

Santa Monica Municipal Employees Association
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday July 15, 2021 1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.
Location: Zoom Virtual Call
www.smmea.org

1) Call to Order: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:36PM

2) Roll Call

President Rebecca Adams
Vice President Christopher Camp
Director Najah Ha'San
Director Stephen Jones
Director Cathy Taylor
Director Lizzy Acosta
Treasurer Quinetta Rogers
Secretary Sylvia Moreno
Steward Gilbert Sotelo
Steward Veronica Baez
Past President Sheri Batalla

Guests

CEA, Brian Neihaus
CEA, Mindy Garland

Absent

Director Maria Cabral
Director Katherine Ahlers

3) Approval of Minutes

A) June 10, 2021 - Motion Director Jones, second Director Acosta, with correction of title to "Minutes", not "Agenda", Motion carries.

4) President & VP Report

A) Updates and Announcements

- i) Pres. Adams reported that the monthly HR / MEA / CEA meetings will continue. If any board member has items to discuss, please email Pres. Adams or VP Camp. Pres. Adams and VP Camp met with Jeff (MEA) to discuss the role CEA currently has and what they are willing to take on, e.g. advise on issues that MEA Board may not be able to resolve. Jeff advised that CEA is willing to take on more issues if needed. Jeff has asked board members' feedback regarding CEA Reps that are being utilized.

5) Treasurer's Report

A) Net Worth & Reconciliation Summary

Treasurer Rogers reported on an AFLAC issue, i.e. a member out on a medical leave and the ability *not* to pay directly to AFLAC, since they are not considered a paying MEA Member. Treasurer Rogers will reach out to HR, Payroll and Lisa Noble (AFLAC). A letter will be sent out to those members who are out on leave.

Approval of Treasurer's Report - Motion VP Camp, second Director Ha'san, Motion carries.

6) Committee Reports

A) Coalition

Cancelled June meeting; next meeting July 20, 2021. Discussion to include negotiations and medical.

B) Medical Trust

No report – next meeting in August.

C) Membership Services/Public Relations

No report

D) MOU

Nothing to report.

7) Discussion – Pres. Adams will not be present for August, 2021 meeting. VP Camp will run meeting.

8) New Business

a. Returning to in-person MEA Board meetings – Pres. Adams presented the idea of returning to in-person board meetings. She will send an email to board members to request in office work schedule.

9) Old Business

A) MEA Website – Management

Pres. Adams has made changes and Secretary Moreno is working on cleaning up “busy” pages.

B) Member Recruitment

Pres. Adams reported that she will update the list and asked board members to make note on the list of anyone who does *not* want to become a member or does *not* want further communication.

10) CEA – CLOSED SESSION

A) MOU

B) Case Updates

11) Adjourn – Motion Director Jones, second Pres. Adams. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at **3:31pm**.