

Executive Board Meeting Minutes: July 23, 2025

UFCW International Director/Food Processing-Meat Division Mark Lauritsen introduced himself, gave a brief history of his UFCW experience and thanked the Executive Board for all their work and dedication.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by President Adam Evenstad and a quorum was declared. Absent and excused were Terry Hoffmann, Terry McMullen, David Gutsche and Tony Susnik.

The actions of the June 2025 Executive Board meeting were ratified. The minutes of the June 2025 Executive Board meeting were distributed. Dustin Bru made a motion to approve as printed and concur with the recommendations of the Executive Board. Ryan Brown seconded the motion; motion passed.

The Audit Committee met prior to the Executive Board meeting wherein they reviewed income, expenditures, bank statements, credit card receipts, expenses of staff and made a recommendation to the Board to approve. Tyler Swenson made a motion to accept the Audit Committee's recommendation and approve the financial statements; Dean Nelson seconded; motion passed.

Actions Needed

Dan Timp made a motion to approve an invoice from Andrew & Poole, P.A. in the amount of \$324 for services rendered; Dustin Bru seconded. Motion passed.

Todd Gustafson made a motion to table a donation request from the Duluth AFL-CIO Community Services to the Minnesota Nurses Association strike as their contract has been settled. Al Smolnikar seconded the motion; motion passed.

Todd Gustafson made a motion to ratify the email vote to approve the meeting room rental, food and refreshments estimate of \$9584.47 for the October 2025 Executive Board meeting and staff training event at Grand Casino Hinckley. Sarah Allen seconded the motion; motion passed.

Michelle Armstrong made a motion to donate \$500 to the Dakota County Labor Assembly's Annual School Supply Drive; Kim Levens seconded. Motion passed.

Dean Nelson made a motion to donate \$2500 to Workday Magazine; Ryan Brown seconded. Motion passed.

Dustin Bru made a motion to approve the Labor World Labor Day edition ad cost of \$242.05; Wayne Harvey seconded. Motion passed.

Tyler Swenson made a motion to donate \$500 to the Iron Range Labor Assembly's Labor Day Picnic; Sue Boorsma seconded. Motion passed.

Dustin Bru made a motion to approve an invoice from Louris, Marshall, O'Brien in the amount of \$33.50 for services rendered; Kim Levens seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

Ryan Brown tendered his resignation from the Executive Board. An opening now exists on the southern division executive board.

A discussion was held regarding the creation of an ABC committee to lead endorsement discussions and decisions for the upcoming 2026 election cycle. Lee Cutler, Sue Boorsma, Todd Gustafson and Dennis Reeves expressed their interest in serving on this committee.

President Adam Evenstad updated the Executive Board on UNFI's recent announcement of the closure of the Cub Midway store.

Correspondence

Thank You notes were received from Susan G. Komen Organization, Long Prairie Food Pantry and the Minnesota AFL-CIO State Fair Committee for UFCW 1189's recent donations.

There being no further business, Ryan Brown made a motion to adjourn; Bob Sherk seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Denn-Bauer
Recording Secretary

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