

# **AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD**



## **MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 17, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING**

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### General Executive Board Meeting

Video Conference  
October 17, 2022

#### **FIRST SESSION**

The meeting was convened at 3:03 p.m. Eastern time on Monday, October 17, 2022. General Executive Board members present were Richard Murphy, Marcellus Barnes, Gary Johnson Sr., Michelle Sommers, James Lindsay, Emanuele Sforza, John Callahan, Curtis Howard, Natalie Cruz, Anthony Garland, Raymond Greaves, Stephan MacDougall, Kenneth Wilson, Amanda Sawyer-Malone, Art Aguilar, Jacques Chapman, Mark Henry and Ken Day. International President John A. Costa presided. International Executive Vice President Yvette Trujillo, International Secretary-Treasurer Kenneth Ray Kirk, Chief of Staff Jessica Chu and General Counsel Dan Smith were in attendance.

#### **MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD CONVENED**

International President Costa opened the meeting.

#### **UPDATE ON LOCAL 1587 BARGAINING**

Board Member Manny Sforza informed the General Executive Board that Local 1587 (Toronto, ON) has been in challenging bargaining with Metrolinx. The employer has been intransigent regarding important issues such as a wage reopener in the event that current Provincial legislation capping wage increases is overturned in the courts, and limits on contracting out of bargaining unit work.

#### **MOTION APPROVED TO GRANT SANCTION TO LOCAL 1587 TO STRIKE METROLINX**

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 1587 in connection with the ongoing dispute with Metrolinx.

#### **MOTION APPROVED TO SET STRIKE BENEFITS AT \$400 PER WEEK BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST DAY OF A STRIKE BY LOCAL 1587 AT METROLINX**

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 Metrolinx, 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 1433 BARGAINING**

Board Member Jim Lindsay reported on the ongoing bargaining between Local 1433 (Phoenix, AZ) and RATP Dev (Yuma County Area Transit), the local union's efforts to secure a contract, and the need for strike action. He noted that the Yuma County Area Transit top-operator rate was among the lowest in North America.

### **MOTION APPROVED TO GRANT SANCTION TO LOCAL 1433 TO STRIKE RATP DEV**

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 1433 in connection with the ongoing dispute with RATP Dev at Yuma County Area Transit.

### **MOTION APPROVED TO SET STRIKE BENEFITS AT \$400 PER WEEK BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST DAY OF A STRIKE BY LOCAL 1433 AT RATP DEV**

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 RATP Dev at Yum County Area Transit 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 3:45 p.m. sine die.