

Portland Association of Teachers  
Representative Assembly Meeting Minutes and Notes

[1/10/24 RA Agenda](#)

1. Meeting called to order at 4:34 p.m.
2. Optimistic Welcome
3. Agenda
  - a. Motion by Brian Halberg to approve Agenda (with flexibility) and November RA minutes. Multiple seconds. Approved unanimously.
4. Vice-Presidents Report:
  - a. Jacque Dixon presented the Vice-President's Report. Reviewed plans for a post-strike debrief. Google form link will be shared with members and reps can connect with their zone director for assistance.
  - b. Reviewed upcoming community events: A talk and screen printing event with Don't Shoot PDX
5. Community Organizing Update
  - a. Joanne Sheppard presented a community update, reviewed recent work during strike with allies and solidarity coalition and upcoming NEA strategic organizing institute and work with NEA coach.
6. Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Tina Lamanna reviewed recent monthly financial statement and noted discrepancy from voided checks due to bookkeeper error. Compilation report from last fiscal year is under way.
7. Kudos:
  - a. Angela Bonilla reviewed great work being done by members, particularly social workers, early childhood educators and Chris Buehler from the executive board for his work on the advocacy committee and grievance summit.
8. Rules and Elections:
  - a. Nominations were asked for from the floor by Rules and Elections Chair Aileen Tran
    - i. Beyoung Yu nominated Alisha Chavez-Downing for PAT Vice-President.
  - b. Executive Board and Officer candidates delivered speeches.
9. Questions:
  - a. Members raised points of information on the upcoming PAT OEA director race.
10. Representatives reviewed the process for members being placed on a plan of assistance
11. Committee Reports
  - a. Advocacy, Substitute, Racial Equity, Social Justice and Community Organizing Committees presented updates
12. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.