

## MICHIGAN CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021 – Noon  
Via Zoom Webinar

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

MEA President Herbart gave the land acknowledgment.

### CALL TO ORDER

President Herbart called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m.

### OPENING REMARKS/WELCOME

President Herbart welcomed delegates and reiterated the importance of donating to the NEA Fund for Children & Public Education. MEA Executive Director Mike Shoudy greeted the delegation and reminded them that he and the MEA staff are available to assist during the RA.

### INTRODUCITONS OF PEOPLE YOU NEED TO KNOW

MEA Vice President Madaffer thanked the delegate volunteers serving on the list of NEA RA Committees and the Executive Office staff.

### RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

MEA Secretary-Treasurer Brett Smith reviewed the rules of engagement flyer to follow during the daily caucus webinars and everyone will be playing nice on the playground.

### ADOPT CAUCUS RULES

It was moved by Jennifer Shelito, supported by Felicia Naimark to adopt the caucus rules. **Motion adopted 185:1.**

### ADOPT CAUCUS PRIORITIES

It was moved by Percy Brown, supported by Rita Vater Darnton, to adopt the caucus priorities. **Motion adopted 180:2.**

### SETTING CAUCUS AGENDAS

It was moved by Louis Holliday, supported by Vivian Davis, to adopt setting the caucus agendas with flexibility. **Motion adopted 182:1.**

### NEA-PAC (NEA Fund for Children & Public Education)

PAC Chairperson Michelle Woodman reported on the importance of NEA Fund. To donate directly, go to [www.neafund.org](http://www.neafund.org). Michigan's Silent Auction has 90 items and will be open until 11:59 p.m. Saturday, July 3 at [www.mira2021.givesmart.com](http://www.mira2021.givesmart.com). Additional information is posted on Michigan's NEA RA Facebook page. Remember to use the NEA link as donations to Michigan do not count toward these goals. Prizes this year are: \$200 Delegates – PAC T-Shirt (OR get five members or household to sign up for \$10 recurring contribution); \$250 Board, Coordinators, Resolutions; \$500 Officer/NEA Director – Organizing Pouch; and \$1,000 PAC Blanket. Please contact Michelle with any questions at [shell333@gmail.com](mailto:shell333@gmail.com)

### NEA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CANDIDATE RECOMMENDATIONS

It was moved by Roy Freeman, on behalf of the Strategy Committee, to endorse Ronald "Duff" Martin and Gladys Marquez for the NEA Executive Committee. **Motion adopted 150:10.**

## ISSUES

### NEA Directors

Senior Michigan NEA Director Reed Bretz reminded the delegation that all Michigan directors are available to help during the RA sessions. He noted that there will be a lot of discussion regarding NBI 29.

### Resolutions

Jennifer Shelito reported that a number of resolutions are on the NEA RA website and if delegates have questions feel free to email her at [jenshelito@gmail.com](mailto:jenshelito@gmail.com) or text her at 810-334-9180.

## STRATEGY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

### Constitutional Amendments

It was moved by Jennifer Shelito, on behalf of the Strategy Committee, to support Constitutional Amendment 1. **Motion adopted 174:12.**

It was moved by Jennifer Shelito, on behalf of the Strategy Committee, to support Constitutional Amendment 2. **Motion adopted 185:2.**

### Bylaw Amendments

It was moved by Anthony Pennock, on behalf of the Strategy Committee, to support Bylaw Amendment 1. **Motion adopted 172:7.**

It was moved by Anthony Pennock, on behalf of the Strategy Committee, to support Bylaw Amendment 2. **Motion adopted 174:16.**

### New Business Items

It was moved by Anthony Pennock, on behalf of the Strategy Committee, to support NBI A. **Motion adopted 166:13.**

It was moved by Chandra Madafferri, on behalf of the Strategy Committee, to accept the NCSEA's recommendations on NBIs 3-oppose, 8-oppose, 24-oppose, 29-oppose, 30-oppose, 33-oppose, 34-oppose, 41-oppose, 42-refer to appropriate committee, 46-oppose, 47-oppose, 51-oppose, 54-oppose, and 56-refer to Budget Committee. **Motion adopted 133:44.**

### Miscellaneous

President Herbart put a poll to the delegates, at the request of Millie Lambert, to begin caucus meetings at 11:30 a.m. as opposed to Noon. **Motion failed 90:95.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The NEA Resolutions Committee nominations are tomorrow. Also, a new Zoom Webinar link will be sent to all delegates by 5 p.m. today for July 3 and that link will work from Thursday-Saturday even though it says July 3. Email [slong@nea.org](mailto:slong@nea.org) if you don't receive the new link.

## ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Dawn Levey, supported by Maureen Eke, to adjourn at 1:35 p.m.