# METRO TRANSIT AND LABOR RELATIONS

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### Hello! Nice to meet you!

Purpose of Today: Provide general overview of labor relations between the City of Madison Metro Transit and Teamsters Local 695

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### Function of the Labor Relations Office

- 1. Represent the Mayor in negotiations/handbook process
- 2. Serve as arbitration representative
- 3. Dispute resolution
- 4. Training
- 5. Supervisor Consultation
- 6. Discipline and Performance Improvement Implementation

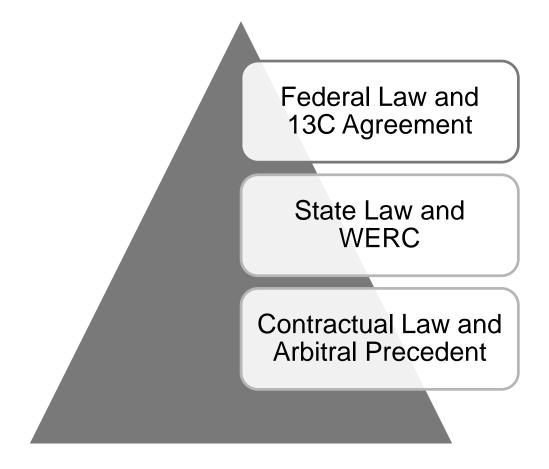
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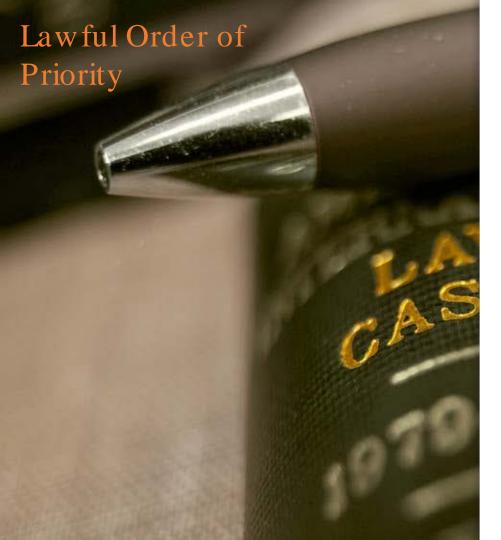
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# Legal Foundation of Contracts





- Management balances various obligations
  - Contract Language
  - Ordinance
  - State Law
  - Federal Law
  - o MOUs
  - Grievance Resolutions
  - Past Practice
- □ When the contract is silent...
- Conflicts in interpretation

# How a Contract is Negotiated

#### Process

- Request Changes From Management
- Cost Changes to Maximum Authority
- Name Negotiation Team
- Open Meeting
- Bargaining Sessions

#### Mediation

- Non-binding
- Neutral 3<sup>rd</sup> Party

#### **Interest Arbitration**

- Selection of Arbitrator
- Hearing and Final Offer
- Arbitrator's Award

# Subjects of Bargaining

#### Mandatory Subjects of Bargaining

- Must be bargained, but not necessarily agreed to
- Wages
- Hours
- Conditions of employment

#### Permissive Subjects of Bargaining

- May be bargained, but aren't required to
- Management
- Staffing, etc.

#### Prohibited Subjects of Bargaining

- Contrary to state or federal law
- Right to minimum wage
- Right to FMLA

2.
THE
TEAMSTER
AGREEMENT





The Parties agree that open and regular communication between the Union and the City is essential to maintaining and improving mutual trust. The Parties further agree to communicate regularly on any issues of concern to either Party, through Joint Committees or through any other means which may be agreed upon.



The Union and the City believe and agree that such mutual good faith efforts will create a sense of belonging to a high performance transit system capable of achieving our common goals, thereby providing security for the Union's members and success for the City's operations.

### Union Responsibilities







#### Negotiate

The Union is responsible for negotiating with the Employer related to wages, hours, and conditions of employment. These are mandatory subjects of bargaining and require negotiation prior to implementation by the Employer

#### Advocate

The Union is responsible for advocating on behalf of employees related to disciplinary issues and throughout the dispute/grievance resolution process, and the Union has a duty of fair representation

#### Communicate

The Union is responsible for communicating with employees related to bargaining, grievance resolution, and other matters of employee concern

Work
Covered
Under the
Agreement



2018 Wages Without Benefits



### 435 Employees

Office, Operator, and Maintenance Services



710,790





### Current Agreement

- 1. Tenure
- 2. Negotiation Timeline
- 3. Successor Requirements

## Basic Provisions

#### Wages

- Overtime
- Spread
- Guarantee

#### Hours

- Schedules
- Vacation
- Sick Leave/Disability Leave

#### Conditions of Employment

Discipline

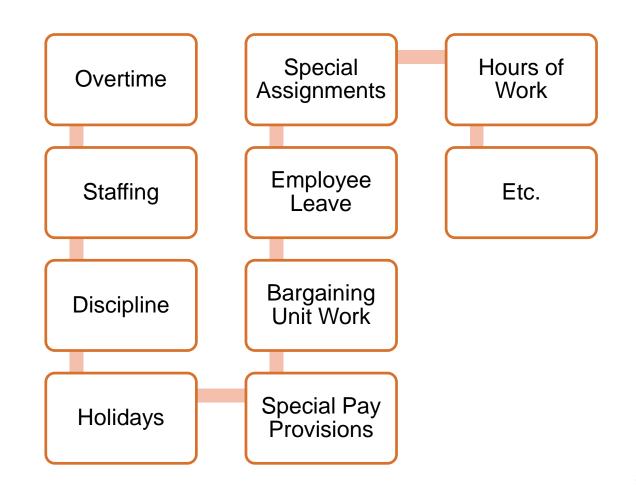
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- Dues Deduction

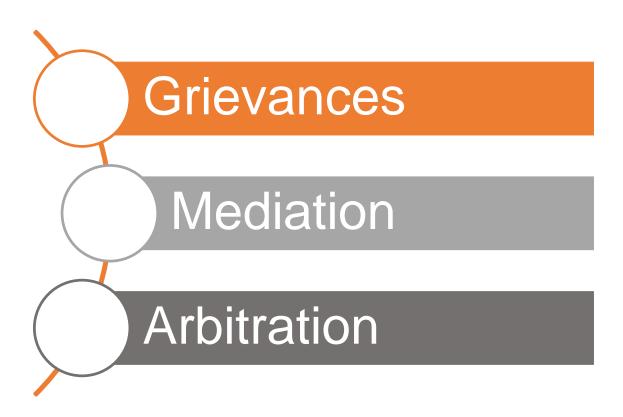
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# Causes of Disputes



## Means of Resolution



### Paratransit Grievance

- 1. Background
- 2. Issues
- 3. Award Overview

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- 1. Background
- 2. Issues
- 3. Award Overview



Thank you very much for your time

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