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ATU Local 1056 Members Approve MTA Contract Overwhelming Approval Supports Board Recommendation

Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 1056's Executive Board and its members overwhelmingly voted last week to approve a new contract with the MTA, announced Local 1056 President/ Business Agent Mark Henry. President Henry also welcomed the MTA board's formal approval of the agreement this morning (Wednesday, January 24, 2018).

President Henry stated, "I thank Vice President Luis Alzate and the ATU 1056 Executive Board for keeping our members informed throughout a two-year process. Congratulations to our members who strongly support their union and its leadership's efforts to achieve a fair contract and understand that together, we can achieve many things."

The agreement awarded the members a 29 month agreement retroactive 2.5 percent raise effective January 16, 2017 and a 2.5 percent raise as of February 16, 2018 and a \$500 lump sum payment effective March 15, 2019. The contract period extends through May 15, 2019. "There were many other significant gains that benefits the needs of our membership," added President Henry.

"Throughout this process, we emphasized how our members perform the same duties as the other MTA bargaining unit involved in NYC Transit's bus operations and should be compensated accordingly," stated President Henry. **92%** of ATU members voting approved the contract.

ATU Local 1056 represents bus operators and mechanics who work for MTA New York City Transit's Queens bus division.

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