

# THE ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE 26<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA



## ***NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION FOR DELEGATES TO THE 26<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION***

### **1. DELEGATES TO BE ELECTED**

The Transport Workers Union of America AFL-CIO has determined that Local 234 is entitled to eighteen (18) delegates at the 2021 TWU Convention. Eleven (11) of the delegates must be from Transportation and seven (7) from Maintenance, plus three (3) alternates, two from Transportation and one from Maintenance. In addition, the Local 234 President serves as an ex officio delegate to the Convention; meaning the President serves as a delegate by virtue of his position in the Local.

### **2. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

Nominations and an Election will be held to elect our representatives to the International Convention. The nominations and Convention Election will be conducted in accordance with the International Constitution and our Local Union By-Laws. Election notices will be mailed to the members' last known address and posted at the work sites on the union bulletin boards.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY TO RUN**

Dues paying union members in "good standing" over the past twelve months are eligible to be nominated and run as a delegate, or as an alternate delegate. Members with applications in for management cannot be nominated or elected as a convention delegate.

Write-in candidates are not permitted on the election ballots and votes for write-in candidates will not be counted.

To be nominated, a full slate of candidates must obtain at least 300 signatures, a partial slate of candidates must obtain 200 signatures, and an individual candidate must obtain 100 signatures.

### **4. THE NOMINATIONS PROCESS**

If you are running a full slate of delegates, you must have eleven (11) Transportation and seven (7) Maintenance delegates, plus three (3) alternates, two from Transportation and one from Maintenance. Nominating Petitions must be fully completed with alternates or they will be considered incomplete and invalid for purposes of running a full slate of delegates, however, partial slates and individual candidates are not required to have any alternate delegates.

The Nominating Petitions and the Nomination acceptance form will be available commencing on Monday, July 5, 2021 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and every weekday thereafter until the nominations deadline. All signed nominating petitions and the signed nomination acceptance form must be returned to the Election Committee no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14, 2021. **The Election Committee will only accept the original documents.**

**Nomination Acceptance letters will not be mailed out.** An acceptance form for all slates will be provided to the representative of each slate at the time they receive their petition forms.

The Signed Nomination Acceptance form (original) must be returned to the Election Committee by no later than 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at the Union Hall. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Persons heading a full or partial slate must provide the Election Committee with a contact number so that they can be notified to appear before the Election Committee to draw ballot position. On Friday July 23, 2021 at 7 p.m. persons leading a slate will "pick" for their position on the Official Ballot by drawing lots. The highest number drawn will get to select first and the lowest number will receive the last available position. Individual candidates need not be present at the drawing. They will be placed on the far right side of the ballot, in alphabetical order.

### **5. THE ELECTION PROCESS**

***The Convention Election will be conducted in accordance with the following rules:***

Voters can vote for a "Full Slate, a "Partial Slate, or for individual candidates. If a voter makes a mistake, the voter must put a large "X" mark over the entire ballot face and give it to a poll worker, then request a replacement ballot. At no time shall any voter have more than one ballot in their possession.

Before the printing of election ballots, the Election Committee will allow a slate representative and individual candidates to review the official ballot.

The official membership list will be made available for inspection upon request to the Election Committee from a representative of a slate, or individual candidate. The inspection will be conducted on a mutually acceptable date and time.

All members employed by SEPTA must show their Transportation Pass in order to vote. Any member who fails to present his/her pass can only vote a challenge ballot. MV Transportation and Upper Darby Township members must present government issued photo identification in order to vote.

Except for floaters, members must vote at the polling place at their home location.

Broad Street cashiers can vote at Fern Rock Platform or at the Walnut & Locust station.

Market Frankford cashiers can vote at 8th & Ridge Track Locker Room, 69<sup>TH</sup> Street Platform, or at Frankford Depot, at 5127 Griscom Street.

Market Frankford Yard persons can vote at the 69<sup>TH</sup> Street Shop, or at Frankford Depot, at Griscom Street.

Members assigned to the Buildings, Track, CEM and/or Power Departments are considered "floaters" and can vote, along with the members on the Election Committee, at any polling place.

