



# Greater Boston Labor Council

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## **Executive Board and Delegates Combined Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 5th • 6PM Plumbers and Gasfitters Local 12 Union Hall**

### **In Attendance:**

- Chris Brennan, Pipefitter 537
- Phil Alvarado, NPMHU 301
- John Bessette, NPMHU 301
- Sean Sweeney, NPMHU 301
- Patrick Sullivan, OPEIU Local 6
- Jimmy Fleming, IBEW 103
- Joyce Harvey, SEIU 509
- Annetta Agyres, MTA PSU
- Michael Dicocco, IAM
- Al Vega, LCLLA
- Jerry Leary, Teamsters Local 25
- Stever Finnigan, USW
- Dan Hoffer, SEIU 509
- Jaimie McNeil, Unite Here 26
- Vanessa LaRocque, APRI
- John Killoy, AFSCME 93
- Colleen Glynn, IATSE Local 11
- Matt Lyons, IBEW 2222
- Gerry Scoppettuoloi, Pride at Work
- Jorge Vargas, 888 and LCLLA
- Jamie Wallace, CBTU
- Guests:
  - Patricia Canning-Williams, Plumbers Local 12
  - Collique Williams, Community Labor United

I. The meeting is called to order at 6pm and introductions are shared.

### **II. Approvals**

- a. The following donations are approved: \$250 each for Carmen's Union, United Way and IBEW 2222 each, \$500 for WILD

- b. Minutes from our last meeting will be available next month
- III. Secretary-Treasurer Report
  - a. Endorsement Day BBQ: Delegates shared that the meeting could use some tweaks, including a physical separation of the room for easier voting, though the wristbands were useful.
  - b. SAG-AGTRA Rally Support was a big success and GBLC provided support.
  - c. The GBLC submitted a Letter of Support for Renew America's Nonprofits
  - d. GBLC is continuing to meet on Federal Infrastructure Funds with Malden, Medford and Everett
  - e. Solar for All Recommendations submitted to MCEC. The BHA has agreed to do PLAs on their projects and asked GBLC to write a letter of support for a grant opportunity.
- IV. Labor Day feedback. Delegates gave very positive feedback about the 2023 Labor Day breakfast. Some felt the keynotes and speeches went a little long. But all agreed that the focus on worker power was an essential change. The march and rally in support of SAF-AFTRA after the breakfast was a great success – good length, inspiring speakers, impactful location, manageable march route.
- V. The GBLC Constitution was officially approved by the National AFL-CIO with insignificant changes
  - a. The new structure will trigger elections – everyone will be up this December for nominations with the election in January 2024: president, Secretary Treasurer, 7 new VPs and the entire executive board. All seats will be non-staggered four year terms
  - b. New booklets will be printed by October
- VI. New business
  - a. Collique Williams from Community Labor United gave an update on the Public Transit Public Good campaign for low income fare and shared post cards with a link to sign a petition. He shared that the coalition won a low income fare with the MBTA. 589, IAM, MA AFL and GBLC are active labor partners on the coalition.
  - b. Gerry, Pride at Work made a request for action to endorse support for National March to Protect Trans Youth in October in Florida.
    - i. All delegates present voiced support for the rally. A discussion was held on the merits of an endorsement from the GBLC versus the GBLC facilitating relationships to labor organizations in Florida. Since the rally isn't local to our region, it was decided that the Labor Council would reach out to the FL AFL and local labor bodies to ask them to endorse. Sister Glynn from IATSE Local 11 also offered to raise this with her union's international pride committee whose chair is based in Orlando.
  - c. Jamie Wallace, CBTU: working on anti-black hate crime petition and will bring it forward to delegates when it is ready.
  - d. Matt Lyons: running for City Council in Quincy. Running against Trumper who won the Special Election who is against union issues. Please reach out to your members in Quincy.
- VII. Upcoming meetings
  - a. A. Organizing Committee—Thursday, October 19th at 3-4:30pm

- b. Exec Board Meeting—Tuesday, October 3rd at 5:30pm C. Delegates Meeting—Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:30pm
- VIII. A motion to adjourn passes at 7:25PM