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## **State employees union will not endorse governor candidate**

The political action arm of the Wisconsin State Employees Union (WSEU), AFSCME Council 24, has decided not to endorse a candidate for governor in this year's general election.

"None of the leading candidates has made a commitment to assuring that Wisconsin has the resources it needs to continue meeting the fundamental needs of the people," said Marty Beil, executive director of the State Employees Political Action Committee (SEPAC).

"With the state facing a deficit of at least \$2 billion, their silence about realistic solutions is deafening," Beil said.

"One appears to be desperately hoping for an unlikely burst of economic growth. The other proposes deep cuts to the state workforce that would devastate services citizens depend on every day. Neither approach inspires confidence," he said.

The 12-member SEPAC board met last week, the final step in an exhaustive process that included face-to-face interviews with gubernatorial candidates and extensive discussion with the leaders of 60 locals throughout the state.

"We need to see an honest debate about how to meet the needs of our state. Maybe we'll get one before it's over, but we aren't getting one now," Beil said.

"We will keep providing information to our 26,000 members as the campaign continues. We trust our members to make the best choice on Election Day," Beil said.

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