Floaters must show their SEPTA Transportation Pass to vote.

Only members voting, waiting in-line to vote and candidate observers will be allowed in the voting area. There will be no election campaigning permitted within fifteen (15) feet of the Polling Area.

If the members of a full slate, a partial slate, or individual candidates want to have an observer at a polling place, the person must be identified to the Election Committee in advance. Observers will strictly adhere to the instructions of the Poll workers or Election Committee Members at the polling location.

After the polls close, the ballots will be counted at the polling locations by the poll workers assigned to the polling place. The results will be telephoned into the Election Committee at Election Committee Headquarters – 500 N. 2ND Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123 (215) 972-4140 and recorded as a "Preliminary Count." Ballots will then be brought to Election Committee's Headquarters by the poll workers and "Validated" by the Election Committee as the "Official Final Count."

If persons leading a slate or individual candidates want to have an observer at the final vote count, the person must be identified to the Election Committee in advance.

### **6. DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF ELECTION**

**The Convention Election will be held on Friday, August 6, 2021 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the following polling locations:**

**Allegheny** – 26<sup>TH</sup> Street & Allegheny Avenue Philadelphia, PA.

**Callowhill** – 59<sup>TH</sup> & Callowhill Streets Philadelphia, PA.

**Comly** – Penn Street & Comly Street Philadelphia, PA.

**Elmwood** – Island Road & Elmwood Avenue Philadelphia, PA.

**Fern Rock Trainpersons' Room, West End Platform** - 11<sup>TH</sup> Street and Nedro Avenue, Philadelphia, PA.

**Frankford** – 5127 Griscom Street Philadelphia, PA. including all High Speed

**Midvale** - 4301/15 Wissahickon Avenue Philadelphia, PA

**Red Arrow Maintenance & Clerical** - 103 Victory Avenue, Upper Darby, PA

**Southern** – 20<sup>TH</sup> & Johnson Streets Philadelphia, PA

**69<sup>TH</sup> St. Trainpersons' Room, Platform** – 69<sup>TH</sup> & Market Streets, Upper Darby, PA

**The polling locations listed below will be open during the following designated hours:**

**Walnut & Locust Porters Room** – Broad and Locust Streets, Philadelphia, PA. 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**69<sup>TH</sup> St. Shop** – 69<sup>TH</sup> & Market Streets, Upper Darby, PA. 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Courtland** - 3<sup>RD</sup> Street & Courtland Streets, Philadelphia, PA. 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Frontier** - 1525 Alanwood Road Norristown, PA. 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Germantown** - 6725 Germantown Avenue Philadelphia, PA. 6:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Midvale Utilities Trailer** - 4301/15 Wissahickon Avenue, Philadelphia, PA. 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Upper Darby** – 8201 Lansdowne Avenue Upper Darby, PA. 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Woodland Shop** – 49<sup>TH</sup> Street & Woodland Avenue Philadelphia, PA. 6:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**8<sup>TH</sup> & Ridge** – 8th & Ridge Track Locker Room 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Wyoming Shop Outside Lunch Room** – 200 W. Wyoming Avenue, Philadelphia, PA. 6:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wyoming Shop members can vote at Courtland after 3:30 p.m.

**MV Transportation** - 7336 James Street, Philadelphia, PA. 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### **7. THE ELECTION COMMITTEE**

The Local 234 Election Committee will supervise and organize the election. Any questions, correspondence, or protests must be directed to the Chairperson of the Election Committee:

John R Lipscomb - 2021 Election Committee Chairperson  
Transport Workers Union of Philadelphia, Local 234  
500 N. 2nd Street  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19123  
(215) 972-4140

All questions and/or disputes that arise in connection with the Election shall be directed to and decided by the Election Committee, subject to appeal, as provided in Article XXII of the TWU Constitution.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED By the 2021 Election Committee on June 4, 2021

John R Lipscomb - Market Frankford Yard • Lee McElhenney - RAD Victory • Alvin Marion - Callowhill Transportation  
Renee Liles - Market Frankford Cashiers • Bob Gillespie - Comly Transportation