

ARTICLE 4 – OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES, STEWARDS AND NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE

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Section 4.1 – Official Representatives

a) Meetings with Management

The eCounty agrees to provide release time for Union Representatives for attendance at mutually agreed Department/Agency meetings. Each Department/Agency shall notify the Union of the person(s) to be contacted for approval of release time in that Department/Agency. The Union agrees, insofar as possible, to notify Management at least 24 hours, excluding weekends and holidays, in advance of the request for release time and the names of the Union Representative(s) to be released. Management agrees to arrange for release time with the appropriate supervisor(s). Release time arrangements shall include a reasonable amount of travel time.

For purposes of County-wide meetings with Management, requests for release time shall be made through the Office of Labor Relations.

b) Number for Release

The parties agree that no more than three (3) Local 521 Official Representatives from a single representation unit shall be recognized for the purpose of release time at any single meeting, unless additional representatives are mutually agreed upon.

The Clerical and APT units each may have no more than four (4) Local 521 Official Representatives granted release time by the County to attend any single Board of Supervisors meeting. The Blue Collar, EHU, PCS, PHN, SSU, and Supervisory units each may have no more than three (3) Local 521 Official Representatives granted release time by the County to attend any single Board of Supervisors meeting.

c) Release Time Log

Release time shall be granted after consideration of operational and staffing needs. Official Representatives will log the time they leave their work assignments, where they can be reached, and the time they return on a form provided by the County.

d) Bank of Hours

Release time shall be granted to Local 521 Official Representatives up to a maximum of two thousand (2000) hours per fiscal year for attendance at meetings of the Board of Supervisors and the Personnel Board. The Official Representative shall notify his/her supervisor of his/her intention to be on release time as far in advance as reasonably possible, but not later than the end of normal business hours the day before such meeting, except in emergency situations. Insofar as possible, such release time shall be made through the Department of Labor Relations at least 24 hours in advance of the Board meeting.

Section 4.2 – Stewards

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a) **Notification of Stewards**

The Union agrees to notify the County of the names of their Stewards, Assistant Chiefs and Chief Stewards by Department/Agency and by location, not to exceed 521 in number for all bargaining units covered by this Agreement (Administrative, Professional and Technical; Blue Collar, Clerical, Environmental Health, Probation Counselor Safety; Public Health Nurses; Social Services and Supervisory Units).

The Union shall provide annual listings of workers identified as Assistant Chief Stewards, Chief Stewards, and Stewards, and in addition, Alternate Stewards and Safety Stewards at the beginning of each contract year to the Office of Labor Relations and updated as replacement stewards are elected. Alternate Stewards may be designated to serve in the absence of a Steward. Management will notify the Union of the appropriate Management representatives in each department to be contacted by the Steward in carrying out his/her duties as Steward.

b) **Grievance Related Release Time**

The County agrees to provide release time for:

1. A meeting with a worker at the worksite of either the Steward or the worker concerning a grievance or discipline appeal.
2. A meeting with Management.
3. A meeting where a worker is the subject of an investigational interview.
4. Grievance arbitrations/mediations where the steward is the official representative.

c) **Grievance Related Worker Release**

If a worker has a grievance and wishes to discuss it on County time with a designated Steward, she/he shall be allowed the opportunity within a reasonable amount of time to verify if her/his designated Steward is present and available to be seen. If the Steward is present and available, the worker shall complete a "release form in accordance with 4.1 c," and submit it to his/her immediate supervisor prior to leaving his/her workstation. Such release form shall contain the worker's name, class title, Steward's name, and work location of Steward, time left, and date. Upon return, the worker shall note the time returned on the form.

d) **Grievance Investigation**

A reasonable amount of time will be granted the worker and Steward to handle the initial investigation of the grievance. The parties agree that in handling grievances, the worker and Steward will use only the amount of time necessary to handle the grievance.

e) **Steward Release Time Log**

Stewards will log the time they leave their work assignments, where they can be reached, and the time they return on a form provided by the County.

f) **Meetings with Management**

The Union agrees, insofar as possible, that meetings with Management will be arranged in advance, with notification to the appropriate level of Management of the Steward and workers planning to attend. Management agrees to arrange for release time with the appropriate level of supervision.

g) **Other Authorized Release Time**

1. Any other authorized release time, such as meetings on a regular basis with the appointing authority or his/her designated representatives, shall be under separate agreement with the appropriate department.
2. No more than one time per quarter, the County shall release up to thirty-five (35) stewards for no more than 2 hours, inclusive of travel time, for meeting to further labor/management relationships. At least twenty (20) days in advance, the Union must provide to the Department of Labor Relations the agenda, date, time, and location of the meeting, and the names and departments of stewards to be released to attend this meeting.

Section 4.3 – Chief Stewards

- a) The Union may designate up to forty-five (45) Chief Stewards for Departments/Agencies/Divisions, etc.
- b) Chief Stewards shall be entitled to release time to replace Stewards when the Steward is not available, and shall comply with Section 4.2.
- c) Chief Stewards shall be entitled to release time to attend arbitration hearings, Personnel Board disciplinary hearings, investigatory meetings, and pre arbitration meetings (if not attended by the Steward).

Section 4.4 – Negotiating Committee

Not more than six (6) negotiators at one time shall participate in negotiations. The balance of the worker negotiators may be present but shall not participate in negotiations nor be seated at the negotiating table. Any person who disrupts or interferes in any way with the negotiations, verbally or otherwise, shall be excluded from the meeting room.

a) **Number of Union Worker Negotiators for Release**

For each of the following Units, the following is agreed:

1. For the Administrative, Professional, and Technical Unit there shall be seventeen (17) committee members. The County agrees to release seventeen (17) persons upon such request where required.



2. For the Blue Collar Unit there shall be seven (7) committee members each. The County agrees to release seven (7) persons upon such request where required.
3. For the Clerical Unit there shall be nine (9) committee members each. The County agrees to release nine (9) persons upon such request where required.
4. For the Public Health Nursing Unit there shall be three (3) committee members. The County agrees to release three (3) persons upon such request where required.
5. For the Environmental Health Unit there shall be three (3) committee members. The County agrees to release three (3) persons upon such request where required.
6. For the Probation Counselor Safety Unit there shall be two (2) committee members. The County agrees to release two (2) persons upon such request where required.
7. For the Social Services Unit there shall be seven (7) committee members. The County agrees to release seven (7) persons upon such request where required.
8. For the Supervisory Unit there shall be three (3) committee members. The County agrees to release three (3) upon such request where required.
9. The Chapter President and two (2) Vice Presidents.

b) **Compensatory Time**

Those negotiators who are on their own time during the meetings will not be granted compensatory time.

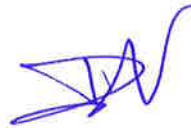
c) **Resource People**

Resource people for the unit negotiations shall be allowed on their own time, leave without pay, vacation, or compensatory time off to attend scheduled negotiation meetings for this unit to provide information to the committee on specific items on an as needed basis and as mutually agreed, prearranged and scheduled by the committees. The County shall facilitate arranging time off for resource people attending negotiations.

d) **New Units**

Should any new units be established for representation by Local 521, the parties will meet and confer regarding negotiation committee size.

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