



# New Haven Democracy Fund

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## DEMOCRACY FUND BOARD MEETING

**6:00 pm Wednesday, September 20, 2023**

**Mayor's conference room #1/ Virtual via Zoom**

New Haven Democracy Fund Board, Sergio Rodriguez, Chair; William Wynn, Vice Chair

Members: Aaron Goode, James O'Connell, James Bhandary-Alexander, Lesley Heffel-McGuirk, Sarah Ficca.

Democracy Fund Administrator: Alyson Heimer

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### AGENDA:

- I. Call to Order 6:04pm, Wynn absent.
- II. Review of the Minutes from August 23, 2023 motion to approve by Heffel-McGuirk. 5-0-0.
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Chair's Report
  - A. Primary Debate recap - the venue had some issues, specifically with the sound.
  - B. General Election - All persons with ballot access will be formally invited to the debate.
    - 1. Advertising in the printed paper and online at NHR.
    - 2. Location change - rent podiums, check with procurement about renting equipment.  
Motion by Goode to change the venue to Co-Op highschool's theater. Seconded by Ficca.  
O'Connell mentioned that there may be other places available. Administrator Heimer explained the cost covers professional light and sound for the event.  
6-0-0.
    - 3. Live stream concerns - not just on facebook.
    - 4. Sign language for the hearing impaired? Ask the city for a translator.
- V. Administrator's Report
  - A. 2023 Election Update



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## 1. Primary wrap-up

Justin Elicker matching funds requests totaled \$39,260.00 over 4 batches + Grant

Liam Brennan matching funds requests totaled \$13,465.58 with 2 batches + Grant

Shafiq Abdussabur matching funds requests totaled \$14,862.00 over 2 batches with one batch not released, no Grant.

Total (Matching funds and grants):

Elicker: \$62,260.00

Brennan: \$36,465.58

Abdussabur: \$14,862.00

NHDF Total funds released 2023 to date: \$113,587.58

\$331,122.66 remaining unencumbered funds.

## 2. Participating candidates - General Election

a) Justin Elicker

## 3. Non-Participating candidates - General Election

a) Tom Goldenberg

b) Mayce Torres

c) Wendy Hamilton

## VI. New Business

A. General Debate subcommittee: Jim O'Connell, Sarah Ficca, Lesley Heffel-McGuirk

B. Goode will be attending a voters rights conference in CA and will report back.

C. Conference for public campaign finance administrators next summer.

## VII. Goode motioned to adjourn at 7:03pm.