

Board Members

Board Chair: David Morris	Paul Jonathan Saguil	Paul Noble
Vice Chair: Gwen Benaway	Linda Booker	Justin Khan
Secretary: Pam Hrick	Nichola Ward (absent)	Biko Beauttah
Treasurer: Tom Warner	Patrick Gervais	
Ex-Officio: Councillor, Kristyn Wong-Tam (absent)		

The 519

Executive Director	Maura Lawless
Programs and Community Services, Senior Director	Becky McFarlane
Director, Philanthropy	Stacy Kelly
Director, Finance	Gillian James
Communications and Fund Development, Manager	Soofia Mahmood (minutes)

Community members present – 1

Item	Minutes
1	Welcome and Introductions
	David Morris opened the meeting at 6:33 pm, welcomed everyone.
2	Approve Agenda David Morris requested the Board to review agenda for the Board Meeting of Monday, June 11, 2018.
	Amendments: Move in-camera items (3.2) prior to adjournment. Section 5: Add new motion regarding Nichola Ward's leave of absence request.
	Section 12: Emerging issues: Advocacy update Motion 2.1:
	David Morris presented the motion to approve the agenda as amended for the Board Meeting of Monday June 11, 2018.
	Moved by: Paul Jonathan Saguil Seconded by: Gwen Benaway That the Board agreed to approve agenda as amended for the Board Meeting of Monday, June 11, 2018. Decision: carried
3	Approve Meeting Minutes 3.1 David Morris requested the Board to review and approve the meeting Minutes of Monday May 28, 2018.
	MOTION 3.1: Review and approve the Minutes for the Board Meeting of Monday May 28, 2018.



Correction: Page 6: typo correction. Moved by: Gwen Benaway Seconded by: Paul Noble **That** the Board reviewed and approve the meeting minutes of Monday May 28, 2018 as amended. **Decision** carried 4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest(s) David Morris confirmed no conflict of interest declared. 5 **Chair Report / Executive Committee** 5.1 Chair's Report: Verbal report Upcoming Anti-Racism and Equity training. Call out to Board Members to volunteer for Green Space Festival – our biggest fundraiser of the year. 5.2 Community Grant Requirements related to Elections – City of Toronto Grants Policy related to Political Activity – Gwen Benaway The City of Toronto has a **responsibility not to provide any unfair advantage** to any candidate, political party, registrant or a supporter of a question, on a ballot during an election. This Acknowledgement is intended to ensure that all individuals and organizations in receipt of community grants from the City of Toronto's Social Development, Finance and Administration Division acknowledge: 1) the requirements of the City of Toronto's **Community Grants Policy as it** relates to Political Activities; and 2) the requirement under the Organization's **agreement** with the City that the Organization shall comply, at all times, with the City of Toronto's Community Grant Policy. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT The organization acknowledges that: 1. compliance with the City of Toronto's Community Grants Policy is a requirement of the organization's Grant Agreement with the City 2. the City's Community Grants Policy, in relation to political activities, provides as follows:



a. Grant recipients shall not use funds provided by the City to oppose or endorse a named party, or elected official. Any such grants may not be devoted directly to such activities, or devoted indirectly through provision of resources to a third party engaged in partisan political activities.

b. In cases where a grant recipient devotes part of its resources to political activities, such political activities must be Ancillary and Incidental to its mandate, purpose, and project or service activities, such political activities must not include the direct or indirect support of or opposition to any political party or candidate for public office.

c. Without limiting the above, political activities undertaken as part of a City funded project can include:

 all candidates meetings, oral and written presentations to the relevant Councillors to present the proponent's views or to provide information,

• oral and written presentations or briefs containing information and recommendations to the relevant committees of Council,

• the provision of information and the expression of non-partisan views to the media that fall within the general ambit of the grant recipient's mandate or purpose, as long as the devotion of resources to such activity is reasonable in the circumstances (i.e., is intended to inform and educate by providing information and views designed primarily to allow full and reasoned consideration of an issue, rather than to influence public opinion or to generate controversy),

 publications, conferences, workshops and other forms of communication that are produced or organized by a grant recipient in order to sway public opinion on political issues and matters of public policy,

 advertisements in newspapers, magazines or on television or radio to the extent that they are designed to attract interest in, or gain support for, a grant recipient's position on political issues and matters of public policy,

 public meetings or lawful demonstrations that are organized to publicize and gain support for a grant recipient's point of view on matters of public policy and political issues, and mail campaigns: requests by a grant recipient to its members or the public to forward

 letters or other written communications to the media and government expressing support for the organization's views on political issues and matters of public policy.

d. None of the above activities may be carried out in a manner that may reasonably be construed as supporting a particular candidate, elected official or particular party.

