

**CHAPTER 2599 ODJFS/Medicaid
General Membership Meeting Meeting
January 25, 2024**

OFFICERS		P	E	U
President	Damon Neal	X		
V. President	Annie Pleasant-Combs		X	
V. President Medicaid	Jamecia Little	X		
Secretary	Tonya Reese	X		
Treasurer	Ul'Ique Campbell		X	
Asst. Treasurer	Toni Tuck-Newsome	X		
Corresponding Sec.	Janice Amoako	X		

EXECUTIVE BOARD	P	E	U
Valerie Brown	X		
Tyrone Grant	X		
Staci Helman			X
Lisa Packer	X		
Brandi Potts	X		

Meeting called to order by @ 6:04 President Neal

Roll Call - Quorum Present

Secretary Report - Tonya Reese

Motion to approve October 2024 General Membership Meeting minutes
Made by Tonya Reese, 2nd by Toni Tuck-Newsome

Standing Motions, requested amendments/adjustments from Jamecia Little.
Motion to accept standing motions as written made by Tonya Reese, 2nd by
Toni Tuck-Newsome. Discussion Jamecia Little - Amendments/additions
bolded.

5. In the event of a members death, the chapter will send flowers, give a donation to the members family or **make a donation to a non profit organization in memory of the member** in an amount not to exceed \$100.
6. Any member who the chapter pays to attend a conference or convention, must **submit a written and oral report** about their experience at the event, at the following General Membership meeting. If that member fails to do so the chapter will not pay for that member to attend any conference or convention for the **next 12 months.**

***Discussion surrounding the motion, this is an opportunity to hear about the affiliations associated with the chapter.

Motion to accept Standing Motions with friendly amendments, made by Tonya Reese, 2nd by Toni Tuck Newsome. **MOTION CARRIED**

Treasurer Report - Toni Tuck-Newsome

Motion to accept October 2023 treasurer report with an ending balance of \$73,030.92, made by Tonya Reese, 2nd by Wanda Brown.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to accept November 2023 treasurer report with an ending balance of \$57,080.64 made by Tonya Reese, 2nd by Michael Anderson.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to accept December 2023 treasurer report with an ending balance of \$53,405.63 made by Tonya Reese, 2nd by Wanda Brown. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Issue surrounding check being returned is being addressed with OCSEA and they will notify the Chapter once the funds are returned.

Board Poll - Passed

Motion to increase Holiday Party funds from \$20,000 up to \$30,000. This year we had to rent a facility (Valley Dale) but it did not come with food service so we had to have the party catered (Berwick)

2024 Chapter 2599 Budget

CBTU Brunch, George Meany, CMAC/WAC, APRI Beer and Brats, Vets Conference, AFSCME Convention; motion to divide the tickets between all 3 agencies (Medicaid, DCY and JFS) made by **Jamecia Little, 2nd by**

**Discussion surrounding members getting information and attending meetings. They are dues paying members and the same people go every year. What is your suggestion on how to get info to members? What about the affiliations? Jamecia is stating the affiliation memberships are not to be included in this modified motion.

AFSCME CONVENTION - If members attend they would only be going as observer with no voting rights. This does not serve the majority of our membership. Our board of directors attends the convention with voting rights, and if we have something we want discussed we should provide them with this information to lobby for us.

Motion to **remove** the AFSCME Convention from the 2024 budget members to the AFSCME Convention made by Jamecia Little, 2nd by Angela Walls. **23 Participants polled Yes = 2 No = 13. MOTION FAILED**

LINE ITEM STAYS IN THE BUDGET.

Motion to approve 2024 Chapter Budget with the amendments made by Michael Anderson, 2nd by Shawnett Wade. Opposed Shelia Canada and Jamecia Little. **MOTION CARRIED**

PRESIDENT REPORT - Damon Neal

- Pres Neal appreciates the vigor of our members and membership.
- He does not take it lightly that he and Toni were elected to the bargaining team.
- Their team is responsible for what we get and what we don't get
- He accepts his leadership responsibility
- A lot of the membership didn't respond to survey/negotiation inquiry
- We work for a great place and are blessed with what comes with our jobs, we are public servants
- Our employer "doesn't really care" about us
- They the "bargaining team" are not going anywhere. They are sitting across the table from a group of people who know they owe us and the things they are asking for/denying us, also affects them.
- Strong Team at the table, not a lot of good days, but they are kicking the states "BUTT"
- Continue to show up and put out a good work product.
- Negotiating the top 10 responses from the body

VP JFS - Annie Pleasant-Combs - EXCUSED

VP Medicaid Report - Jamecia L. Little

Complaint still regarding contractors. New strategy to dismantle IT. IT classifications moved out of IT into the business areas. They no longer report to IT managers who know their work. New strategy to reduce our rebates. Now down to 8 permanent IT employees at Medicaid.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The people that make the decision don't care. The people doing the work only do what they are told. Our state paid \$750,000 to the chief negotiator to come fight us.

They would privatize us if they could, but they have to have so many "state" workers doing this work. But Pres. Neal states they aren't going anywhere and will keep fighting for us.

The retirement we think we are getting won't be there!! The funds are not going into our retirement like we think it is. When more of our bargaining work is being done by outside resources, that money does not go into OPERS. We won't have State Insurance, now we will be receive a stipend to pay for our insurance. Our OPERS is negotiated by the state negotiator.

Gift Cards - emails have been coming in regarding gift card incentive for this year. We are working on getting them out.

Good and Welfare

Remember VP Annie and her family as they prepare arrangements for her niece. Treasurer Ul'ique's husband Tony

Motion to adjourn made by Valerie Brown, 2nd Lisa Packer. **MOTION CARRIED**

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