

# **Metropolitan Washington Council Executive Board Meeting MINUTES**

## **July 20, 2020 (Via Zoom), 3-5pm**

**Call to Order & Welcome:** MWC president Dyana Forester called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence for Rep. John Lewis.

### **Roll Call**

*Present:* Bowen; Bunn; Burns; Brockington; Clay; Collins; Davis; Farenthold; Fields; Forester; Frum; Hall; Harris; Havard; Hollingsworth; Mejia; Reed; Richardson; Shelton-Martin; Spiller; Walton; Washington

*Absent:* Briscoe

*Excused:* Contreras; Federici (resigned); Griffin

*Staff:* Garlock, Stephen, DuCote, Love, Combs

**Minutes:** May 18 minutes unanimously approved.

**President's Report:** Dyana Forester reviewed her written report, submitted in the July 20 Board packet. Highlights include: Administration, Management, Financial Management, Affiliate Support and Looking ahead...Priorities for July to September.

**Financial Report:** The May reports were approved as reported after review/discussion.

**Evening with Labor Report:** Following a discussion of Committee chair George Farenthold's report, the Board voted to approve a move of EWL to 2021, March 6, 13 or 20, otherwise early April. The possibility of a virtual awards event was also discussed; it was agreed that further investigation was warranted and that safety of attendees must be the paramount concern.

**Election Committee Report:** Committee chair David Fernandez-Barrial reviewed the committee's written report and received kudos from a number of Board members on accomplishing the election "under challenging circumstances."

### **Organizational Reports**

MWC staff – David Stephen (COPE), Tonya Love (CAP) and Chris Garlock (Unlon Cities) -- reviewed their written reports (see last month's Board packet), including an extended discussion on the upcoming Fall political season and COPE activities.

### **Affiliate Updates**

Andrew Washington (AFSCME Council 20) reported on his recent meeting with DC City Council Chair Mendelson regarding the Budget Support Act; discussion ensued.

Stephen Frum (NNU) reported on the New Hospital at Saint Elizabeth Act of 2020, and efforts to generate support for amendments for a labor peace agreement or neutrality "or anything that just holds UHS accountable to what they've said publicly." He also noted NNU's plan for a demonstration at the U.S. Capitol for the HEROES Act.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55pm

*NOTE: Minutes based on contemporaneous notes by Chris Garlock, augmented by a review of the Zoom recording of the meeting.*