e. Through its funding, the City of Toronto creates opportunities for communities to play a role in shaping public policy as a way to support an active and engaged civil



	society. However, these investments are not an endorsement of any particular political or policy perspective held by Grant recipients.
	This acknowledgement must be formally adopted by the Board of Directors of the Organization and must be submitted to cgis@toronto.ca no later than July 31, 2018
	MOTION 5.2: That The 519 Board acknowledges the requirements of the City of Toronto Community Grants Policy related to Elections.
	Moved by: Patrick Gervais Seconded by: Gwen Benaway That the Board acknowledges the requirements of the City of Toronto Community Grants Policy related to Elections. Decision carried
	MOTION 5.3: Approve Nichola Ward's leave of absence while she is a candidate for Municipal Elections
	Moved by: Biko Beauttah Seconded by: Linda Booker That the Board approves Nichola Ward's leave of absence while she is a candidate for Municipal Elections Decision: Carried
	Agency Business
6	Executive Director Report No report
7	 Agency Business 7.1 Settlement program update/presentation – Karlene Williams Clarke LGBTQ newcomers face additional barriers to accessing services. The 519 Among Friends Refugee Support program scope was discussed including support with refugee claims processing, volunteer opportunities, counselling and housing support, and other activities. Since 2017 – the government has postponed processing of new refugee claims (1 to 2 years delay), adding the backlog of existing legacy claimants (awaiting hearings since 2012). Due to the compounding backlog, the pressure on our program has increased as the claimants stay in the program much longer for
	 support. The 519 has recently launched a weekly program for newcomer children and parents with our EarlyON Child and Family program. Child minding services are also being provided so folks can participate in our program. Refugee support program includes providing housing, counselling, and refugee claim support – all services under-funded, particularly relative to the demand for



	 services. In order to respond to the compounding needs, we are working above capacity. Karlene emphasized the need for funding for this program and its ancillary supports. LGBTQ newcomers also experience discrimination when accessing housing, increasing demand on our program. Language barrier is another issue being faced and we often rely on peer support as we don't have funding for this facility. For mental health, we have trauma-informed counselling but access to health services through referrals, especially for newcomer trans folks seeking transitional support, is limited and challenging to access. Federal funding for refugee programs is limited and directed to Convention Refugees and landed immigrants (Permanent Residents). Provincial funding is at a risk for renewal with the change in government adding to the pressures facing the program. Going forward in the new budget cycle, new funding opportunities to be identified and strategies to be pursued to support the expanding program. Advocacy initiatives at Board level also discussed. 	
	MOTION 7.1: NA	
	Committee Business	
8	Strategic and Program Planning (SPP) Committee Update 8.1 No report	
	MOTION: NA	
9	Fundraising, Philanthropy, Communications (FPC) Committee Update	
	9.1 Green Space Update – Stacy Kelly	
	 Briefing package to be provided to Board including key messages. Volunteer opportunities for Board – hours and responsibilities to be shared. 	
	MOTION: NA	
10	Finance Committee Update	
	10.1. Core City of Toronto Budget Submission Timelines/Authorities Briefing note – City of Toronto Core Budget Submission – Gillian James and Tom Warner	
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	direction and report in August 2018 through the Finance Committee to the Board on the submission details for approval.
	MOTION 10.2: That the Board delegates the authority to the Executive Director to submit the Core Operating Budget Submission in line with the Board's direction and report in August 2018 through the Finance Committee to the Board on the submission details for approval.
	Moved by: Gwen Benaway Seconded by: Paul Jonathan Saguil That the Board delegates the authority to the Executive Director to submit the Core Operating Budget Submission in line with the Board's direction and report in August 2018 through the Finance Committee to the Board on the submission details for approval. Decision carried
11	Human Resources and Governance Committee No report
12	Other Business / Emerging Issues Becky McFarlane: • Concerned about the implications of repealing the existing sex-ed curriculum. • Currently strategizing to advocate against repealing of the curriculum by reaching out to partners – to organize to support the rights of all children to education and create awareness about existing misinformation and safety concerns for LGBTQ young people. MOTION: NA
	MOTION: Motion to enter into the in-camera session Moved by: Linda Booker Seconded by: Paul Jonathan Saguil That the Board approves motion to go in-camera Decision carried
	 3.2 Board Chair requested the Board to review and approve in-camera minutes of Monday May 28, 2018 MOTION 3.2: Review and approve the in-camera minutes for the Board Meeting of
	Monday May 28, 2018.
	Moved by: Justin Khan Seconded by: Tom Warner



	That the Board approve the in-camera minutes for the Board Meeting of Monday May 28, 2018.
	Decision carried
	MOTION: To exit in-camera session Moved by: Pam Hrick
	Seconded by: Paul Noble
	That the Board approves the motion to exit in-camera session
	Decision carried
13	Adjournment
	David Morris adjourned the meeting at 7:30.
	Motion presented to adjourn the meeting.
	Moved by: Gwen Benaway
	Seconded by: Pam Hrick
	That the Board adjourns the meeting.
	Decision carried
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Item	Attached Documents *yellow highlight indicates in camera session
2.	2.1 Agenda: Monday June 11, 2018
3.	3.1 Minutes: Monday May 28, 2018
	3.2 In-Camera Minutes: Monday May 28, 2018
5.	5.2 City of Toronto Grants Policy related to Political Activity
10.	10.1 Briefing Note – City of Toronto Core Budget Submission – available on June 8,
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