

**RE-elect Michael Cordiello  
President/Business Agent  
Convention Delegate #1  
Of ATU Local 1181-1061**



**Dear Local 1181 Members,**

**To say it is a privilege and honor to serve as your President is an understatement. I thank you very much for all of the support and confidence that you have shown me and the Executive Board. Once Again I Ask You to Vote for Me and My Slate and here is why!**

**\*I am the only candidate running for President who truly knows and understands the needs of this local, which I have been a member of for 40 years.**

**\* Under my leadership and my relentless fight in Albany to bring the EPP (Employee Protection Provision) back. The EPP bill has been passed by the Senate and the Assembly and now awaits the Governor's signature for it to become law.**

**\* Under my leadership for the first time in NYC, members who retire have Medical benefits.**

**\* Under my leadership the current NYC Contracts are moving forward once again including saving our medical plan (with your support I took on the City and the Bosses to recover tens of millions of dollars for our Medical plan) also wage increases twice a year, step raises reinstated and this June wage accruals are back to full pay.**

**\* Under my leadership and hard fought negotiations, contracts in the MTA, Paratransit, Long Island and Westchester have moved forward by increasing wages, and company 401k contributions among other improvements.**

**\*As President of our Local and because I am a Vice President on the NYS AFL-CIO Executive Council I have partnered with parents groups and the disabled to work together to lobby State and City officials to promote safe reliable transportation for NYC.**

**\*As Chairman of the Trustees of the Medical and Pension funds I have secured a healthy pension fund for your future.**

**\* Under my aggressive leadership we have embarked on the largest organizing drive ever! We have collected over 15,000 organizing cards from UBER drivers and when we are successful, Local 1181 will blaze a new path in organizing transportation workers in the new app based industry.**

**There is an old saying that goes something like this "when crossing a strong river and you're in the middle, that moment is not the time to change horses"**

**The choice you make in this election can and will affect the rest of your life.**



**Vote for security... Vote for experience...  
Vote for Michael Cordiello and  
Vote the Cordiello Slate!**

**Michael Cordiello and City Councilmen I Daneek Miller at the UBER Rally**

# Tomas Fret

Candidate for Vice President

**Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1181**



My name is **Tomas Fret** and I am proud to announce my candidacy for Vice President of ATU-Local 1181, as a member of the **Cordiello Slate**.

I have been honored to be member of our Local 1181 for 20 years! Throughout my tenure with our local, I have been a bus driver, Assistant Shop Steward, Shop Steward, Field Representative, Union Delegate and now, Vice President of this amazing brotherhood!

Among some of my many responsibilities, I have maintained several seniority lists for many companies throughout the industry and organized and facilitated master picks. I have represented our Local at The Spanish Caucus and 3 International Conventions.

Recognizing that I work for you, our members, I keep myself visible by circulating our yards, attending community forums, and being available to speak with any member in need. Being fluent in Spanish, I have the opportunity to reach many members who may not have the chance to voice their concerns/opinions otherwise.

Under the leadership of our president, Michael Cordiello, this current administration has made major headway with lawmakers in Albany, the NYC Council, and our partnership with parents (PIST). Under Mr. Cordiello's continual guidance and devotion to our members, the Cordiello Slate will continue to strive to reinstate our EPP, amongst other projects.

It is my belief that under Michael Cordiello's experienced leadership, I have learned the skills to become an influential member of his team. Therefore, I strongly urge you not vote individually; vote for the CORDIELLO SLATE!

***Hermanos y Hermanas de esta gran Union 1181. Para aquellos que no me conocen, me llamo Tomas Fret y soy miembro de esta Union por veinte anos. Actualmente Soy el vice presidente y les pido su voto. No voten individualmente, voten para Cordiello slate.***

## THE CORDIELLO SLATE

**VOTE FOR HONESTY, INTEGRITY AND SUCCESS**

Re-Elect Jean Claude Calixte  
Financial Secretary/Treasurer  
Convention Delegate #2



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

My name is Jean Claude Calixte, a proud member of Local 1181-1061 for over 26 years. I started in this industry in October 1990 working for STE-VIN Transportation. I am truly committed to this membership and will continue to protect the rights of all by ensuring that fair treatment is applied for everyone of this great local union.

