

Minutes of the Tuesday, March 25, 2025 Park Slope Food Coop General Meeting

The monthly General Meeting (GM) of the Park Slope Food Coop (PSFC) was held at the Prospect Park Picnic House on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, beginning at 7:09 p.m. A few weeks beforehand, an announcement about the scheduled meeting and the agenda were posted on the PSFC website, foodcoop.com, inviting members to participate. Meeting materials were made available to all Coop members by email before the meeting. Chair Committee members Dan Hegwood and Genevieve Yue served as chair and secretary.

Open Forum

Issues raised by members included a request for clarification on time limits when speaking during the meeting, a request to change the date of the June Annual Meeting, a call directed at the Agenda Committee concerning the status of item submissions, ideas on how to enforce the no-eating-while-working policy, and expressions of interest on the following: a referendum on the masking policy, an online forum, joining the Dispute Resolution Committee, and increasing the number of GMs one could attend for workslot credit. The meeting discussed the open forum items.

Financial Report and General Coordinators' (GC) Reports

General Manager, GC and treasurer Joe Holtz referred to a slide show while discussing the financial report for the Preliminary 4-week period ending 03/02/25, which had been distributed to members via email before the meeting. GC Joe Szladek made a report, which included the location for the April GM and staff new hires and departures. Produce buyer Cecelia Rembert made a report on the produce area of the store. The meeting discussed the reports.

Committee Reports

Dory Kornfeld, a member of the Equity, Access and Community Committee, made a report concerning an upcoming member demographics survey being launched. Daniel Weiss, a member of the Dispute Resolution Committee, made a report concerning a pause placed on the committee's handling of certain types of complaints. International Trade Education Committee (ITES) member Bart DeCoursy made a report concerning international trade. Jerome Barth of the Personnel Committee made a report on the progress of the search for a new general manager.

Agenda item 1 – Election: Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC)

DRC member Christopher Cox introduced the members up for election or reelection: Deb Magocsi, Lee Bantle, Melinda Daniels, Grace Protos, Dorothy Lund and Olivia Goldberg. DRC member Helen Koh read a statement written by Lee Bantle, who was not present. All the other candidates addressed the meeting in turn. Members asked questions of the candidates and current DRC members before voting by ballot. All candidates were elected or reelected to the committee for 3 year terms. Below are the election results.

DRC candidate	First time or reelected	Yes votes	No votes
Lee Bantle	Reelected	135	18
Melinda Daniels	Reelected	138	25
Olivia Goldberg	First time	145	20
Dorothy Lund	First time	139	25
Deb Magocsi	Reelected	135	30
Grace Protos	Reelected	135	31

Agenda item 2 – Presentation of Candidates for the Board of Directors

Seven of the member candidates for two board seats to be filled at the June 2025 annual meeting board of directors election – Serko Artinian, Lynn Husum, Taylor Pate, Noah Potter, Elizabeth Tobier, Ralph Yozzo and current board member Brandon West -- each addressed the meeting and responded to member questions. The eighth member candidate Dan Kaminsky, who was not in attendance, submitted a video presentation, which was viewed by the meeting.

Presentation of Minutes

Coop secretary Elizabeth Tobier presented the minutes of the February 25, 2025 GM, which were approved by general consent.

Board of Directors' Meeting

Keyian Vafai chaired the Board of Directors' meeting. Five board members were present: Tess Brown-Lavoie, Joe Holtz, Tim Hospodar, Keyian Vafai and Brandon West. Imani Q'ryn was absent. All members of the board present voted in favor of accepting the advice of the members on the minutes of the February 25, 2025 GM. All members of the board present voted in favor to accepting the advice of the minutes on agenda item 1: Dispute Resolution Committee election.

The meeting concluded at 9:22 p.m.



Elizabeth Tobier, Secretary

Park Slope Food Coop

Brooklyn, NY

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(Approved by the April 29, 2025 PSFC GM)