Special Meeting, June 1, 2020
Videoconference

The meeting was convened at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, June 1, 2020. General Executive Board members present were Richard M. Murphy, Janis M. 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 R. Kirk, International Executive Vice President Javier M. Perez, Jr., Chief of Staff Jessica Chu, and General Counsel Robert Molofsky.

OPENING REMARKS BY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

International President Jon A. Costa convened the meeting with a moment of silence for fallen ATU members who passed away because of the COVID-19 pandemic. He reported to the Board on recent activities by the International Officers and staff responding to both local and member concerns arising from the pandemic, noting in particular reduced service, member layoffs, state restrictions on group gatherings, and the continued inability of most locals to conduct membership meetings or elections in person. He also discussed a recent memo informing locals of members’ rights to refuse to drive, based on unsafe conditions including the refusal to transport police during protests or civil unrest.

President Costa also updated the Board on the status of negotiations involving MV Transportation, at Local 1181 (Brooklyn, NY, and Staten Island, NY).

MOTION APPROVED TO GRANT STRIKE SANCTION TO LOCAL 1181 (NEW YORK, NY) AGAINST MV TRANSPORTATION, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, RETROACTIVE TO MAY 27, 2020.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the members of the General Executive Board granted strike sanction to Local 1181 (New York, NY), in connection with the ongoing dispute Transportation, Brooklyn NY, retroactive to May 27, 2020.

MOTION APPROVED TO WAIVE THE TWO-WEEK WAITING PERIOD FOR STRIKE BENEFITS FOR LOCAL 1181 MEMBERS ON STRIKE AGAINST MV TRANSPORTATION, BROOKLYN, AND TO INCREASE THE BENEFIT TO $400 PER WEEK RETROACTIVE TO MAY 27, 2020.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the General Executive Board Voted to waive the two-week waiting period as required under Section 19.3 Strike Benefits, for Local 1181 (New York, NY), for the payment of strike benefits, and to increase the benefit from $200 to $400.00 per week, retroactive to May 27, 2020.
MOTION APPROVED TO GRANT STRIKE SANCTION TO LOCAL 1181 (NEW YORK, NY) AGAINST MV TRANSPORTATION, STATEN ISLAND, SUBJECT TO A STRIKE VOTE BY THE MEMBERSHIP.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, a majority of the members of the General Executive Board voted to grant strike sanction to Local 1181 (New York, NY), against MV Transportation, Staten Island, subject to a strike vote by the membership.

MOTION APPROVED TO WAIVE THE TWO-WEEK WAITING PERIOD FOR STRIKE BENEFITS FOR LOCAL 1181 (NEW YORK, NY) IF A STRIKE IS CALLED AGAINST MV TRANSPORTATION STATEN ISLAND, AND TO INCREASE THE BENEFIT TO $400 PER WEEK.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, a majority of the General Executive Board voted to waive the two-week waiting period as required under Section 19.3 Strike Benefits, for Local 1181 (New York, NY), for the payment of strike benefits, and to increase the benefit from $200 to $400.00 per week, subject to a strike vote by the membership.

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 6:50 p.m. sine die.