I am an accountant who has graduated from two universities with degrees in Economics and Accounting. Before I was elected to the position of Financial Secretary-Treasurer in April 2009, I had already accumulated some experiences in the business sector.

Understanding the challenges we face and the great tasks we still have to accomplish, I believe it is imperative to let you know that our local is at a crossroads where any foolish decision will have devastating impacts on our future and consequently our families. I am one of the trustees for the Welfare and Pension funds, and during my tenure as a pension trustee this local has seen more increases to the pension and retirees. I am a member of the Legislative Conference Board and a delegate to all conventions. These are just a few of the many tasks that I must fulfill.

As Financial Secretary-Treasurer I am responsible for keeping a true and proper account of finances, collect all monies due, and submit a financial report at the monthly meetings. I am experienced with budgeting. I supervised several audits made by CPA firm Buchbinder Tunick & Company LLP, to verify the accuracy of the reports submitted by the companies to welfare and pension funds.

During my tenure as Financial Secretary-Treasurer, I have served the membership tirelessly and have put my knowledge to good use for the benefit of all. Remember, Knowledge is power! I will continue to use my experience and judgement for the betterment of our great union.

**VOTE FOR JEAN CLAUDE CALIXTE**

**VOTE THE CORDIELLO SLATE**

**Elect Jimmy Hedge  
Recording Secretary  
Convention Delegate #4**



#### **EXPERIENCE**

**1972-2007** School Bus Driver NY Dept of Education

**2001 -2007** Local 1181 Shop Steward

Focus transportation, Dak Transportation and Hoyt Transportation

**2007-2009** Field Rep 1181 ATU

Hearings at the Dept. of Education, Union Rep for Hoyt ,Dak, Mountainside and Empire Bus Company"s

**2009 - 2014** Elected Delegate 1181 ATU

**2014- 2016 Elected** Vice President 1181 ATU

Over the last 7 plus years I have been representing our members at the Dept of Education hearings where I have maintained a 95% winning ratio while getting over \$5 million dollars in back pay for our members.

#### **2010**

Elected 1st Vice chairman of the New York Legislative Conference then re-elected in 2013 and 2016 this office allowed me to have access to state politicians that got our EPP Bill passed and waiting to be signed by the Governor.

while serving under the leadership of President Cordiello

**2013 - present** Political Director of Local 1181 ATU

#### **2010,thru 2016**

2010 Local 1181 ATU Delegate to the international Convention in 2013 I was chosen Secretary of the Election Committee for International Officers

In 2016 I was chosen Chairman of the Election Committee for International Officers.

At this Years Convention I was elected Delegate to the AFL-CIO Convention

I served as an alternate Trustee on the Pension and Welfare funds and from 2010-2014 and as a Trustee from 2014 to present

Helping protect our Pensions and Medical benefits.

#### **2010-present**

Delegate to the Central Labor Council

#### **EDUCATION**

1968-1972 Chadron State College, Ne.

BA Physical Education

Seven years a grammar School Teacher at Our Lady of Pompeii School NY,NY

1976-1978 Academy of Advanced Traffic New York,NY

Post Graduate work in Advanced Traffic Studies

2008 National Labor College, Silver Springs ,MD

Certificate in Labor Arbitration

As someone with over 44 years of experience working and fighting for members rights in our industry I understand the challenges we face and the great tasks we still have to accomplish. If elected Recording Secretary

I promise to continue fighting for ALL our members. With our very existence under attack we cannot rest. I will continue to spend every day with your best interests in my heart and mind to move our Union forward

**VOTE FOR JIMMY HEDGE  
VOTE THE CORDIELLO SLATE**

# **ELECT:**

## **GEORGES SAINT-VICTOR**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER # 1**

**CONVENTION DELEGATE # 5**

*Certified Medical Billing and Coding Specialist.  
Certified Emergency Medical Technician-Defibrillation  
Certified Bio-Technician in Dialysis  
New York State License: Life, Accident and Health  
Volunteer Firefighter and Fire Medic in Baldwin NY*



