



New Haven Democracy Fund

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DEMOCRACY FUND BOARD MEETING

6:00 pm Thursday February 18, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

New Haven Democracy Fund Board:

Sergio Rodriguez, Chair

James O'Connell

William Wynn

Aaron Goode

Democracy Fund Administrator: Alyson Heimer

Join the Meeting from anywhere using Zoom!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85112166625>

Meeting ID 851 1216 6625

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order & Attendance 6:07 pm
2. Public Comment - None.
3. Review of prior meeting minutes - January 2021 postponed to March Meeting.

Motion: In addition to Monthly written minutes, the NHDF meetings will be recording and posted to the website. We will hold hybrid meetings using video and written minutes for the foreseeable future. 4-0-0. Unanimously approved.

4. Report from the Chair

a. Meeting with Mayor Elicker

We formalized our budget request of \$250,000 and were well received by the Finance Director and Chief of Staff. Mayor Elicker was unable to attend as he was engaged in emergency ops for winter storm preparations.

Copies of the powerpoint presented can be made available upon request.

b. RFQ results

There was one response to the RFQ, Alyson C. Heimer. Heimer has been selected to continue to serve the Fund for the next year with a one year renewal option.

5. Administrator's Report

a. Election Update

Administrator has completed the initial training with the Elicker Campaign and approved their online contribution form. They are actively raising money with the intention of applying for the grant later in the Spring.

b. Ordinance language changes

The Administrator prepared a (growing) wishlist of ordinance changes. The ordinance will be made available to be workshopped by William Wynn and Aaron Goode, who will make up the subcommittee for this project.

c. Board Elections

At the March meeting, those interested in running for an Executive Board position should make their intentions clear. The board will vote on a new executive board at the April meeting. Positions are outlined in detail in the NHDF bylaws.

c. Resubmission of Board Appointments <https://newhaven.seamlessdocs.com/f/dtcwx29xqy03>

Board members were asked to please submit any reappointment request to the Mayor's Office before June.

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O'Connell has already submitted his request to the appropriate person and we are awaiting a response with net steps.

The Administrator was also informed of the approval of one candidate for the Board by the Mayor's office. They will be called to testify with the Legislative Affairs Committee in the coming weeks.

6. New Business

Motion to adjourn: 7:00pm