

**MAYOR'S FUND TO ADVANCE NEW YORK CITY  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: MINUTES  
January 29, 2016**

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**Directors in attendance:** Gabrielle Fialkoff, Richard Buery, Henry Berger, Tom Snyder, and Maya Wiley

**Officers in attendance:** Darren Bloch, Leora Hanser, and David Sheehan

**Others present:** Kevin Cummings, Liz DeBold, Maya Jakubowicz, Ivan Pena, Sara Samis, Barbara Turk, Toya Williford

**I. Business**

Darren opened the meeting and welcomed the directors. Darren made a motion to accept the minutes from the last Board of Directors meeting on December 9, 2015. Henry moved to approve. Gabrielle seconded. All board members voted unanimously to adopt.

Next, Darren moved to the first resolution to authorize the negotiation of a \$1.2 million contract with the American Institutes for Research to evaluate the impact of the Direct Access Demonstration Project. Sara Samis, an advisor to First Deputy Mayor Tony Shorris, explained that this two-year project will provide primary health care New Yorkers who are not currently eligible to purchase insurance on the Health Insurance Marketplace due to their documentation status. Henry moved to approve. Gabrielle seconded. All board members voted unanimously to adopt.

Following, Darren presented the second resolution to authorize the negotiation of a \$1.25 million contract with Redstone Strategy Group, LLC to support the work of the Mayor's Office of Food Policy to improve food policies for all New York City residents. Barbara Turk, the Mayor's director of Food Policy, explained the work of her office to increase the equity and efficiency of the city's emergency food system. Working with Redstone Strategy Group, they plan to study city procurement of the emergency food supply and food retail. Maya asked why the contract will be paid in a single lump sum payment rather than in tranches. Darren explained that payment plan was requested by the program's funder and is under negotiation. Richard asked why Redstone Strategy Group is identified as a sole source provider. Toya explained that the funder had identified Redstone Strategy Group as a uniquely qualified vendor. Henry requested that the resolution be amended to define the sole source distinction and to state that the contract is being negotiated to be paid in tranches. As amended, Henry moved to approve. Maya seconded. All board members voted unanimously to adopt.

Next, Darren presented the third resolution to begin contract negotiations with AllianceBernstein for the purpose of managing the Fund's investment portfolio and counseling the Board and Fund staff on the organization's investment strategy and policies. Darren explained that, while a vendor had been previously approved by the Board, potential issues arose during vetting, and the Fund suspended contract negotiations with that candidate. Maya commented that the Audit Committee had dedicated itself to finding a MWBE firm, and that the issues that emerged with the first candidate were independent of the city. She also commented that the Audit Committee is in strong support of AllianceBernstein as the new vendor. Henry moved to approve. Maya seconded. All board members voted unanimously to adopt.

**II. Executive Director Report**

Darren presented a compilation of recent announcement and press clips mentioning the Fund included in the Board book materials.

Darren asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard moved to approve. All board members voted unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Leora Hanser