

Monday, April 26, 2021 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Virtual via Zoom

### **Board Members**

Chair: Pam Hrick	Biko Beauttah (regrets)	Juan Camilo Rendon
		Ocampo
Vice Chair: Paul Jonathan Saguil	Michael Cherny	Tom Spence
Secretary: Sarah Zerihun	Brett House	Erika Voaklander
Treasurer: Tom Warner	Paul Noble	
<b>Ex-Officio:</b> Councillor, Kristyn Wong-		
Tam (absent)		

### The 519

<b>Executive Director</b>	Maura Lawless
Senior Director, Programs and Community Services	Becky McFarlane
Director, Philanthropy	Stacy Kelly
Director, Strategic Partnership Initiatives	Jaymie Sampa
Director, Public Interest and Legal Initiatives	Justin Khan
Director, Finance	David Young
Manager, Strategic & Executive Planning (minutes)	Laura Gibbon
Manager, Community Engaged Food Programs	Carl Kannegiesser

Item	Minutes	
1	Welcome and Introductions  Pam Hrick opened the meeting at 6:30pm, welcomed everyone, and delivered land acknowledgement.  We acknowledge the land we are meeting on is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse	
	First Nations, Inuit, and Metis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.	
2	Approve Agenda Pam Hrick requested the Board to review agenda for the Board Meeting of April 26, 2021.	
	Amendments:	
	To switch the motion numbers for items 7 & 8.	
	<b>MOTION 2.1:</b> To approve the agenda as amended for the Board Meeting of April 26, 2021.	



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Moved by: Brett House

**Seconded by:** Erika Voaklander

**That** the Board approve the agenda as amended for the Board Meeting of April 26, 2021.

Recorded vote: Unanimous

Michael Cherny Brett House Pam Hrick

Paul Noble

Juan Camilo Rendon Ocampo

Paul Jonathan Saguil

Tom Spence

Erika Voaklander

Tom Warner

Sarah Zerihun

**Decision** carried

### **3** Approve Meeting Minutes

Pam Hrick requested the Board to review minutes for the Board Meeting of March 29, 2021.

**MOTION 3.1:** To approve minutes for Board Meeting of March 29, 2021.

**Moved by:** Tom Spence **Seconded by:** Tom Warner

**That** the Board approve minutes for Board Meeting of March 29, 2021.

**Recorded vote**: Unanimous

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	Sarah Zerihun	
	<b>Decision</b> carried	
4	Declaration of Conflict of Interest(s) Pam Hrick confirmed no conflict of interest declared.	
5	Chair Report/Executive Committee – Pam Hrick (Chair of the Board)	
	5.1 Chair Update – Encampment Letter	
	Pam Hrick provided an update re: a joint letter to Mayor Tory and Councillors Cressy, Layton, Perks, and Wong-Tam in partnership with a coalition of lawyers at various community agencies. The letter was written to express serious concerns about the City of Toronto's planned evictions of encampments across the city including the encampment in Barbara Hall Park and the Pathways Inside Program (PIP).	
	Maura, Becky and Pam had a meeting with the City (SSHA/SDFA divisions) to discuss some of The 519's concerns as outlined in the letter. The City expressed an interest in working collaboratively moving forward.	
6	Executive Director Report – Maura Lawless (Executive Director)	
	6.1 Executive Director Update	
	The 519 will be scheduling follow up meetings with SSHA and Streets to Homes to coordinate support for our community members and connect them to viable housing options where the safety of 2-Spirit, trans and non-binary people is prioritized.	
	The 519 launched the Board-approved Pay It No Mind fund in mid-April. We have received 10 applications and have distributed approximately 10% of available funds to date. We have received positive feedback on the fund and its roll-out from our partner organizations.	
	Jaymie and Maura met with Councillor Wong-Tam's office to discuss the vaccine engagement project and broader outreach in the Downtown East in line with our access to justice initiatives. The meeting was positive and the councillor offered to support the communications strategy in relation to neighbourhood outreach.	



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#### **Agency Business**

**7 Staff Presentation** – Carl Kannegiesser (Manager, Community-Engaged Food Programs)

### 7.1 Food Security Initiatives Staff Presentation

Carl Kannegiesser provided an update on the work of The 519 in relation to food security.

### Current projects include:

- The Second Harvest partnership whereby The 519 acts as a production site turning rescued ingredients into complete meals. In 2021, 42,850 meals were distributed through the Second Harvest partnership to date.
- The Frozen Meals Pick-Up Program is a weekly meal pick-up program where community members can pre-register to pick up 6 frozen meals at a time. In 2021, 15,627 frozen meals have been distributed to date.
- The Drop-In Meal Program runs on Sundays in lieu of the weekly Sunday Drop-In program. In 2021, we have served 1,961 hot takeaway meals on Sundays to date.

#### We have also distributed:

- 15,000+ grocery/pantry items
- 500 children's items (clothing, child sized masks, kids' crafts, books, toys, diapers, etc.)
- 1,218 hygiene items
- 2,014 items of clothing
- 236 harm reduction / safer sex supplies

The Community-Engaged Food staff team and volunteers have been essential to keeping The 519's food programs running and expanding throughout each phase of the pandemic.

