SEIU Local 26 Airport Timeline

2012: Our union launched the campaign to organize passenger service workers at the airport, after many lost their union in the 1990’s with all of the airline mergers and bankruptcies.

2014: After civil disobedience and a large march that shut down the airport, the MAC passed ordinances for job protections, 8 sick days, and a $3 increase in minimum wage to $10.85.

“20 years ago, I worked for Northwest airlines doing cabin cleaning, and I made over $20 per hour with family health insurance, a pension and 401k. Today the same company (now Delta) has you doing the same work for $10.65!” – Finest Lewis

2016: Janitors at airport go on strike, showing passenger services workers how it’s done!

2017: After 5 years of organizing, workers win recognition and a first union master contract covering 1000 passenger services workers at MSP.

2018: after action in lobby of Delta, US aviation agreed to give 6 workers their jobs back, two months later signed the contract.

2019: We launched a coalition “airport workers council” with other unions to begin the fight for $15 at Airport.