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NBI 19

2026 FORM FOR NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

Table with 4 columns: NBI Name, Delegate Making the Motion, Cell, Email, Association Represented or Retired. Includes entries for Christopher Montero and Hafsa Dandia.

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:

MTA shall commit to a series of educational seminars and solicit analytical articles for MTA today, exploring the relationship between U.S. empire building and racist violence, censorship, repression, and the economic downturn in this country. The series and articles will cover the following: 1. Relationship between ICE raids and detentions, high tech surveillance and weapons manufacturers, and the war on the Middle East (Palestine, Lebanon and Iran), regime change in Venezuela, and threats to Cuban sovereignty. 2. Government repression tactics used against activists, educators, organizers and the labor movement to silence dissent. 3. The impact of the "outside world" on our students' academic and social-emotional learning inside the classroom. 4. The Connection between US empire building abroad and repression against the MTA, MTA members, students, families and communities here at home, including the way in which American imperialism is built on the backs of workers like us and at the cost of public goods like public education. 5. Lessons learned from working people's labor and freedom struggles against empire building that can be applied to our contract fights, and local, state and national struggles for social, racial and economic justice.

SUBMITTER'S RATIONALE:

Under the second Trump administration, right-wing attacks on educators' and students' First Amendment rights and unions have dramatically increased. Our public schools have been defunded, while at the same time, trillions are being spent on endless wars abroad and expanding the police, surveillance, and carceral state here at home. This dynamic and the connections between them are not new, but they are on a scale that's unprecedented from previous generations. It is critical for all MTA members to learn to see these connections, and the bearing they have on the work we do in our locals

and as an educators' union committed to advancing racial, social, and economic justice. This NBI, which calls on the MTA to create vehicles for meaningful, fact-based political education for members, is a means to that end. Giving members the tools to fight against Trump's political, media, and educational offensives will not only inspire more authentic political engagement on the part of the membership, it will also lead to an institutionally stronger MTA.

SUBMITTER'S COST & STAFF TIME ESTIMATE:

Not sure

DUES IMPACT **(For MTA use only):**

\$0

MTA COST & STAFF TIME ESTIMATE **(For MTA use**

only): \$0, 40 hours