

February 4, 2026

L710 Meeting Minutes

Called to Order: 19:05

Accept minutes, motion Hoston, second Hector

President's Report:

Eckert reports,

-Division Chief Reorganization

- reorg has been approved at council
- EMS Division Chief position has been posted
- there has been discussion of Duty Chief responsibilities and response timeline

-Sick leave and trade scrutiny

- reasonable expectation at this point for sick leave use and trade policy to be called into question at next negotiations
- policy should be clear; let's tighten up, give ourselves the best position to bargain from

-Dan Sheckler sworn in as council member

- fills the seat left by Gookin
- seems to be a good fit for the role, our union already has some relationship with him

-Idaho Medal of Honor

- John, Frank, Dave, Fritz nominated for Idaho Medal of Honor
- Eckert/Pitts/Pichette/Kaipō/Lawler went down to Boise and hand delivered applications
- This is not a guarantee, some effort is being put into media outreach and lobbying
- Eckert will go down again as will Deruyter during the vote and be available to legislators for questions

-Chief selection process

- 44 applicants; HR and panel with L710 representation (Eckert) narrowed down to 10 with review of applications and cover letters (no names)
- 2/13 a panel will conduct a zoom interview with the 10, intent is to narrow the field further to 5 remaining candidates, the panel will include numerous members, city/hr/dept/local
- L710 interview- once 5 finalists are announced a L710 interview will take place. Will be hosted at station 3, broadcast on zoom. Details and date to be finalized, will be communicated. A prompt vote will immediately follow so that the body's recommendation can be shared with the city.

-Death and disability coverage

- PFFI is doing work on death and disability coverage

- The intent is to take the legislation passed in 2021 and clarify or expand the employees eligible, currently disability is broadly covered while death is not
- potential to retroactively affect seven families, including local families
- cost projected to be only \$70 per \$100k for PERSI employees

-Censure

- facebook post was found with former KCFR administrator seen advertising a class presenting on "leadership in crisis"... profiting off of events of June 29th with likely embellished or untruthful tales
- 2856 likely to push for vote of censure at PFFI

Treasurer's Report: absent

Committee Reports:

Insurance:

Judge is out of country, Eckert fills in,
Still evaluation changing EAP to III-A option, a better product with a slight cost change for the city. Hoping to have further information soon.

Civil Service:

(Eckert) No January meeting, anticipate a February meeting with objective of adjustments for Division Chief Reorg

Health and Fitness:

Torfin,
-Reach out if interested in helping with 2026 Grit Games
-A small meeting was held on improvements to Teambuildr as a resource for all membership
Clark,
-Notes that Teambuildr is a good resource also that the subscription allows many members and feel welcome to add family etc if desired
-sleep class resources shared via dept. emails

Memorial:

Hoston,
-See email for update
-reach out with questions/concerns

PAC:

Hoston,
-Pac survey sent out by international
-Primaries
-upcoming in May

- precinct committee members open, closes soon
- District 4 electeds all running for reelection
- southern ID sponsor of the anti-union bill last session is opposed
- Alfieri
 - District 4 Rep
 - ran a resolution, formal statement recognizing June 29th.
 - has had some past actions not friendly to labor that are hard to appreciate, taking that resolution to committee was a positive action.

1st District:

Bieker, nothing to add given news covered in pres report and PAC and introduction of PFFI resolutions in new business

Old Business:

- Memorial engravings
 - as discussed in Dec. E-Board authorized money to engrave bench and wall
 - wall in Boise has been updated with Morrison and Harwood
 - looking at a small intimate summer ceremony/viewing, this is informed by conversation with Jill and her wishes
- Award committee
 - Clark, Thaxton, Kelan, Jones made up the committee, got it handled.
- Mandatory policy
 - online vote failed narrowly 21/22

New Business:

- PFFI resolutions
 - Motion Joel, Second Clark: Empower L710 delegates to vote at PFFI on behalf of body. Unanimously passes
 - Presentation of resolutions
 - 1, PFFI voting on behalf of FF's at AFL/CIO
 - 2, pay district reps \$500 monthly, currently L710 pays District one, no other locals do they all work for free, slight dues increase for most will lower our budget expenditure
 - 3, contract with 4D benefits solutions (led by former PERSI head) lobby on our behalf
 - 4, LODD fund increase from \$.05 a month to \$2.00. Prior to 6/29 had only \$1k in that fund, now empty
 - Motion Bieker, Second Hoston L710 cosponsor resolution 4 with PFFI E-Board, Unanimously Passes
- Elections
 - Hoston Elections chair

-President, Eckert nominated and accepts with comment, for the last time, voted in by acclamation

-Secretary, McCormick nominated and accepts, voted in by acclamation

-E-Board General Member, Tolan, Hixson, Clark, Ellinger, Hector, Hyder all accept nominations, Torfin denies

-speeches next month, vote to follow, take office in May

Good and welfare:

Skin Cancer Screening 0900-1200 12/7 -Eckert

St. Paddy's Apparel, sweatshirts \$50 T's \$30, contact Tolan by end of next week -Tolan

Engineer Academy March 2/3/4 -Hyder

Funeral photos, examples of print options at st. 3 -Rod

Red and Blue Gala took place, raised \$236K, lots of support from community, lots of resources are offered by foundation, Hector now on advisory board -Hector

Thanks to Hoston & Bieker for there many years of E-Board service -Eckert

My last meeting, proud and grateful, love y'all -Sowa

Same message, moving on, thanks, been good, will miss -Matchell

Motion to adjourn:

Laville second Hector

Adjourned 20:25

Recorded by McCormick

