

Minutes of the Tuesday, January 28, 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, January 28, 2025, beginning at 7:13 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 Imani Q'ryn and Genevieve Yue served as chair and secretary.

Open Forum

Issues raised by members included a plug for a New York City mayoral candidate, many endorsements for making GMs hybrid, both criticisms and praise for the past two Coordinators' Corner pieces published in the *Linewaiters' Gazette*, and criticism of the 75% majority vote required for product boycott proposal items. 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 48-week period ending 12/29/24, which had been distributed to members via email before the meeting. GC Lisa Moore spoke on some criticisms concerning labor law violations and lack of notice regarding openings on Coop committees raised by members during Open Forums, and news on locating venues with the capacity needed to consider a GM agenda item on changing the Coop bylaws to allow hybrid GMs. GC Joe Szladek made a report concerning the year-end inventory count occurring February 2. The meeting discussed the reports.

Committee Reports

A member of the Pension Education and Reporting Committee (PERC) displayed a QR code on the meeting's projection screen, inviting members to submit questions to PERC to be addressed in an upcoming *Linewaiters' Gazette* article. A member of the Personnel Committee-formed Executive Search team tasked with reviewing General Manager applications made a report. International Trade Education Committee (ITES) member Bart DeCoursy made a report concerning tariffs.

Agenda item 1 – Discussion: To propose a new Coop action committee – the Plastic Reduction Committee

Member Jessica Roff introduced the item, with assistance from members Lesley Broder, Ricki Jaeckel, Zoë Kaplan-Lewis, Abby Shelton and Matthew Spencer, and the members discussed it. Below is the item description included in the GM agenda announcement.

To propose a new Coop action committee – the Plastic Reduction Committee – to work with and in support of Coop staff to reduce the Coop's reliance on plastic, which has detrimental impacts on health, environment, and climate.

Presentation of Minutes

Coop secretary Elizabeth Tobier presented the minutes of the December 3, 2024 GM, which were approved by general consent.

Board of Directors' Meeting

Tim Hospodar 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. Prior to the board vote, Tim made a statement regarding time restrictions for members to speak during the meeting. All members of the board voted in favor of accepting the advice of the members on the minutes of the December 3, 2024 GM.

The meeting concluded at 9:28 p.m.



Elizabeth Tobier, Secretary

Park Slope Food Coop

Brooklyn, NY

February 3, 2025

(Approved by the February 25, 2025 PSFC GM)