*Dear 1181 Brothers and Sisters,*

*My name is Georges Saint-Victor, I have been a School Bus Driver for the past 30 years and I am running for Executive Board Member # 1 and Convention Delegate # 5 with the Cordiello slate.*

*I started driving a school bus in November 1986 with FMS Transit, a small non union bus company in Brooklyn. We all became Union members when FMS was sold in 1990 to Colombia, a Local 1181 Shop, and was renamed Maggie Transportation.*

*Since that faithful day my life changed for the better, with much higher wages and great benefits. Finally I could offer a better life to my family, specially good health coverage for my two year old daughter who was asthmatic.*

*In 1991, the late Jimmy Connors appointed me Shop Steward in the Bronx for Maggie. The company was sold to Jo-Lo in 1994, from there I followed the work to Hoyt Transportation in September 2004. Three years later in 2007 Jimmy Hedge appointed me Shop Steward at Hoyt, I stayed at that position for seven years, serving the drivers and escorts with honor and integrity; and winning two elections by very wide margin. There, I sat on many hearings, defended the members with passion, kept the seniority list in good standing, prepared the trip list fairly, treated everyone with respect and I was able to keep my yard in peace and harmony as the Shop Steward. In 2013 I went to Reliant, then to All American in 2014 until now.*

*In 2010, while still serving as Shop Steward at Hoyt, Michael Cordiello brought me to the Union to serve as a liaison between Empire BCBS and the membership. Then the strike happened and many of us were left without medical insurance. The Union and the Welfare Fund ask me to find help for the members and I reached out to NYS DOH, the HHC (NYC Health and Hospital Corporation) and brought different Health Plans to the properties to help our brothers and sisters. Not satisfied with the slow pace of the system, I went back to school and became licensed in "Life, Accident and Health for NYS". This allowed me to provide the same service to the members directly, meeting with them at the Union Hall for enrollment in the NYS Marketplace Exchange (the ACA or Obama Care)*

*Later in 2015 I became CMS (Medicare and Medicaid) certified and provided the same services to the 65 and older retirees as a Medicare consultant and advisor; also I was able to find a discount prescription program for the Welfare Fund to help those in need.*

*I am dedicated to all of you and I am committed to provide all the help and assistance to you my 1181 brothers and sisters and I am asking you for your vote in this election.*

*Sincerely,*

**Georges Saint-Victor**

**Re-Elect Renee Jean-Louis**  
**Executive Board Member #2**  
**Convention Delegate #6**



I Renee Jean-Louis started in the industry in 1971 as an escort working for Manhattan School Transportation. In 1973 I finally became a proud member of Local 1181-1061. Since that time, I encouraged others to join us and keep this Union alive.

In 1975 I became a certified driver working for Columbia Transportation. The following year the company changed ownership and became Columbia Bus, and once again in 1992 to Harbor Transportation.

In 1996 I was appointed as a shop representative within that company. Beside my daily responsibilities I tirelessly spent a major part of my life protecting, educating, and standing up for the rights of our Local brothers and sisters.

Then in 1998 I was elected overwhelmingly as a shop steward. For over 300 members at different terminals in the Bronx I cared deeply for my co-workers and diligently defended them at countless hearings.

In April of 2007, I was appointed a field representative by Trustee Mullins. Part of my duties was to go to the Board of Education to handle disciplinary hearings reported against our drivers and escorts. My main objective at the Board was to safeguard our member's jobs, which I seriously took to heart.

As I acquired more experience and knowledge I was assigned to different company garages. I strive to help my members anyway I can. I am also very influential in organizing, by teaching and guiding my organizers to seek out different School Bus, Para-transit companies in the Bronx, Staten Island, Brooklyn, and Yonkers. As a delegate, I successfully helped organize some Pre-K and Para-transit companies which actually are part of our great local.

I have attended several New York State Legislative Conference Board meetings in Albany, New Jersey, Black Caucus in Atlanta, and Texas, also several International Conventions serving as a Delegate, and participated in some Can-Am Conference Board meetings in Toronto Ottawa to push Legislation favorable to our industry.

I would certainly continue to strengthen, enlarge and help our Local Union to grow in numbers to move forward to another term as a Delegate.

When you vote remember that experience cannot be taught, nor forgotten. Therefore without any doubt "The Cordiello Slate" is the right choice.

