay Street. If you have any questions you can come to the Benefits Fair and get your questions answered. Reed took a few questions about these benefits.

REMARKS from Jacqueline Francis

Acting director and counsel for MELS, DC 37's Legal Department, Jacqueline Francis, spoke about the legal services available to DC 37 members. Jacqueline took questions about these benefits. MELS can be reached at 212-815-1111.

REMARKS from Khalia Kweli

Program Coordinator for the DC 37 Political Action Department, Khalia Kweli, discussed the endorsements DC 37 gave for the upcoming general election in November including Zohran Mamdani for New York City Mayor. It will be a crowded general election, and there is a lot of work we still need to do. There will be another program with more VMOs, phone banking and door knocking starting in September/October.

Email politicalaction@dc37.net to get more involved. We are working on having a legislative conference in October at 125 Barclay St, which is an opportunity for members to bring state legislative issues to us for DC 37 to work on.

REMARKS from Patricia Taluy

Patricia Taluy from DC 37's Education Fund spoke about the upcoming semester of classes that are offered to DC 37 Retirees Association members. More information about classes and how to sign up for them can be found [here](#).

Administratorship Update from Ann Widger

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

She introduced two new members of the Retiree Association staff that started just a few weeks ago. The staff will help coordinate the work of the association, help organize and service the members, continue to answer the phones full-time and help with membership processing and bookkeeping.

Stephanie Darrisaw is our new retiree coordinator who will be helping to plan and implement the day-to-day activities of the Association. Stephanie recently retired after 25 years of City Service. She started with HRA as an Eligibility Specialist for 7 years and then worked with the department of homeless services until retirement under different titles Community Liaison; Community Associate; Caseworker and Supervisor.

She was an Active Executive Board member in Local 371 under President Anthony Wells and served DHS Chapter Chair; c/o chair Committee of concerned Social Workers (CCSW); member of Association of Black Social Workers (ABSW); member of 371 Black History Committee; Women's Committee; Political Action Committee.

Trena Banks also just started as our new Receptionist and Office Assistant. Trena Banks was a senior executive assistant and business operation manager with over 20 years of experience in a variety of settings. She was the founder and Chair of the African American League of Professionals New York, that supported the work of several social service nonprofits and is a long-time member of the Women United Leadership Committee of United Way of New York City.

We are looking to connect deeper with Retiree members who want to get involved and build the strongest Retirees Association we can. We had an overwhelming interest from

members who want to stay involved and contribute to the work of the Association. More than 100 retirees expressed interest in participating in committees and many signed up for more than one committee. We received several requests for more information about the scope of the committees as well as when, where, and how often they will meet. Based on the feedback we received and the overwhelming response, we are asking interested members to tell us their first, second and third choice for committees and share a bit more about themselves. There are flyers on your table with committee information.

While we can't promise everyone will get their first choice, we'll do our best to keep the committee sizes reasonable and to include a variety of voices and perspectives.

Committees are volunteer and unpaid.

- All meetings will be in person at DC 37 Headquarters, 125 Barclay Street, New York, NY 10007
- The first committee meetings will be held on September 3, 4, 5
- Meeting times subject to change based on room availability
- Final committee assignments will be sent by Wednesday, August 27
- Transportation to meeting will not be reimbursed

Please give us your first, second and third choice of committees and provide us with some additional information about yourself. The deadline for this is August 15th.

I know folks still have strong feelings about in person, virtual vs. hybrid meetings. At this point we are going to keep alternating and try to start supplementing with some local meetings outside of Manhattan. Our virtual meetings are held teletown hall style with a zoom hybrid and have engaged a tremendous number of members.

Our next meeting will be virtual and will be on Thursday, August 28th at 10AM.

REMARKS from Terri Brady

Terri did not speak at this meeting because of time, but the financial statements mentioned will be available on the Associations website. The statements are unaudited at this time. For the month of June, the Association recorded total revenue of \$154,029.97. Operating expenses for the same period amounted to \$23,203.23, resulting in a monthly surplus of \$130,826.74. This positive balance reflects our continued commitment to fiscal responsibility and effective resource management.

Statement of Financial Position – as of June 30, 2025, As of the end of June, the Association's total assets stood at \$4,209,631.55. Liabilities totaled \$1,850.52, leaving us with total equity of \$4,207,781.03. These figures indicate a strong and stable financial foundation as we move forward.

CLOSING REMARKS

The meeting was adjourned.