

NTEU

National Treasury Employees Union

NTEU Chapter 282 December Chapter meeting premeeting location: [Zoom/Virtual](#)

<u>Executive Board Member Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
Anthony Lee	President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Michael Theodorakis	Executive Vice President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Haile Yancy	Vice President CVM	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crystal A. Buffert	Vice President CDRH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Amy Skinner	Vice President CDER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wendi Joyner	Vice President CBER	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shayla Turnipseed	Vice President CTP	<input type="checkbox"/>
Angela Pope	Vice President CFSAN	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danita Dyer	Vice President ORA & Baltimore District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nona Colburn	Vice President OC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Helen Robinson	Vice President CDER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Marsha Hayden	Chief Steward (Non-Voting Member)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jason Lewis	Treasurer (Non-Voting Member)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Klara Jenkins	Secretary (Non-Voting Member)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Quorum Met: __ Yes 81 at 12:02, 103 total.

Other Invited Meeting Attendees

- NTEU 282 Members

Meeting Date: 12/14/23

Meeting Minutes:

Motion:	Yes ()	No ()
To adopt the agenda as presented by Helen Robinson, 2 nd by Nawab Siddiqui	Oral only, no specific count	0
Helen Robinson made emotion, Danita Dyer 2 nd that chapter 282 merge with 292 with chapter 282 being the remaining chapter	Oral only, no specific count	

Agenda:

Called to Order: By President at 12:02 PM

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks- guidelines for RROO 12th edition review by President Lee, executive board officers introduced by President Lee
Helen Robinson moved to accept today's agenda.
Nawab Siddiqui 2nd. Unanimous verbal approval

2. Chapter Merger Proposal and Vote- President Lee began to give details.

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Discussion-

- Michael Theodorakis requested an email vote to provide an opportunity for more members to vote. At the time there were 103 members on the call and we have over 2000 members. Additional discussion about going to other chapters and locations.

President Lee responded explaining the meeting concerns and geographical travel concerns.

- Nona Colburn- Raised concerns about a quorum. President Lee confirmed our quorum at 105 members present.

- Shovaughn Chism- would locality pay change if we approve the merger. President Lee responded no. Locality is governed state to state and county to county.

Unanimous vote approved yes.

3. Human Foods Program Reorganization Update- President Lee gave updates on where we are with the Reorg. In preparation for the meeting with the commissioner next week, President Lee prepared a survey that will be sent to all bargaining unit employees. Concerns including the union being left out of discussions regarding the reorganization. We will engage congress if need be to address concerns.

•Michael Theodorakis asks additional information about who is on the negotiation team. President Lee provided additional information including that the union is supposed to be involved in the PRE-decisional conversations.

4. **Chapter Status-** The chapter has been operating at full capacity. Remote work cases have been addressed, and we have achieved success. We have new members each pay period.

Reminders shared by President Lee- If you receive a written reprimand or a notice that gives the option to share with NTEU, please let us know as they are official notices and we can give guidance

Denials of career ladder promotions- please let us know as we've been actively helping with these.

Employees have found an administrative error where a number of employees were improperly coded on their retirement code on LES. Please check yours and let us know if you are affected. We will work with communication committee to get this information on our website.

Chapter Financial Report- presented by our chapter's Treasurer, Jason Lewis: \$755,454 closing balance, \$430,883 CDs/Savings, \$324,570 cash on hand. We are in the process of transferring funds from Fed Financial FCU to Bank of America. including increased earning CDs. (I would delete and place this below).

- Jeffry Trunzo asked about why we are transitioning to /boa instead of a small local bank. President Lee and Jason Lewis addressed we need to be able to utilize a bank where the account can be in the name of the chapter not an individual. Jason Lewis advised that one of the reasons our Chapter transition from a credit union to Bank of America was that Bank of America has a higher (and therefore better) Annual Percentage Rate (APR) for our Cash Deposits (CD)s.

5. Coordination and Collaboration Efforts- We are working with other chapters and combining efforts regarding reorganization concerns.

7. Interactive Q&A

- Helen Robinson expressed her gratitude of the transparency of the current administration of 282.
- Monica Javidnia- question about ORA/CDER consuming of CSOs and if employees would be notified if they are affected before the upcoming reorg. President Lee

expressed awareness of informal “crosswalks” shared as to where employees will be landing. We will share more as we learn more.

- Amy Gomez asked about imports not being affected. President Lee confirmed Import CSO and investigators are not effected and will remain in ORA
- Amy Funk asked about FDA OPQ reorg and if the union is involved. We currently do not have much additional information on it.
- Question regarding CURES/ title 21- No one will be forced to become CURES/ Title 21
- Questions regarding stewards, what a steward is and who to contact addressed by President Lee. Reminders to reach out to Helen of Lee if any questions, unable to reach a steward or interested in being a steward. MT reminded that Center VP can be contacted as well. They are on the officer’s page but are also stewards.

Adjourned: By President 1:00PM