**VOTE FOR RENEE JEAN-LOUIS**  
**VOTE THE CORDIELLO SLATE**

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

My name is Anthony Cordiello and this union is in my blood. I come from a union family. My grandfather, father, aunts, and uncles were bus drivers and escorts. I was taught at a young age the value of a union and to respect and be loyal to your union brothers and sisters. I started working at Varsity Bus Co. in 1978 in the shop as a garage man. I was on the strike line in 1979 for 14 weeks fighting for some of the benefits we still enjoy today, as well as the Mollen Agreement now known as the E.P.P. (employment protection provision).



After the strike I was laid off and the union, as we still do today, secured a job for me with Command Bus where I worked my way from garageman to 1<sup>st</sup> Class mechanic and I worked there for 25 years. I was also voted in repeatedly as shop rep and shop steward for more than 15 of those years.

I did hundreds of hearings and was actively involved in negotiations and three more strikes. I always fought for the people their rights and working conditions and I'm still fighting these same fights today, never wavering. Ask anyone who knows me I almost always come out on top. I was then asked to be a union field representative and with honor accepted the position. I worked hard at hearings, arbitrations, and negotiating contracts.

I was made Director of Contract Administration and have been a field rep and Administrator for over 13 years and have a total of 38 years in the business. I was head negotiator in many contracts which were overwhelmingly ratified by the membership. I have many influential contacts in the M.T.A., Para Transit, and School Bus Industry.

I am a dedicated father and husband married 32 years. and have 3 wonderful children who are brought up to respect all people.

I always return my phone calls, and I'm respectful and passionate about my job. If you ever need someone to pump up the people at a rally or strike line I'm your man (FIRED UP!!!).

I worked my way through the industry and the union the old fashioned way I EARNED IT. Remember "WE ARE THE UNION" "THE MIGHTY MIGHTY UNION" and to stay mighty, we need to keep this Executive Board together from top to bottom. We are a team, a machine and we need each part of the machine to work properly.

Sometimes we disagree but with teamwork and great leadership we always get the job done. All of us have made it through the toughest times this union has ever seen, but now we are coming back stronger then ever. With you, the members behind us, again remember "WE ARE THE UNION For these reasons you must keep this Executive Board together, from the President down to the last Executive Board Member, and ...

**VOTE for Anthony Cordiello for Executive Board Member #3  
7<sup>th</sup> Convention Delegate**

**VOTE one check for the CORDIELLO SLATE.**

**Re-Elect Vincent “Vinny” Buttaro  
Executive Board Member #4  
Convention Delegate #8**

My name is Vinny Buttaro and I am running for re-election for Executive Board member #4. I am a veteran bus driver and member of Local 1181 for 24 years.



I was a shop steward for Atlantic Express and ran unopposed for many years.

My integrity and accomplishments speak for itself with the drivers, escorts, and mechanics of this Union. As shop steward and Delegate I have saved many members jobs and helped many receive thousands of dollars in back pay by taking the company to arbitration and mostly all decisions were made in members favor.

I have participated in negotiations, contracts, arbitrations, hearings, City Council meetings with the School Bus Industry and Access-A-Ride. As a Delegate and Executive Board member I have helped secure this industry back after Mayor Bloomberg tried to destroy it. Myself and this Executive Board have secured our pensions & medical benefits (by getting a \$24 million dollar infusion of monies). As a delegate my first and foremost priority will be, and always has been, the members of this Union.

I am honored and proud to be part of the Cordiello Slate. I truly believe and know that Michael Cordiello has continued fighting on behalf of this Union members and their families!

The Cordiello Slate/Executive Board has been fighting and pursuing tirelessly to reverse the damages that Mayor Bloomberg had created. By involving and making political friends and allies (Mayor deBlasio, Latisha James, Daneek Miller and many other City Council Members). The Cordiello Slate has the experience to push this industry forward and maintain the fight.

I have to thank you all in advance for your support and your loyalty to this Union Local 1181 and its future and the Cordiello Slate.

Remember Experience is Everything, your pension, benefits, salaries, and the future of this Union Local 1181 depends on it.

