



# Executive Board Meeting Minutes

## Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

June 21, 2010

Called to order at 4:17p by President Williams

Minutes: May Minutes approved as distributed with the correction that Briscoe was excused.

Financial Report: May report received as distributed.

Correspondence: all political requests continue to be held until endorsements are made.

Council Correspondence  
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### COPE

Rick Powell, Political Coordinator: reviewed the recommendations of the Tri County COPE and it was moved, seconded and approved to recommend the following actions to the Council delegates: Charles County Commission: County Commission President – Edith Patterson County Commissioner: District 1 - Sam Graves; District 2 – No Position; District 3 - Reuben Collins; District 4- No Position

County Offices: Judge Orphans Court – Frank Lancaster; Register of Wills – Lorraine Hennesey; Sheriff – Rex Coffey; State’s Attorney – Hammad Matin Charles County Democratic Central Committee: Greg Waller, Evelyn Phelps, Virginia Benedict, Elvira Barnes, Albert Coleman, Gene Davies, Robert Foster, Vincent Ippolito

Calvert County Commission: Wilson Parren, Christy Burch,

Kim Mackall, Bill Phalen, Kelly McConkey County Offices: Sheriff – No Position Calvert County Democratic Central Committee: Chris Reynolds, Ron Milligan, Beth Swoape, Stovie Brown, Melisa Miller, Steve Zimmerman St. Mary’s County Commission: Commission President - Jack Russell Commissioner: Arthur Shepherd, Bill Mattley

Powell then reviewed the Prince George’s County COPE recommendations. Extensive discussion and debate followed, after which it was moved, seconded and approved to recommend to the delegates that actions in the Prince George’s races be tabled until a special meeting in July, and to request authorization to take action at that point.

Alya Solomon, Assistant Political Coordinator, reviewed the recommendations of the DC COPE. Extensive discussion and debate followed. Vance Ayres (WBCTC) moved the Council take “No Position” in the DC City Council Chair race, but the motion died when it failed to receive a second. Earl O’Neill (AFSCME Council 20) moved that the Council endorse Kwame Brown for Chair, seconded by Mark McLaurin (SEIU 500). The vote was 9 yes, 3 no and 3 abstentions, and the motion

failed for lack of a two-thirds majority. Anthony Garland (ATU 689) then moved that the Council take “No Position” in the DC City Council Chair race, seconded by Murphy (IUOE 99); the vote was 5-5 and failed for lack of a two-thirds majority. After further discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to report to the delegates that the Board is not prepared to make a recommendation at this time and request authorization to act at the July Executive Board meeting. It was moved, seconded and approved to recommend “No Position” in Ward 1, endorse Mary Cheh in Ward 3 and to postpone action in Ward 6 and request delegate authorization to act at the July Executive Board meeting.

John Boardman, Unite Here Local 25, made a proposal to host a labor fundraiser for Vince Gray on July 7 at the Unite Here 25 offices; the proposal was accepted by the Board.

President Williams advised the Board of a recommendation that’s in the works for an independent expenditure campaign in the DC Mayor’s race, that would have a budget of \$400,000. Rick Powell distributed the draft proposal, but President Williams noted that it will require more time to review before formally discussing and taking action.

Union Cities Coordinator

**Attendance:** J Williams, D Briscoe, S Falwell, J Boardman, J Tarlau, V Ayres, M Murphy, D Reed (by phone), T Perez (by phone), C Goldman, D Bowman, A Garland

**Excused:** M Cuttitta

**Absent:** F Allen, L Bridges, J Contreras, D Dyer, M Federici, A Frederick Snr., R Gaines, G Parker, T Ratliff, C Reed, G Renne, H Weathers

**Staff:** Chris Garlock, Kathleen McKirchy, Alya Solomon, Rick Powell

**Guests:** D. Richardson, AFGE 12; C Simpson, ATU 689; M McLewin, SEIU 500; Earl

Chris Garlock distributed a mock-up of a possible new format for the 2011 Council Directory, which would feature ads to cover the Directory cost and a spiral binding and tabs. The idea of ads to cover costs was well-received, but the Board consensus was that the pocket size, with no spiral binding, was strongly preferred for the Directory.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23p

June 2010 Correspondence

Organization	Event Date	Request/Purpose	Tickets	Ads	RECC	Detail
MD Del Melony Griffith	3-Jun	Political Fundraiser	250-2500			hold pending endorsements
ADA Annual Awards	11-Jun	Awards Dinner	50-2000		\$500.00	
MD Del Doyle Niemann	14-Jun	Political Fundraiser	50-1000			hold pending endorsements
MontCo Valerie Ervin	14-Jun	Political Fundraiser	25-500			hold pending endorsements
MD Del Aisha Braveboy	15-Jun	Political Fundraiser	50-1000			hold pending endorsements
Iron 5 Dad's Day Poker Run	18-Jun	Charity Fundraiser	various		\$250.00	
MD Del Charles Barkley	19-Jun	Political Fundraiser	50-1000			hold pending endorsements
MD Del Jeff Waldstreicher	21-Jun	Political Fundraiser	100-1000			hold pending endorsements
MD Del Jim Mathias	24-Jun	Political Fundraiser	100-500			hold pending endorsements
MD Speaker Michael Busch	24-Jun	Political Fundraiser	250-2000			hold pending endorsements
MD Del Kathleen Dumais	27-Jun	Political Fundraiser	150-500			hold pending endorsements
MD Del Justin Ross	8-Jul	Political Fundraiser	250-1000			hold pending endorsements
DC ACLU	14-Jul	Contribution	100 & up		\$100.00	
DC Vote	12-Oct	Fundraiser	500-50,000			hold pending endorsements
Jewish Labor Committee		Annual Journal	50-1,800			NO ACTION
WPFW		Fundraiser	180		\$180.00	
Labor Campaign for Health Care		Contribution				hold pending endorsements
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,030.00</b>				