

## **Minutes of the Tuesday, May 27, 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, May 27, 2025, beginning at 7:02 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 Genevieve Yue and Josef Szende served as chair and secretary.

### **Open Forum**

Among the topics discussed by members included the events that occurred during the April 2025 GM, a suggestion that almond and peanut butter grinders be purchased for the store, and queries about the legal advice received by the General Coordinators on the decision the board of directors made at the April 2025 GM. The meeting discussed the open forum items.

### **General Coordinators' (GC) Reports and Treasurer's Report**

General Manager Joe Holtz discussed the early closing of the Coop on Juneteeth before replying to some of the queries raised during Open Forum concerning the April 2025 GM board decision and the legal advice pertaining to it received by the GCs. Then, referring to a projected slide show, Joe made the financial report for the preliminary 12-week period ending 04/27/25, which had been distributed to members via email before the meeting. The meeting discussed the reports.

### **Committee Reports**

Steve Jenkins of the Personnel Committee made a report on the recent hiring of GC Joe Szladek to become the Coop's General Manager upon current General Manager Joe Holtz' retirement at the end of June. Joe Szladek addressed the meeting. International Trade Education Committee (ITES) member Bart DeCoursy made a report concerning international trade. The meeting discussed the reports.

### **Agenda item 1 – Election – Revolving Loan Committee**

Revolving Loan Committee (RLC) member Kathy Martino introduced herself as a candidate for reelection to the RLC, and she explained the committee's purpose and task. RLC staff liaison Joe Holtz, gave further details on the history of the committee's work. Joe presented himself as a first-time candidate for a seat on the RLC upon his retirement as General Manager at the end of June. After discussion, the meeting voted by paper ballot to reelect Kathy Martino and elect Joe Holtz to the RLC, both for 3-year terms. Below are the election results.

<b>RLC candidate</b>	<b>First time or reelected</b>	<b>Yes votes</b>	<b>No votes</b>
Joe Holtz	First time	117	40
Kathy Martino	Reelected	156	4

### **Agenda item 2 – Election – Pension Education and Reporting Committee**

Pension Education and Reporting Committee (PERC) members Nils Mellquist and Avi Fisher, both seeking reelection to PERC, introduced the item, describing the committee's work. After discussion, both Nils and Avi were reelected to PERC in the election by paper ballot. Below are the election results.

<b>PERC candidate</b>	<b>First time or reelected</b>	<b>Yes votes</b>	<b>No votes</b>
Avi Fisher	Reelected	126	23
Nils Mellquist	Reelected	118	29

**Agenda item 3 – Discussion: Proposal to Amend Article VI of the PSFC Bylaws**

Member Elizabeth Tobier introduced the item and the meeting discussed it. Below is the description of the topic that appeared on the GM agenda announcement.

*Discussion: Proposal to amend Article VI of the bylaws of the Park Slope Food Coop, Inc., by adding a paragraph, for the purpose of specifying the circumstances under which a General Meeting can be held remotely using a videoconferencing application. The proposed draft paragraph to be added is:*

*“6. When the Park Slope Food Coop cannot locate a meeting space within which to hold a scheduled meeting, after a reasonable effort has been made to do so, that particular meeting, and only that particular meeting, may be held remotely using a videoconferencing application.”*

**Presentation of Minutes**

Coop secretary Elizabeth Tobier presented the minutes of the April 29, 2025 GM. After meeting discussion, Elizabeth suggested that a revised and updated April 29, 2025 GM minutes will be brought to the June 2025 GM for approval.

**Board of Directors’ Meeting**

Imani Q’ryn chaired the Board of Directors’ meeting. All board members were present: Tess Brown-Lavoie, Joe Holtz, Tim Hospodar, Imani Q’ryn, Keyian Vafai and Brandon West. All members of the board voted in favor of accepting the advice of the members on agenda item 1: Revolving Loan Committee election. All members of the board voted in favor of accepting the advice of the members on agenda item 2: Pension Education and Reporting Committee election.

The meeting concluded at 9:18 p.m.



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Elizabeth Tobier, Secretary  
Park Slope Food Coop  
Brooklyn, NY  
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(Approved by the June 24, 2025 PSFC GM)