

MAYOR'S FUND TO ADVANCE NEW YORK CITY
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ADVISORS: MINUTES
October 24, 2016

Directors in attendance: First Lady Chirlane McCray, Gabrielle Fialkoff
Officers in attendance: Darren Bloch, Leora Hanser

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Darren Bloch opened the meeting by thanking the group for their participation and support of the Fund. He then introduced a brief video update, outlining five key initiatives of the Fund over the past six-months.

Gabrielle Fialkoff delivered welcoming remarks. She highlighted several key public-private partnerships, including the [City Soccer Initiative](#), partnering with the New York City Football Club, the US Soccer Foundation and adidas to build 50 new mini soccer fields across the five boroughs, engaging over 10,000 youth in soccer programming led by locally trained mentors and coaches. Fialkoff also discussed some of the issues that led to the establishment of the [Center for Youth Employment](#), highlighting how *one out of every three* American companies have openings for which they can't find qualified workers, while only *10 percent* of companies report having recruitment outcomes that meet their diversity goals. Fialkoff then introduced Aminatu Sow, a college student who interned last summer at Tishman Speyer.

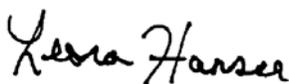
Ms. Sow reflected on her internship experience and was followed by Rob Speyer, who thanked Sow for her hard work. Speyer spoke of leading a New York-based company, and how partnering with Ladders for Leaders, the city's summer internship program for high achieving NY youth, has been gratifying for him and his firm in impacting the lives of young adults, as well as asset building for our his firm.

Next, the First Lady and Mayor's Fund Board Chair Chirlane McCray spoke about [ThriveNYC](#) and [Connections to Care](#), as well as the recently unveiled [NYCWell](#). To further illustrate this work, guest speaker Elyssa Gersen-Thurman, Director of Work Readiness and Work Wellness Services for the HOPE Program spoke. The HOPE program is one of the 15 CBOs working to expand access to mental health services to unemployed/underemployed working adults ages 18 and over through Connections.

Mayor de Blasio then discussed the ambitious goals and incredible accomplishments of the Center for Youth Employment. When the Center was created in Spring 2015 the City set an ambitious goal: 100K jobs/internships by 2020. [The Center is already ahead of schedule](#): this past summer: a record 60K young people had jobs or internships thanks to almost 11K employers, also a record. As part of Ladders for Leaders we had five times the number of students from just two years ago (over 1,500) as well as five-times the number of employers (500).

Mayor de Blasio then closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Leora Hanser