**VOTE FOR VINNY BUTTARO**  
**VOTE THE CORDIELLO SLATE**



**Re-Elect Fred Andreani  
Executive Board Member #5  
Convention Delegate #9**



My name is Fred Andreani. I am running for Executive Board Member #5, Convention Delegate #9 of Local 1181 on the Cordiello Slate. I have been working in this industry for 35 years, starting as a shape driver in 1981, when I began working for a bus company called Gordon Transportation. In August 1988, the company lost some of their runs and I was left without a job. By September of the same year, I started working at All American Bus Company; this was made possible because of the EPP, also known as the Mollen Agreement.

In 2003, I was appointed Shop Steward representing four bus companies; All American, Rainbow Transit, Citywide Transit, and Rainbow Carry Kid. As a shop steward, I was able to help and support many of our union members with their work related problems and disputes. I was able to respond to various questions and concerns, and keep our members up-to-date about all union related news and important developments.

In 2012, I was approached by Local 1181 to represent our drivers and matrons at the Department of Education. I accepted the position because I wanted to help and support our union members. One of my duties was to represent drivers and matrons at their Department of Education hearings. As an Executive Board Member, I am currently representing drivers and matrons during their hearings at the Department of Education.

In January 2013, I was appointed an Executive Board Member of Local 1181. As a Union Delegate, I have been involved in contract negotiations, hearings at different companies, and other work related situations that our drivers and matrons encounter on a daily basis. In my position as Executive Board Member/Delegate, I will continue to dedicate myself to make this union stronger and support the rights of all workers.

After 35 years in this industry, I look forward to representing you and to continue OUR FIGHT FOR THE EPP. I will continue to fight for the rights that all of our union members rightfully deserve. I would like to thank you for your continued support and I urge all of you to support The Cordiello Slate by voting for experience and dedication. Together we will make a difference!!

**VOTE FOR FRED ANDREANI**

**VOTE THE CORDIELLO SLATE**

# To my fellow members of Local 1181-1061 of The Amalgamated Transit Union:

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Brothers and Sisters, my name is **Robin Benedetto** and I am running for re-election for **Executive Board member #6, convention delegate #10 on the Cordiello Slate**. Here are some of my accomplishments to help you gain some insight into my background. I began my career as a school bus driver in 1992. In 1994, I was given the opportunity to become a member of the Local 1181 Union. I continued to pursue my career and accomplished my certification as a 19A examiner in 1995. I went on to become an SBDI (School Bus Driving Instructor), which then enabled me to teach 30 hour courses, refresher courses, and physical performance testing. I obtained certification as a Red Cross instructor which allowed me to teach CPR and first aid to attendants. Based on my vast experience with driver and attendant compliance, I am able to guide and advise you with compliance issues with the Board of Education or the Company you work for.

As a Shop Steward of Atlantic Express Surf Avenue terminal, I have been able to respond to various questions, educate our members to our by-laws and all new developments within the local. I am genuinely committed to this membership, to the rights of all of our members and to provide fair treatment to each and every member. I have shown unending dedication by standing in unity during strikes and along picket lines. I have successfully handled numerous arbitration's, conducted hearings, assisted in company picks, master picks and maintaining seniority lists.

I am loyal and dedicated and I look forward to continuing to represent all of my fellow union brothers and sisters as Executive Board #6... I look forward to meeting you at your terminal before the elections so that I can answer any questions you may have. Your vote is of the utmost importance to myself, the Executive Board and to you, members of Local 1181. Let the experience of the Cordiello slate continue going forward, to be the voice of our members, to secure our pensions, our job security, and to protect the future of our members!

**VOTE ROBIN BENEDETTO**  
**VOTE THE CORDIELLO SLATE!!!**



Robin Benedetto,  
Local 1181 Member

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Re-Elect Ed Cusano  
Executive Board Member #7  
Convention Delegate #11



Hi my name is Ed Cusano and I am proud be running for Re-Election for Executive Board Member #7 on the Cordiello Slate. I started my career with this great union as a school bus driver for Colonial Bus in September of 1986. I worked there for 3 years and then was asked by former President at the time if I wanted to go over to the then incorporated Command Bus which was an express bus company and I said yes to the great opportunity.

