

The State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition

Union Leaders Take Steps to Pursue Positive Solutions Following Tentative Agreement Ballot Results

June 27th

Following the conclusion of voting on the SEBAC 2011 tentative agreement (TA), leaders of the coalition's 15 unions convened today to review results and to determine the next course of action.

The leaders of the unions in the State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition (SEBAC) reported on the balloting that took place over the last two weeks. Official results showed that 57% of participating members voted in favor of the TA. Broken down further, the majority vote for 26 of the coalition's 34 bargaining units was to approve the agreement. Coalition leaders also confirmed that 11 of the 15 SEBAC voting unions supported the TA.

After reporting on their union's balloting, a motion was taken for coalition leaders to cast a final official vote to accept or reject the agreement. A second motion was then raised to table the vote, which was passed by consent.

The decision reflects the leaders' intention to respect the democratic voting process each of our unions has just concluded. It also recognizes the urgent need to take action to prevent massive job cuts and preserve vital public services.

To that end, SEBAC leadership adopted a resolution in order to:

- 1. Continue working to protect the legitimate interests of all of Connecticut's working and middle class families, including its public employees;**
- 2. Consider whether the current SEBAC By-Laws remain the best vehicle for balancing the democratic interests of the majority with the need to protect the stability and viability of healthcare and pension benefits;**
- 3. Explore and remedy the misinformation provided to many members about the TA, and about the consequences of accepting and or rejecting it; &**
- 4. Protect our members and the broad public they serve from those who seek to use the fiscal crisis as an excuse to weaken the voice of working families, public and private.**

[Click here](#) to access the resolution adopted by coalition leaders:

<http://inthisogetherct.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/SEBAC-0627-VOTES-RES.pdf>

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