**8 Programs Update** – Justin Khan (Director, Public Interest and Legal Initiatives)

### **Agency Business**

### 8.1 Legal advocacy update regarding COVID-19 lockdown



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In response to the Ontario Government's announcement to increase police powers to stop and question individuals who may not be complying with the new stay-athome orders, The 519 released a social media statement saying that anyone stopped by law enforcement could reach out for legal support. Despite many police services stating they would not enforce these powers, this will look different in practice, especially for racialized and heavily marginalized folks.

## 8.2 Epstein Report Reaction and Next Steps – discussions regarding short and long-term SPP response strategy

The Independent Civilian Review into Missing Person Investigations Report was released on April 13, 2021. This review was prompted by the tragic murders of members of Toronto's LGBTQ2S+ communities and by deep concerns about how the Toronto Police Service conducted the investigations into their disappearances.

The report includes 151 recommendations which staff are currently reading through to analyse. The Police Services Board Chair and interim Police Chief have said that they accept the review's findings, that they intend to implement all 151 recommendations, and that they are in the process of appointing someone to lead their implementation.

SPP will discuss The 519's strategy, position and next steps and report back to the Board as appropriate.

The 519 staff continue to sit at the Community Consultative Committee led by the Toronto Police Service.

The 519 has been engaged by multiple media outlets in relation to the report being published.

The 519 has mobilized supports for individuals who may be negatively impacted by the resurfacing of this information.

Committee Business		
9	Strategic Program Planning Committee Update – Sarah Zerihun (Chair)	
	9.1 No Update	
10	Finance Committee Update – Tom Warner (Chair)  10.1 April 14, 2021 Meeting Update	
	Tom Warner referenced the Finance Meeting Summary document.	



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Samantha Slater from Welch LLP presented the Auditor's Report and 2020 Draft Financial Statements. It was a clean audit. The Committee recommended an update regarding fund and intermediary balances, and regarding the statement of operations and statement of changes in net assets to clearly present the delineation between externally and internally restricted funds. As such the statements will be redrafted to improve this presentation. The Committee will review the amended report via email and will aim to bring the final auditor's report and financial statements to the May Board meeting for approval.

### 10.2 Recommended 2021 Revised Operating Budget

David Young presented the Revised Operating Budget and discussed the changes made since the preliminary operating budget was approved by the Board. No questions or concerns were raised.

**MOTION 10.2:** To approve the 2021 Revised Operating Budget.

**Moved by:** Tom Warner **Seconded by:** Brett House

**That** the Board approve the 2021 Revised Operating Budget.

**Recorded vote:** Unanimous

Michael Cherny **Brett House** Pam Hrick Paul Noble Juan Camilo Rendon Ocampo

Paul Jonathan Saguil

Tom Spence

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**Decision** carried

### 10.3 Appointment of Vice-Chair

Tom Warner recommended Michael Cherny as Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee.



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**MOTION 10.3:** To approve the appointment of Michael Cherny as Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee. **Moved by:** Tom Warner Seconded by: Juan Camilo Rendon Ocampo **That** the Board approve the appointment of Michael Cherny as Vice-Chair of Finance Committee. **Recorded vote:** Unanimous Michael Cherny **Brett House** Pam Hrick Paul Noble Juan Camilo Rendon Ocampo Paul Jonathan Saguil Tom Spence Erika Voaklander Tom Warner Sarah Zerihun **Decision** carried 11 Fundraising and Philanthropy Committee Update – Paul Noble (Chair) 11.1 No Update **12** Governance and Human Resources Committee Update – Erika Voaklander (Chair) 12.1 No Update 13 Nominations Committee Update – Tom Spence (Chair) 13.1 **No Update** Other Business / Emerging Issues 14 **In Camera Portion 15** Motion to go in camera: Moved by: Tom Spence Seconded by: Paul Jonathan Saguil



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**Recorded vote:** Unanimous

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Tom Spence

Erika Voaklander

Tom Warner

Sarah Zerihun

#### **Decision** carried

### Reviewed in camera minutes for March 29, 2021 meeting.

Motion to exit in camera: Moved by: Brett House

Seconded by: Erika Voaklander

**Recorded vote:** Unanimous

Michael Cherny Brett House Pam Hrick

Paul Noble

Juan Camilo Rendon Ocampo

Paul Jonathan Saguil

Tom Spence

Erika Voaklander

Tom Warner

Sarah Zerihun

#### **Decision** carried

#### **Approve In Camera Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION 15.1:** To approve in camera minutes for Board Meeting of March 29, 2021.

Moved by: Brett House



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Seconded by: Sarah Zerihun

That the Board approve in camera minutes for Board Meeting of March 29, 2021.

**Recorded vote:** Unanimous

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Brett House

Pam Hrick

Paul Noble

Juan Camilo Rendon Ocampo

Paul Jonathan Saguil

Tom Spence

Erika Voaklander

Tom Warner

Sarah Zerihun

**Decision** carried

Other Business	
14	Other Business/Emerging Issues
15	Adjournment
	Adjourned
	Meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

Item	Attached Documents *yellow highlight indicates in camera session		
	where document will be available at the meeting		
2	2.1	Agenda: April 26, 2021	
3	3.1	Minutes: March 29, 2021	
10	10.1	Report: Finance Meeting Summary	
	10.2	2021 Revised Operating Budget	
<mark>15</mark>	15.1	Minutes: March 29, 2021 (in camera)	