



New Haven Democracy Fund

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DEMOCRACY FUND BOARD MEETING

6:00 pm Wednesday September 21, 2022

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

New Haven Democracy Fund Board, Sergio Rodriguez, Chair

Members: Aaron Goode, James O'Connell, William Wynn, James Bhandary-Alexander

Democracy Fund Administrator: Alyson Heimer

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AGENDA:

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:15pm
- II. Approval of prior meeting minutes, 4-0-0.
- III. No public comment was given.
- IV. Report from the Chair
 - A. As of October 21 there was one submission for the Administrator position. The board decided to review the proposal and discuss it in an executive session at the October monthly meeting.
- V. Administrator's Report
 - A. The administrator requested to be directed by the board to put together the necessary documentation for the next election cycle in 2023. This documentation includes the candidate forms and contracts, disbursement calendar, and candidate affidavit to be signed before accepting money for a candidate. Motion was made to create this documentation by O'Connell, 5-0-0.
- VI. New Business
 - A. The Board directed the Administrator to have a workshop with Alders about the proposed ordinance changes. The administrator will submit a formal request to the board of Alders.

- B. The Board Chair suggested a holiday event in New Haven to celebrate the Fund and kick off the next year's campaign cycle. This would include invitations to all alders and local officials, community management team members, and other interested persons with whom the Board does routine business. A date has not been set. The Administrator was asked to put together a budget.
- C. The Administrator proposed the creation of a paid Summer Internship accessible to any interested party for 2023. The purpose would be to find youthful people interested in clean elections and campaign financing, give them an opportunity to see the process of operating a public fund, and get their assistance in data-driven analytics projects that may direct future Fund spending or priorities. This would be open to any person attending or recently graduated from university.