

MAYOR'S FUND TO ADVANCE NEW YORK CITY

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: MINUTES

February 24, 2022

Directors in attendance:

- Gary Jenkins, Commissioner, Department of Social Services
- Dawn Pinnock, Commissioner, Department of Citywide Administrative Services
- Sheena Wright, Deputy Mayor for Strategic Initiatives

Officers in attendance:

- Matt Everett, Secretary

Other participants

- Daniele Baierlein, Co-Executive Director
- Meaghan Brown, Chief of Staff to the Deputy Mayor for Strategic Initiatives
- Jorge Luis Paniagua Valle, Co-Executive Director
- Leah Prestamo, Counsel and Director of Programs and Policy
- Jill Price, Director of Finance and Administration

The Co-Executive Director, Jorge Luis Paniagua Valle, opened the meeting at 3:04 PM and took the roll.

Mr. Paniagua Valle asked for the approval of minutes from the June 23, 2021 Board meeting.

Ms. Wright moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Pinnock seconded. The motion was approved.

Mr. Paniagua Valle then introduced Resolution One, to elect Ms. Wright as Chair of the Board of Directors. Ms. Pinnock moved to approve the resolution. Mr. Jenkins seconded. The resolution was approved.

Ms. Wright noted her appreciation of the work of the Mayor's Fund and its work to support New Yorkers during the COVID-19 pandemic and expressed her excitement to work with the team and with the incoming Board of Directors. Ms. Pinnock and Mr. Jenkins echoed those sentiments.

Mr. Paniagua Valle then introduced Resolution Two, the creation of the Audit and Finance Committee. Ms. Wright moved to approve the resolution. Mr. Jenkins seconded. The resolution was approved.

Mr. Paniagua Valle then introduced Daniele Baierlein, Co-Executive Director, to give the Co-Executive Director's Report.

Ms. Baierlein thanked the incoming members of the Board and noted the vast and diverse needs of New Yorkers, as well as the adaptability of the Fund over recent years to meet those evolving needs.

Ms. Baierlein then provided updates on partnerships that the Fund executed in FY2020 and FY2021, with an emphasis on the Fund's COVID-19 relief efforts. She also spoke about the Fund's ongoing work to support young New Yorkers and cited the CUNY Tutor Corps program and the Trust Youth Initiative.

Ms. Baierlein then provided an update on food accessibility through the Building Healthy Communities program, which distributed food to households in neighborhoods hardest hit by COVID as well as engaging local restaurants through the Restaurant Revitalization Program.

Ms. Baierlein then discussed the success of the Hometown Heroes ticker-tape parade that took place in July 2021 to honor New Yorkers who answered the call to keep the city functioning during the pandemic and was supported by countless agencies and sponsors.

Ms. Baierlein then acknowledged the successful culmination of the New York City Soccer Initiative and the November 2021 opening of the 50th mini-pitch on the Lower East Side and the announcement of an additional 26 mini-pitches to coincide with the 2026 World Cup.

Ms. Baierlein further noted the Fund's year-end fundraising drive, in partnership with NYC Kids RISE, to support NYC Baby Bonds Community Scholarships, which create savings accounts for New York's incoming public school students. Ms. Baierlein announced that through this effort, the Mayor's Fund is providing a NYC Kids RISE with a \$50,000 grant.

Ms. Baierlein then discussed the relief fund for families affected by the January 9th high-rise fire in the Bronx, which has raised over \$2.5-million to cover funeral expenses as well as continuing support through community-based organizations.

Ms. Baierlein concluded the Co-Executive Director's report by thanking the funding community, community-based organizations, city agency partners, the Board of Advisors and the Board of Directors.

Ms. Wright offered congratulations on the Fund's achievements and its depth of work.

Mr. Paniagua Valle then asked for questions and new business. Hearing none, he announced that the next board meeting would take place in March.

Mr. Jenkins offered a motion to adjourn. Ms. Wright seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Everett", followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Matt Everett
Board Secretary