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DECISION

Protest ST-5-2024 (appeal of
Brown disqualification)

By emails dated October 14, 2024 Galliano Francois and Evangeline Byars on behalf of the Stronger Together Slate filed an appeal of the Election Committee October 10 determination that Barry Brown was not qualified to run for Division office because he had attended less than 50% of the meetings for his Division/Section over the past 12 months. Mr. Francois alleges that he reviewed the meeting attendance books and noticed the meeting dates were not in order, people's names were crossed out, and there was a paper saying there was a meeting held in August 2024, even though there was a vote held in June to cancel the summer meetings. The Protesters requested that I review the books.

I personally reviewed all of the meeting attendance books for Mr. Brown's Division and Section. There were LES Division meetings held on October 4, 2023, November 1, 2023, December 6, 2023, January 3, 2024, February 7, 2024, March 6, 2024 (incorrectly marked as February 6, 2024, per note from the Recording Secretary), April 3, 2024, May 1, 2024, June 5, 2024 and September 4, 2024 (incorrectly marked as August 4, 2024, per note from the Recording Secretary) and one All Line Equipment Section meeting held on December 13, 2023. That is a total of 11 meetings. Thus, to be eligible, a candidate would have had to attend at least six meetings. Mr. Brown only attended the one Division meeting on December 6, 2023.

I reached out to Mr. Brown to ask if he disagreed with the Election Committee determination that he had not attended a sufficient number of meetings, but he did not respond.

Appeal denied.

In accordance with the International Constitution and the Election Rules, any interested party unsatisfied with this determination may appeal to the Transport Workers Union of America Committee on Appeals. Any appeal shall be in writing and shall be filed in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article IV(B)(9) of the Election Rules and Article XXII of the International Constitution for the appeal to the International from decisions of Local Unions.



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