

SEIU Local 26

Minnesota's Property Services Union

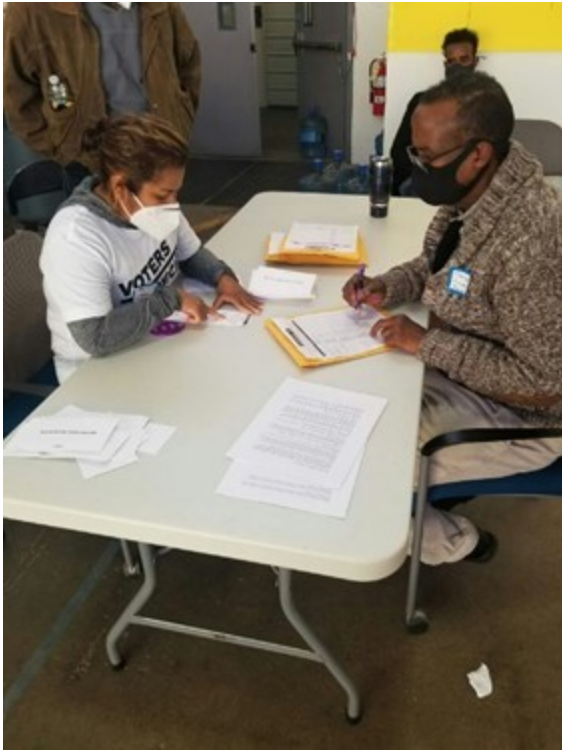
WELCOME

This is the monthly edition of the Security Newsletter. Each newsletter will give you information on your contract, benefits, and workplace rights. We will supply you with links to forms or handouts with extra information. Print out copies of this newsletter for your co-workers! There will be other opportunities to get stuff from YOUR Union. Yes, this is your Union. If you would like to have an issue addressed in a future newsletter contact Dan Scoggins, Security Steward via email at dan.scoggins@yahoo.com. Solidarity!

Video Series - President Nammacher and Secretary Treasurer Brahim Kone

This is the first address from our new President and Secretary Treasurer. Watch for more video updates, directly from our Leaders in Youtube and on the Whatsapp Security group. [SEIU Local 26 / Video Series #1 \(New President and Secretary-Treasurer\)](#)

UNION NEWS



Two members counting ballots while two others watched. About 30 members supported the Election Committee by counting or watching the ballots be opened and counted.

The 2020 E-Board



SEIU Union Election results!

Greg Nammacher was elected President and Brahim Kone Secretary Treasurer, after the ballots were counted on December 5th. Nammacher and Kone ran with a slate of candidates called United Vision. All of the United Vision endorsed candidates were elected to their nominated positions.

Kay Brown, a Security Officer at Normandale Lakes, was elected one of two Vice Presidents. Security Officers Emory Hall, Abdi Haybe, Dan Scoggins and Joanne Whitmore were elected as SEIU Local 26 Security division Board members.

Here is a link to the full results on the Local 26 website.

<http://www.seiu26.org/2020/12/07/service-employees-intl-union-local-26-ballot-certification>

United Vision Slate – mission and vision

The United Vision slate included a mission and vision for the Union that was selected by a series of campaign meetings with the supporters and members of the slate. Here is the three-point mission statement from a flyer on the Facebook page.

1 FOCUS ON THE MEMBERS

- ✓ Re-organize and hire staff to respond better for members
- ✓ More communication: Focus on building visits, recruiting more stewards, and member education
- ✓ Steward councils: democratically decide plans in each division with metrics

2 SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY

- ✓ Essential workers: Once in a lifetime chance to professionalize our industries while fighting to hold companies accountable to protect our health
- ✓ Lead the fight for justice: Affordable housing, Community safety, Immigration.

3 REIMAGINE OUR 21ST-CENTURY UNION

- ✓ Union training: for career advancement, higher pay, certified apprenticeships
- ✓ Member Owners: support launch of worker cooperatives, small businesses, own our own union Hall.
- ✓ Solidarity funds: emergency, life insurance, credit union, childcare, and transportation

CURRENT CAMPAIGNS

Community Safety Specialist – Communities investing in their own Safety

In response to George Floyd's murder, a team of SEIU members and staff looked to find a non-violent way to make our communities safer. Security Officers often prevent violence by being present and addressing issues before they cause harm. We live in these communities. Over 80% of our members come from communities of color. We need to feel safe too.

The team has drafted a proposal for a Community Safety Specialist (CSS). This specialist would be trained with 180 hours of classroom training and be part of a mentorship/apprentice system for ongoing training. The CSS would be paid a higher wage to reflect the extra training and be a Union member.

The proposal is now searching for grant funding for a pilot project and a sponsor.

If you are interested in this Community Safety Specialist Pilot Project, contact Bol Deng Benjamin. bdbenjamin@seiu26.org

OPPORTUNITIES/GET INVOLVED

Help Name the Newsletter - \$25 and SEIU Swag

Last newsletter we asked for your ideas for the name of the Security Newsletter. Thank you to those who shared ideas. Please keep them coming. We will decide the best one early in 2021. If you have a good name, please email it to dan.scoggins@yahoo.com. We will give \$25 and some SEIU winter gear if your choice is selected.

Join the Stewards of Local 26! – 6 New Stewards in Training!

The Security Sector is recruiting Stewards. A Steward is the union representative in the workplace and is empowered to work out issues with the Managers. A Steward enforces the contract, with the full support of the union staff. A Steward can join Steward conference calls and influence Union activities. Each month there is a different training session to prepare you to be a Steward until you have had all three. If you care about your coworkers and want a voice in your workplace, contact Organizer Dan Moore, dmoore@seiu26.org or Steward Dan Scoggins, dan.scoggins@yahoo.com for more information.

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