

Metro Dade Fire Fighters

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IAFF Local 1403

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, AFL-CIO, CLC

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UNION MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 2019 (A-Shift)

12:00 PM

Firefighters Memorial Building

8000 NW 21 ST

Miami, Fl. 33122

President Omar Blanco(P)
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2019
Ralph Fernandez(P)
Lisa Bullard(P)
Christian Chuck(A)
Andre Cruzeta(P)
Dan Cuoco(P)
Nick Digiacoimo(P)
Billy McAllister(P)

2020
Richard Andrews(P)
Bridget Keating(A)
Rocky McAllister (P)
John O'Brien(P)
Lazaro Pereda(P)
Tim Porter(A)
Rick Ramirez(A)

Nominations for Union Elections:1200 - 1220

President: Rich Andrews, Omar Blanco, Lisa Bullard, Jason Davis, Nick Digiacoimo, Wil Fleites, Christian Martin, Billy McAllister, Vaughn Mulder

2nd Vice President: Rich Andrews, Lisa Bullard, Fernando Castano, Nick Digiacoimo, Michelle Steele

Secretary: Dan Cuoco, Maria Chin, Chris Fink, Gabe Nemeth, Jason Suite

E-Board: John Lancaster, Jason Davis, Anthony Molina, Ciro Sotomayor, Billy McAllister, Lisa Bullard, Robert Czeremcha, Elio Perez, Bill Lyster, Jimmy Hunt, Nick Digiacoimo, Chris Ackerman, John Meic, John Kelly, Juan Carlos Reyes, David Varona, Gil Velasquez, Ed Erickson, Gonzalo Garcia, Chris Munoz, Paul Chang, Christian Martin, Harvey Manning, Keith Bell, Robert Baker, Jeff Hackman, Jorge A.Gonzalez, Jorge Izquierdo, James Thomas, Vaughn Mulder, Andre Cruzeta, Eric Fundora, Christian Chuck

Call to Order at 12:20 PM- Quorum 86

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of Silence observed

Guests: none

Treasurer's Report: Financial report given by Blake

Correspondence: none

Reports of Officers and Committees:

President's Report:

- Hialeah Local 1102 support
- IAFF Firefighter Memorial in Colorado Springs – We honored Dominick Barbera, Gerry Balboa, and Manny Morales
- Re-opener – Waiting for county to come back with their proposal after out 5% COLA and \$500,000 to the Health Trust proposal. Final budget was approved last week with money for new service and stations repair.
- Breast Cancer shirts for sale via the online store www.mdfshops.com

2nd VP Steele:

- Bunker gear exchange – Lt Jairo Rodriguez has been assigned full time to the project and we hope to see progress on the development on the process
- Cancer implementation – a continued struggle as the process get developed and agreed on

Secretary:

- By-Laws changes are being finalized and are planned to be sent out with the election mailout
- Database – we currently have close to half of our members information verified, it is taking a little longer than originally anticipated.

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"Not a Job – A Commitment"*

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Health & Safety- continue working on making sure the station repairs are done with our members health and safety being a priority but the reality is that some of those stations might just have to be reconstructed from the ground up.

Motion by Bullard that we move to new business. Second by Molina, motion passes.

New Business:

Motion by O'Brien that Local 1403 endorse Omar Blanco for the Florida Congressional seat District 26. Second by Fernandez. President Blanco gives the chair to 2nd VP Steele during the discussion. Motion passes.

Motion by Chang to have the By-Laws Committee look into having the Grievance Committee decision go to the Executive Board as recommendations. Second by Kelly.

Amendment(determined friendly by the maker) by Bullard that it would require a 2/3 majority vote by the Executive Board to go to arbitration. Motion passes.

Motion by Digiacomio that Local 1403 donate up to \$5,000 toward the legal cost of Hialeah Local 1102 current lawsuit against the city. Second by McAllister.

Amendment by Fleites that we increase it to up to \$10,000 with an additional up to \$5,000 from our PAC to help them with mailers and such items that are not restricted by PAC. Second by O'Brien, motion passes.

Motion by Chang to have the Grievance Committee proceedings recorded. Second by Luongo.

Amendment by Suite to also have a summary as to why it was voted either up or down for arbitration, *amendment withdrawn after discussion.* Motion fails.

Motion by Jillson to donate up to \$5,000 to the MDR Explorer program. Second by Sheridan, motion passes.

Motion by Cruz that the Local look into having a 3rd party perform our elections. Second by Bullard, motion passes.

Good and Welfare:

Tommie Williams thanked the local for their support supporting Sickie Cell charities.

Motion to adjourn by at 2:45, Second by Andrews. Motion adopted.

In Unity,
Gabe Nemeth, Secretary
IAFF Local 1403

Next Meeting October 29, 2019.

12:00 PM C-Shift