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**Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City  
Board of Director's Committee Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 2025**

**Attendance**

**Directors:**

Deputy Mayor Ana Almanzar, Chair  
Bill Heinzen, Vice-Chair  
DeShanna Alexander, Director  
Renee Campion, Director  
Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez, Director  
Luis Martinez, Director

**Officers:**

Kate Smith, President  
Wendy Li, Treasurer

**Other Participants:**

Theresa E. Hassler, General Counsel, Mayor's Fund  
Mahmud Ennin, Director of Finance and Operations, Mayor's Fund  
Amber Cartwright, Executive Director, Office of Child Care and Early Childhood Education

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President Kate Smith ("K. Smith") called the meeting to order and requested a motion to approve the minutes from the June 10 Board of Directors meeting.

Vice Chair Bill Heinzen ("B. Heinzen") made the motion.

Renee Campion ("R. Campion") seconded the motion.

The motion was passed.

K. Smith addressed New Business, and welcomed Luis Martinez as a newly appointed Board of Directors member.

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K. Smith turned the meeting over to the EFPR group, to review Financial Results and the Report to the Board.

K. Smith requested a motion to adopt the Mayor's Fund audit for the 2025 fiscal year.

B. Heinzen made the motion.

Chair Ana Almanzar ("A. Almanzar") seconded the motion.

The motion was passed.

Amber Cartwright ("A. Cartwright") presented on Child Care and Early Childhood Education (OCCECE) and its partnership with the Mayor's Fund.

A. Almanzar provided additional context to the work of OCCECE.

B. Heinzen asked when the OCCECE was established.

A. Cartwright shared that the OCCECE was established in 2023, and she had been Executive Director since March. She also explained projects that have been implemented since then.

Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez ("L. Cortés-Vázquez") expressed appreciate for the OCCECE, and asked if family care falls under the umbrella of the OCCECE.

A. Cartwright explained that the OCCECE is working with CCNRs, and they want to do more work in the area. She emphasized that in their scope of work, her and her team were very thoughtful on how the entire ecosystem was reflected.

L. Cortés-Vázquez highlighted the correlation between family care programs and grand-parent training programs. She expressed that in the context of making NYC an age-inclusive city, overlap and collaboration between agencies is key.

A. Cartwright expressed agreement. She referenced data that suggests that a number of families prefer that child care is done by family members.

A. Almanzar suggested attending a conference with family child care providers.

A. Cartwright mentioned they also highlight and bring together child care provider organizations for Child Care Provider Appreciation month in November.

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K. Smith thanked A. Cartwright for her presentation. She also introduced Mahmud Ennin, the new Mayor's Fund Director of Finance and Operations.

K. Smith requested a motion to adjourn.

R. Campion made a motion.

B. Heinzen seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.