



New Haven Democracy Fund

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DEMOCRACY FUND BOARD MEETING

6:00 pm Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Meeting Room 3 / Virtual via Zoom

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

Members: Aaron Goode, James O'Connell, Lesley Heffel-McGuirk, Sarah Ficca, one vacant seat.

Democracy Fund Administrator: Alyson Heimer

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AGENDA:

- I. Call to Order at 6:12pm & Attendance: Rodriguez Goode, O'Connell
- II. Review of the Minutes
 - A. Regular meeting January, Motioned to approve by O'Connell. 3-0-1.
- III. No Public Comment
- IV. Old Business:
 - A. Subcommittee on Regulations

Member Goode presented the findings of the subcommittee that met to discuss regulations changes for what is currently in a gray area. Specifically, how to respond to complaints, how we can practically review any documents that might be considered controversial. These recommendations include: setting up internal systems for how inquiries are received and processed, including posting expectations of timeline.

Add a clause that enumerates the roles of the Board and the Administrator to explain what types of questions and concerns should be directed to which entity and how long it might take to get a response. Statements about ambiguities in language of the ordinance or regulations must be approved by the board.

- V. Chair's Report
 - National League of Cities meets in November, Exhibitor's spot should be purchased to sell consulting options for other cities. Workshops and programs attendance. November 13-16, 2024.



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VI. Administrator's Report

A. COGEL Follow-up

B. Mayor's Budget

The board asked the Administrator to look at interest rates for CDs. She will have the finance Department

Motion made by Goode to put \$100,000.00 into a CD or short term interest bearing account at the highest rate available. Rodriguez seconded. 5-0-0.

C. Outreach

Tablecloth, new banner, SWAG with branding for tabling, 2 debate podiums with the NHDF logo, Democracy is not a spectator sport.

Business cards printed at Wilbur Cross.

VII. New Business

Next will have food if people tell me they are coming in person.

Next meeting please present the New Administrator RFQ.

Goode motioned to adjourn, O'Connell seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:16. 5-0-0. j