

AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD



MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING

AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION

General Executive Board Meeting

Las Vegas, NV
September 23, 2022

FIRST SESSION

The meeting was convened at 3:20 p.m. Eastern time on Friday, September 23, 2022. General Executive Board members present were Richard Murphy, Marcellus Barnes, Yvette Trujillo, Gary Johnson Sr., Michelle Sommers, James Lindsay, Emanuele Sforza, John Callahan, Curtis Howard, Natalie Cruz, Anthony Garland, Raymond Greaves, Stephan MacDougall, Kenneth Wilson and Amanda Sawyer-Malone. International President John A. Costa presided. International Secretary-Treasurer Kenneth Ray Kirk, Chief of Staff Jessica Chu and General Counsel Dan Smith were in attendance.

Also in attendance were Local 1277 (Los Angeles, CA) President/Business Agent Art Aguilar, Local 282 (Rochester, NY) President/Business Agent Jacques Chapman, Local 1056 (Flushing, NY) President/Business Agent Mark Henry, Local 1338 (Dallas, TX) President/Business Agent Ken Day, Controller Salma Yousefi, Human Resources/Operations Counsel Rajita Andrews, Director of Communications David Roscow, Deputy Director of New Media and Production Paul Fitzgerald and Communication Specialist/Writer Sarah Saez.

International Executive Vice President Javier M. Perez Jr. and International Vice Presidents Janis Borchardt, Chuck Watson and Bruce Hamilton were excused.

MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD CONVENED

International President Costa opened the meeting.

UPDATE ON LOCAL 1277 BARGAINING

Board Member James Lindsay informed the General Executive Board that Local 1277 (Los Angeles, CA) has been in challenging bargaining for a year with SunLine Transit Agency in Palm Springs, CA. He further informed the Board that the employer had provided an offer it called its “last, best and final” on September 12, 2022.

MOTION APPROVED TO GRANT SANCTION TO LOCAL 1277 TO STRIKE SUNLINE TRANSIT

Acting pursuant to its authority under Constitution and General Laws (CGL) Section 20.2, Strike Sanction, and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the members of the General Executive Board granted strike sanction to Local 1277 in connection with the ongoing dispute with SunLine Transit Agency.

MOTION APPROVED TO SET STRIKE BENEFITS AT \$400 PER WEEK BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST DAY OF A STRIKE BY LOCAL 1277 AT SUNLINE TRANSIT AGENCY

Acting pursuant to CGL Section 35, Suspended Constitutional Provisions: 35.1 Committee, and upon a motion duly made and seconded, a Committee composed of the International President, the International Secretary-Treasurer and the members of the General Executive Board voted to waive the two-week waiting period for the receipt of strike benefits by members and non-member feepayers on strike against SunLine Transit Agency, as provided for in Section 19.3; and the members of the General Executive Board voted to provide that the strike benefit be \$400.00 per week or fraction of a week for which the strike continues, except that if the strike lasts less than seven days, the strike benefit be prorated such that the strike benefit be one-seventh (1/7) of \$400.00 per day or fraction of a day for which the strike continues.

UPDATE ON LOCAL 1722 BARGAINING

Board Member Callahan reported on the ongoing bargaining between Local 1722 (Kelowna, BC) and First Transit at Kelowna Regional Transit System (BC Transit), the local union's efforts to secure a contract and the need for strike action.

MOTION APPROVED TO GRANT SANCTION TO LOCAL 1722 TO STRIKE FIRST TRANSIT

Acting pursuant to its authority under Constitution and General Laws (CGL) Section 20.2, Strike Sanction, and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the members of the General Executive Board granted strike sanction to Local 1722 in connection with the ongoing dispute with First Transit at Kelowna Regional Transit System.

MOTION APPROVED TO SET STRIKE BENEFITS AT \$400 PER WEEK BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST DAY OF A STRIKE BY LOCAL 1722 AT FIRST TRANSIT

Acting pursuant to CGL Section 35, Suspended Constitutional Provisions: 35.1 Committee, and upon a motion duly made and seconded, a Committee composed of the International President, the International Secretary-Treasurer and the members of the General Executive Board voted to waive the two-week waiting period for the receipt of strike benefits by members and non-member feepayers on strike against First Transit at Kelowna Regional Transit System as provided for in Section 19.3; and the members of the General Executive Board voted to provide that the strike benefit be \$400.00 per week or fraction of a week for which the strike continues, except that if the strike lasts less than seven days, the strike benefit be prorated such that the strike benefit be one-seventh (1/7) of \$400.00 per day or fraction of a day for which the strike continues.

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.