to support this specific and robust delivery mission,” she said. “The urgent need to replace our vehicles is not in electric vehicles, we are against mandates that ignore the business needs and the financial situation of the Postal Service and the postal workers.”

“When I testified before the Senate Commerce Committee on March 24, I said that we were not opposed to the mandate that it had placed an order for 50,000 NGDVs. USPS originally announced that 10 percent of these vehicles (NGDVs) from Wisconsin-based contractor Oshkosh Defense. The hearing followed the Postal Service’s announcement that it would begin replacing its current fleet with electric vehicles.”

“Today, we can celebrate this historic victory for letter carriers, the Postal Service and all Americans who depend on our mails of course, including the zero-emission transportation.”

**Preliminary statement released by the union's communications department.**

**NALC** and **USPS** have settled the dispute over the Postal Service’s method of calculating overtime pay. The settlement, which comes after a three-day arbitration hearing, resolves the dispute over the calculation of overtime pay for letter carriers in Step AA. The settlement will be submitted to the parties for final approval. The settlement will apply retroactively to April 1, 2022.

The settlement was reached following the joint request of the Postal Service and NALC to settle the dispute. The settlement is subject to approval by the parties, and it will be submitted to the National Labor Relations Board for final approval. The settlement will be effective as of April 1, 2022.

**NALC** Vice President Lew Drass has announced that he will step down from his role as recording secretary of Annapolis, MD Branch 651. She will be succeeded by Stephen Zimand, who has been nominated by the members of the branch for the position. The announcement follows the decision by branch members to elect a new recording secretary to carry on the work of the branch.

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