

**MSCA Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Minutes of the Special Meeting**  
**July 14, 2021**  
**Virtually using Zoom**

**Present:** Chenault, Ciano-Boyce, Eve, George, Hennessy, Hibbert, Krishnamurthy, Lam, Leone, O'Connell, O'Donnell, Pilkenton, Ramsden, Riel, Rosero, Seceleanu, Smith, Washington

**Guests:** Joanna Gonsalves (Salem), Chris Gullen (Westfield), Roberta James (MTA), Richard Levy (non-MSCA member), Dan Mulcare (Salem)

**Legislative Committee Campaign:**

By unanimous consent, the MSCA Board approved the following Legislative Committee Campaign:

*Educate*

- *Educate members about the ARPA funds and legislation*
- *Create handouts and other types of easy to access and understand information for members*
- *Encourage and support campus legislation committees*

*Collaborate*

- *Organize and increase our power by collaborating with other unions; APA and other MTA unions but also AFSCME and others*

*Pressure*

- *Put pressure on legislators to support and fund public higher education*
- *Reach out to members who attended the ARPA Forum or other events to encourage them to become more involved*
- *Reach out to all membership to directly contact their legislators*
- *Action Network emails*
- *Build towards a larger in-person action on opening day or move-in day across the system*

**Visiting Speaker:**

Dan Mulcare, member of the Day Bargaining Committee, spoke on the importance and merits of working with the Council of Presidents on actions that would direct ARPA funds to public higher education.

It was moved and seconded to include the following language to be a part of the Legislative Committee Campaign:

That the MSCA leadership and the Legislation Committee work with the Council of Presidents to draft a joint letter urging legislators to direct ARPA funds to public higher education.

It was moved and seconded to amend the original motion to read:

That the MSCA Board give the Legislation Committee permission to meet with the Council of Presidents to discuss working together to push for the ARPA funds. This could be in the form of a letter. Any actions discussed would need to be approved by the MSCA Board.

The motion failed (Yes = 5, No = 8).

The original motion failed (Yes = 3, No = 12).

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy George  
MSCA Secretary