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# Update on the MTA Bus Pension Arbitration

Local 100 President John Samuelsen Reports on the Latest Information Regarding This Crucial Arbitration

- On April 27, 2016, the first Arbitration Hearing was held before Arbitrator Edelman.
- Local 100 presented a comprehensive Opening to the Arbitrator that included:
  - ✓ The historical context explaining to the Impartial Arbitrator how the MTA Bus Pension came into being and how it is structured.
  - ✓ The real-world justifications for true pension parity for MTA Bus members.
  - ✓ Various pension scenarios demonstrating the differences between the TA/OA Pension and the MTA Bus Pension.
  - ✓ The process of bargaining the pension dispute and what the ultimate outcome should be.
- Arbitrator Edelman directed the parties to mutually develop a set of undisputed Stipulated Facts to be presented to him.
- After much back and forth (and typical MTA foot-dragging), our Attorney informs me that the Stipulated Facts are ready to be submitted.
- Arbitrator Edelman has publicly stated that he will make addressing this case a priority.
- We are anticipating a decision that can be implemented in a very short time frame.

***Local 100 will keep you posted of any new developments.***