

Special Meeting, January 31, 2020

Videoconference

The meeting was convened at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, January 31, 2020. General Executive Board members participating were Richard Murphy, Janis Borchardt, Paul Bowen, Marcellus Barnes, Rafael Rivera, Yvette Trujillo, Gary Johnson, Sr., Robin West, Charles Watson, Bruce Hamilton, Michelle Sommers, James Lindsay, Emanuele Sforza, John Callahan, Curtis Howard, Natalie Cruz, Anthony Garland and Raymond Greaves. International President John A. Costa presided. Also in attendance were International Secretary-Treasurer Kenneth Ray Kirk, International Executive Vice President Javier M. Perez, Jr., Chief of Staff Jessica Chu, General Counsel Robert Molofsky, Director of Government Affairs, Jeff Rosenberg, and Director of Communications, David Roscow.

OPENING REMARKS BY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

International President Costa convened the meeting. President Costa discussed the status and candidates for the 2020 Presidential elections. He highlighted the consistent and longstanding pro-labor record of former Vice President Joe Biden, including his unwavering support for working families, pro transit and job-creating infrastructure proposals; his commitment to labor rights, racial justice and equity, enforcement of labor standards and employee protections, and his opposition to the privatization of public services. Members of the Board then engaged in a thoughtful discussion of the candidates, including Senators Klobuchar, Sanders and Warren, among others, and the advantages of an early endorsement. Upon conclusion of the discussions, President Costa recommended endorsement of Vice President Biden.

MOTION APPROVED TO ENDORSE FORMER VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded, a majority of the members of the General Executive Board voted to endorse and support the candidacy of former Vice President Joe Biden for President.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

The remainder of the session was devoted to discussion among the International Executive Officers and members of the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. *sine die*.