



## MINUTES: Board of Management, Meeting 10 (2022-2023)

Tuesday, August 1, 2023 @ 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Virtual via Zoom

### Board Members

<b>Chair:</b> Paul Saguil	Aaron Hewitt	Min Oh (regrets)
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Tom Spence	Pam Hrick	Juan Camilo Rendon Ocampo (regrets)
<b>Secretary:</b> Erika Voaklander	Brett House	
<b>Treasurer:</b> Zoe Robinson	Natalie Miller	
<b>Ex-Officio:</b> Councillor Chris Moise		

### The 519

<b>Executive Director</b>	Maura Lawless
<b>Director, Finance</b>	Maria Martinez
<b>Director, Strategic Partnership Initiatives</b>	Jaymie Sampa
<b>Director, Advocacy and Strategic Communications</b>	Curran Stikuts
<b>Director, Philanthropy</b>	Aniska Ali
<b>Director, Housing Advocacy &amp; Support Services</b>	Martha Singh Jennings
<b>Manager, Strategic &amp; Executive Planning (minutes)</b>	Laura Gibbon

**Guest(s):** John Miller (External Consultant), Lucas Granger (Councillor's Office)

Item	Minutes
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <p>Paul Saguil opened the meeting at 6:31 PM, welcomed everyone including guests, delivered the land acknowledgement and acknowledged August 1 as Emancipation Day.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Approve Agenda</b></p> <p>Paul Saguil requested the Board to review the agenda for the Board Meeting of August 1, 2023.</p> <p>Proposed change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insert discussion on community concern and accompanying motion in Chair's Report</li> </ul> <p><b>MOTION 2.1:</b> To approve the agenda, as amended, for the Board Meeting of August 1, 2023.</p> <p><b>Moved by:</b> Aaron Hewitt  <b>Seconded by:</b> Tom Spence</p> <p><b>That</b> the Board of Management approve the agenda, as amended, for the Board Meeting of August 1, 2023.</p> <p><b>Recorded vote:</b> Unanimous  Aaron Hewitt</p>



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	<p>Brett House          Pam Hrick          Natalie Miller          Zoe Robinson          Paul Saguil          Tom Spence          Erika Voaklander</p> <p><b>Decision</b> carried</p>
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Approve Meeting Minutes</b>          Paul Saguil requested the Board to review the minutes for the Board Meeting of June 12, 2023.</p> <p>Proposed edits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove Brett’s regrets who joined the meeting at item #9 and voted on subsequent motions.</li> <li>Fix units of measurement in finance committee report.</li> </ul> <p><b>MOTION 3.1:</b> To approve the minutes, as amended, for the Board Meeting of June 12, 2023.</p> <p><b>Moved by:</b> Brett House  <b>Seconded by:</b> Pam Hrick</p> <p><b>That</b> the Board of Management approve the minutes, as amended, for the Board Meeting June 12, 2023.</p> <p><b>Recorded vote:</b> Unanimous          Aaron Hewitt          Brett House          Pam Hrick          Natalie Miller          Zoe Robinson          Paul Saguil          Tom Spence          Erika Voaklander</p> <p><b>Decision</b> carried</p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Declaration of Conflict of Interest(s)</b>          Paul Saguil confirmed no conflicts of interest were declared.</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Staff Presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>

<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Chair Report/Executive Committee – Paul Saguil (Chair of the Board)</b></p> <p><b>6.1 Chair’s Report</b></p> <p>The Board had a fulsome discussion on recent neighbour/business concerns raised regarding The 519’s role in relation to safety in the Church-Wellesley neighbourhood, and specifically on the steps of The 519 and in Barbara Hall Park (BHP). The 519 staff and Board members recently met with community members, City staff, the Councillor’s office, Toronto Police Services (TPS), and individual local business owners to discuss the issues and possible solutions regarding 519 property, as The 519 does not have authority to manage BHP.</p> <p>The Board carefully reviewed and discussed the proposal to delegate authority to TPS or City of Toronto Corporate Security to issue temporary No Trespass orders to individuals engaging in illegal activity on The 519 front steps outside of operating hours. The Board also discussed the long-standing broader issues at play (housing crisis, opioid / meth crisis, lack of services and funding for 2SLGBTQ+ folks experiencing marginalization) and the range of different perspectives and lived experiences of folks who live, work, and play in the Church-Wellesley corridor.</p> <p>The Board expressed concerns about the proposed solution as it does not address broader issues; increasing police presence and authority in queer community space; the fact that TPS already have authority to arrest individuals engaged in illegal activity; and by agreeing to the proposed motion, it may appear as though The 519 is taking responsibility for the behaviours of individuals who gather on the steps and in the park afterhours.</p> <p>The Board agreed that it needed more time to consider alternative options to address the neighbourhood concerns in the long-term and the role of The 519 in doing so, while remaining aligned to the strategic plan.</p> <p><b>MOTION 6.1:</b> The 519 remains committed to supporting vulnerable and marginalized members of our community and neighbourhood. Decades of chronic underfunding of social/health and mental services, housing, and other supports, have led to incredibly complex challenges in our community and across the city, disproportionately impacting those with mental health and substance use issues.</p> <p>The 519 remains committed to continuing to work with our neighbours, community members and partners, and the City on identifying and implementing sustainable, equitable solutions to enhance community safety and wellbeing. For our part, we continue to advocate for the deep investments in mental health, addictions support, and affordable/supportive housing that are desperately needed to improve community wellbeing and address safety issues that are systemic and pervasive.</p>
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Currently, The 519's hours of operation (based on funding), limit the ability to provide community programmatic interventions beyond our current operating hours. As such, the Board of Management authorizes the Executive Director to implement a time limited agreement that will delegate the authority to City of Toronto Corporate Security and Toronto Police Services to enact the Trespass to Property Act (TPA) after hours on 519 property to address neighbourhood safety issues. The Executive Director will report back at the September 2023 Board meeting on the terms of these agreements.

