

## **MAYOR'S FUND TO ADVANCE NEW YORK CITY**

### **MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: MINUTES**

February 5, 2021

#### Directors in attendance:

- Alexis Blane
- Lisette Camilo
- Matthew Klein
- Chirlane McCray
- J. Phillip Thompson

#### Officers in attendance:

- Daniele Baierlein, Co-Executive Director
- Matt Everett, Secretary
- Maya Jakubowicz, Treasurer
- Jorge Luis Paniagua Valle, Co-Executive Director

#### Other participants

- Roxanne John, Chief of Staff to the First Lady
- Chris Kelsaw, Director of Finance and Administration
- Leah Prestamo, Counsel and Director of Programs and Policy

Mr. Paniagua Valle opened the meeting at 12:32 PM, took the roll, and introduced the First Lady.

The First Lady offered opening remarks and introduced Ms. Baierlein and Mr. Paniagua Valle as the new Co-Executive Directors of the Fund. She noted their longstanding service to the Fund. She further thanked the Board and the Fund's officers for their service.

The First Lady then noted some recent highlights, including the "More than a Roof" campaign, and the 2020 Annual Report.

The First Lady further noted the final year of administration and her pride in what has been achieved and her excitement for the Fund's 2021 plans.

Mr. Paniagua Valle asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2020 Board of Directors meeting. Ms. Blane moved to approve the minutes. The First Lady seconded. The motion was approved.

Mr. Paniagua Valle then introduced Resolution One, to amend the bylaws to allow for up to two Co-Presidents. The amendment allows for disagreements between the two Co-Presidents to be adjudicated by the Chair or the Board. It further allows that the Secretary would no longer be needed as a co-signatory for contracts.

Ms. Blane then asked to clarify that the Resolution meant that any officer was an eligible signatory without the need for a co-signatory but that this would not expand the universe of eligible signatories. Mr. Paniagua Valle confirmed this was correct.

Mr. Klein moved to approve Resolution One. Ms. Camilo seconded. Resolution Two was adopted.

Mr. Paniagua Valle then introduced Resolution Two, which formally names Mr. Paniagua Valle and Ms. Baierlein as Co-Presidents, and allows for the title of “Executive Director” to be used interchangeably with the with the title of “President,” as has been longstanding practice. The resolution further determines that the titles of “Co-President” and “Co-Executive Director” be used interchangeably.

The First Lady offered a motion to approve. Ms. Blane seconded. Resolution Two was adopted.

Mr. Paniagua Valle then introduced the Co-Executive Director reports.

Ms. Baierlein shared an update on the “More than a Roof Campaign.” She noted that it has raised over \$91,000 against a goal of \$50,000, and that many contributions came from grassroots donors. She further noted that it would serve survivors of Domestic Violence, LGBTQ youth, the formerly incarcerated, and other vulnerable New Yorkers with housing and other necessities, and the Fund would be working with City agencies in the coming month to distribute funds.

Mr. Paniagua Valle then shared an update and preview of the Mayor’s Fund annual report. He noted that it was nearing completion for print and would also be designed in a digital format for widespread distribution. He also noted that it shared several stories on New Yorkers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and supported by Mayor’s Fund programs, including NYC Healthcare Heroes at Elmhurst Hospital in Queens, NYC Care at Project Hospitality on Staten Island, and the Restaurant Revitalization Program across the five boroughs.

Mr. Paniagua Valle then asked for new business. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

The First Lady offered a motion to adjourn. Mr. Thompson seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 12:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Everett", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matt Everett  
Board Secretary