I served as assistant shop steward from 1992-2002. In 2002 I ran for shop steward and was elected by an overwhelming vote. As many of you know the MTA took over Command Bus in 2005. Among my many skills are that I have been on the negotiating team for Local 1181 and have successfully negotiated 3 contracts with the MTA, several Para-transit, school bus and Pre-K contracts. I also was given the privilege of working with 3 different Para-transit, and various school bus companies where I resolve grievances, conduct picks, and do hearings with a multitude of success. Here is a brief list of my duties:

1. I am the delegate for MTA Spring Creek Depot, Logan Bus Companies, Reliant Transportation, and MV & MVP Para-transit companies.
2. I am on the negotiating team for all current MTA contract negotiations as well as school bus and Para-transit companies.
3. Successfully won dozens of arbitration cases for our members past 2 ½ years.
4. Have completed the grievance seminars level 1 and 2.
5. Conducted all picks for both MTA and various Para-Transit garages successfully including major picks at Reliant and Logan Bus companies.
6. Have successfully completed the course on accident preventability.
7. 2007 & 2016 Convention Delegate.
8. I am currently on the MTA arbitration panel.

Lastly it is my commitment to all that if I get re-elected I will give my all as I have always done in the past to work with the leaders of this great Union to secure all members a fair and adequate work environment along with a respectable contract.

Thank you for your Support.

**VOTE FOR ED CUSANO**  
**VOTE FOR THE CORDIELLO SLATE**

**Re-Elect Joe Micciulli**  
**Candidate for Executive Board Member / Delegate # 8**  
**Convention Delegate # 12**



My name is Joe Micciulli and I am a proud member of Local 1181 for almost 24 years where I worked as a school bus driver for Boro/Lonero. I loved working as a driver and always took pride in transporting our most precious cargo to and from school. That passion and loyalty to my union through the years paid off because in 2007 I was appointed shop steward to represent my fellow Brothers and Sisters. My dedication to the membership and my ability to stick up for and defend my brothers and sisters of Local 1181 enabled me to run unopposed in the 2008 and 2011 shop steward elections. In 2009, I was appointed Sergeant at Arms and in 2010, I won my first Convention Delegate election.

In 2014, the membership honored me by electing me to the office of Executive Board member/delegate, a position I hold with great pride and devotion. I am truly committed to fight for and protect our membership's rights to ensure fair treatment for every member of this great union. I successfully handled numerous Section 75 arbitrations and hearings for our members. I've also been involved in negotiating various contracts for Staten Island companies and Long Island districts. Anyone who knows me would agree that I am very approachable and always easy to reach, with my "call me anytime" and my "no problem is too big or too small" attitude. I return every phone call.

With many serious issues facing our Local union today, we must have knowledgeable and experienced leadership in our fight for the E.P.P. and our working conditions. That is why I am asking for your vote.

**VOTE FOR JOE MICCIULLI**

**VOTE FOR THE CORDIELLO SLATE**

**Re-Elect John Deloatch**  
**Executive Board Member #9**  
**Convention Delegate #13**



My name is John Deloatch and I am running for re-election for Executive Board member #9 / Convention Delegate #13 on the Cordiello Slate where I have served in that capacity for the past 2 ½ years.

My tenure in the industry began in 2002 as a driver for Maggie's Para-Transit and in 2004 ran for shop steward where I enjoyed an overwhelming victory. During that same year, I was appointed by the President/Business Agent of this Local union, Michael Cordiello as a Union organizer and continue to serve in that capacity as head of the organizing drive for TLC/Uber drivers.

As your Executive Board member I have fought hard for not only para transit industry but for the entire membership. I have been involved in negotiations, contracts, arbitrations, hearings and meetings with the Labor Board for both the para companies and the school bus industry.

I have always fought for the rights of Local 1181's drivers, escorts and mechanics and bring to the table my years of experience and dedication.

**The Cordiello Slate** is the most experienced and dedicated people you will find running in this upcoming election. I ask for your support during this campaign so we can continue to keep this Union strong and moving forward for its members.

**VOTE FOR JOHN DELOATCH**

**VOTE FOR THE CORDIELLO SLATE**