



New Haven Democracy Fund

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DEMOCRACY FUND BOARD MEETING

6:00 pm Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Meeting Room 3 / Virtual via Zoom

New Haven Democracy Fund Board, Sergio Rodriguez, Chair; William Wynn, Vice Chair

Members: Aaron Goode, James O'Connell, Lesley Heffel-McGuirk, Sarah Ficca, one vacant seat.

Democracy Fund Administrator: Alyson Heimer

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Minutes:

- I. Call to Order & Attendance: James O'Connell, Aaron Goode, Lesley Heffel-McGuirk Present.
- II. Review of the Minutes
 - A. January 3, 2024 - O'Connell motioned ot approve. 3-0-0.
- III. No public Comment
- IV. Chair's Report
 - A. NLC conference in Washington, DC (<https://ccc.nlc.org/>)
 - Single and double rooms are \$342 per night.
 - Conference fees for non NLC members are \$810 per person until Feb 12.
 - Amtrak travel to DC from New Haven is between \$83 and \$116 each way.

O'Connell motioned to approve the increase in the Board's budget for Conferences for 2024 to \$15,000 to cover NLC events and COGEL Conferences. 3-0-0.

- V. Administrator's Report

- A. Annual Report

Discussion was held about sections that seemed similar to 2022. This is due to no action being taken by the Board of Alders on our expansion proposal. The board wants to push this again this year.

Heffel-McGuirk moved to accept the Annual Report. 3-0-0.

- B. 2024 Meeting Schedule



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Tabled.

VI. Subcommittee Reports

A. Regulations subcommittee, Proposed membership: Heffel-McGuirk, Goode and O'Connell.

Finalization tabled til February's regular meeting

VII. New Business

Member Goode asked that the NHDF approve an expenditure to attend the Common Cause event in Hartford. Common Cause has been a longtime supporter of the NHDF, New Haven Votes, and public campaign finance in general. O'Connell motioned to purchase an ad in their Adbook for \$75. 3-0-0.