

**NBI #05**

**2024 FORM FOR NEW BUSINESS ITEMS**

Decarbonization Task Force Reauthorization

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NBI Name			Date and Time
Michael Kozuch			Newton Teachers Association
Delegate Making the Motion	Cell	Email	Association Represented or Retired
Craig Slatin			Retired
Delegate Seconding the Motion	Cell	Email	Association Represented or Retired
According to the MTA Standing/Special Rules: With the exception of items on the agenda, all substantive motions shall be submitted in writing to the Presiding Officer.			

**MOTION**

MOVED:

**Whereas**, the 2023 MTA Annual Meeting approved a Decarbonization Task Force to move the Massachusetts Teachers Association towards decarbonization by 2030,

**and whereas**, the Decarbonization Task Force has submitted its report and recommendations to the board and membership which provided a detailed plan with budgetary implications and a timeline,

**and whereas**, the recommendations are only now starting to be implemented,

**and whereas**, the Decarbonization Task Force should monitor the implementation of detailed timelines and action steps to help the MTA to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030.

**Be it resolved:** The MTA, in line with the 2021 Next Generation Roadmap for Massachusetts Climate Policy, and the UN Paris Agreement to keep global temperature rise well below 2 degrees celsius, hereby reauthorizes the Decarbonization Task Force for another year.

SUBMITTER’S RATIONALE:

As countries around the world work to fulfill climate pledges made at the 2015 UN gathering in Paris, fossil fuel projects are abandoned, and investment in renewable energy is growing.

Climate change science is advancing and discovering that several critical models have underestimated the feedback loops inherent with global warming. The polar regions are changing in ways that are increasing warming trends and will lead to much higher sea level rise in some areas, especially in the U.S. eastern seaboard. As an association of educators, our actions must demonstrate a regard for science-based decision-making that aims to mitigate and prevent the

worst scenarios of catastrophic climate change predicted to occur by the end of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We hold this responsibility for our members, our students, their families, and their communities, and the Commonwealth.

MTA has long advocated for social justice and protection of health, safety, and the natural environment. MTA Resolution B-11 puts us on record in advocating that the Commonwealth adopt measures to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and actively pursue and promote the use of alternative energy resources. As MTA urges the adoption of alternative energy resources in the Commonwealth, it must clean up its own operations.

By helping to implement MTA's goal of 2030 carbon neutrality, reauthorizing the task force will serve our students and our communities by protecting their future. And we will show that we stand by our statements and walk the talk. We will truly be doing well by doing good.

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DUES IMPACT: None

SUBMITTER'S COST & STAFF TIME ESTIMATE: \$0 and 72 hours of staff time.

MTA COST & STAFF TIME ESTIMATE **(For MTA use only):**

MTA Cost Estimate: \$0

MTA Staff Time Estimate: 100 hours