Those agreements will include terms:

- That all actions or decisions related to issuing TPA orders are aligned with the City's relevant policies and direction;
- Any TPA order issued will be reported to the delegated staff of The 519;
- Any TPA order issued will have no effect during operating hours and this will be clearly communicated to the individual(s);
- As well as other conditions such as the requirement to offer shelter referrals; limitations during extreme weather conditions; and other pro-active supportive interventions strategies to be further defined.

The Board of Management calls on the City of Toronto to immediately increase on-going Core funding to The 519 to provide adequate after-hours programmatic interventions, including alternatives to police intervention, that address community well-being and our ability to support community needs after hours, until such time as the broader systemic issues are adequately addressed by all levels of government.

**Moved by:** Councillor Chris Moise

**Seconded by:** Zoe Robinson

**That** the Board of Management approve the motion as listed.

**Recorded vote:**

Aaron Hewitt–no

Brett House–abstained

Pam Hrick–no

Natalie Miller–no

Zoe Robinson–yes

Paul Saguil–no

Tom Spence–no

Erika Voaklander–no

Councillor Chris Moise–yes

**Decision** defeated

The Board agreed to table a new motion to ensure an interim plan is put in place immediately and a commitment towards determining a longer-term, sustainable solution is identified.



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	<p><b>MOTION 6.2:</b> The 519 remains committed to supporting vulnerable and marginalized members of our community and neighbourhood. Decades of chronic underfunding of social/health and mental services, housing, and other supports, have led to incredibly complex challenges in our community and across the city, disproportionately impacting those with mental health and substance use issues.</p> <p>The 519 remains committed to continuing to work with our neighbours, community members and partners, and the City on identifying and implementing sustainable, equitable solutions to enhance community safety and wellbeing. For our part, we continue to advocate for the deep investments in mental health, addictions support, and affordable/supportive housing that are desperately needed to improve community wellbeing and address safety issues that are systemic and pervasive.</p> <p>The Board is taking steps to address concerns raised and supports the ED in the decision of hiring of afterhours security as an interim solution with the understanding that the ED will report back to the Board in September on additional measures to address the concerns raised by members of the community.</p> <p><b>Moved by:</b> Brett House  <b>Seconded by:</b> Pam Hrick</p> <p><b>That</b> the Board of Management approve the motion as listed.</p> <p><b>Recorded vote:</b> Unanimous          Aaron Hewitt          Brett House          Pam Hrick          Natalie Miller          Zoe Robinson          Paul Saguil          Tom Spence          Erika Voaklander          Councillor Chris Moise</p> <p><b>Decision</b> carried</p> <p><i>Councillor Moise and Paul Saguil left the meeting. Tom Spence assumed the role of Chair.</i></p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Executive Director Report</b> – Maura Lawless (Executive Director) &amp; Aniska Ali (Director, Philanthropy)</p> <p><b>7.1 July Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No update was provided.</li> </ul>



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	<p><b>7.2 Green Space Festival (GSF) Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aniska Ali referenced the report contained in the Board meeting package.</li> <li>• Overall, GSF 2023 was a great success. Budget expectations were exceeded and the organization is projecting \$870k in net revenue. Aniska thanked the Board members for their support in making the festival a success. Staff continue to tie up loose ends including debriefs with staff, and are in discussions with existing and potential new sponsors for next year.</li> </ul>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>Bylaw Review Project</b> – John Miller (Consultant)</p> <p><b>8.1 Bylaw Review Update and Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Miller provided a brief update on the final changes to the by-laws and presented the complete suite of changes to The 519 bylaws, to be presented to the membership for approval.</li> </ul> <p><b>MOTION 8.1:</b> To approve the proposed By-law amendments to be presented to the membership for approval at the 2023 AGM.</p> <p><b>Moved by:</b> Brett House  <b>Seconded by:</b> Zoe Robinson</p> <p><b>That</b> the Board of Management approve the proposed By-law amendments to be presented to the membership for approval at the 2023 AGM.</p> <p><b>Recorded vote:</b> Unanimous          Aaron Hewitt          Brett House          Pam Hrick          Natalie Miller          Zoe Robinson          Tom Spence          Erika Voaklander</p> <p><b>Decision</b> carried</p>
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>Other Business / Emerging Issues</b></p> <p>N/A</p>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>Adjournment</b></p> <p>Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.</p>
<p><b>Item</b></p>	<p><b>Attached Documents *yellow highlight indicates in camera session where document will be available printed at the meeting</b></p>



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