



MINUTES: Board of Management, Meeting 6 (2023-2024)

Monday, June 10, 2024 @ 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Virtual via Zoom

Board Members

Chair: Paul Saguil	Vanshika Dhawan	Min Oh
Vice-Chair: Tom Spence	Aaron Hewitt	Juan Camilo Rendon Ocampo (regrets)
Secretary: Erika Voaklander	Brett House	Jaris Swidrovich
Treasurer: Zoe Robinson	Natalie Miller	
Ex-Officio: Councillor Chris Moise (absent)		

The 519

Executive Director	Maura Lawless
Director, Philanthropy	Aniska Ali
Director, Finance	Maria Martinez
Manager, Strategic & Executive Planning (minutes)	Laura Gibbon

Guests: N/A

Item	Minutes
1	<p>Welcome and Introductions Paul Saguil opened the meeting at 6:32 PM, welcomed everyone, including guests, and delivered the land acknowledgement. Paul also wished everyone a happy Pride month and happy Indigenous History Month.</p>
2	<p>Approve Agenda Paul Saguil requested the Board to review the agenda for the Board Meeting of June 10, 2024.</p> <p>MOTION 2.1: To approve the agenda for the Board Meeting of June 10, 2024.</p> <p>Moved by: Brett House Seconded by: Aaron Hewitt</p> <p>That the Board of Management approve the agenda for the Board Meeting of June 10, 2024.</p> <p>Recorded vote: Unanimous Vanshika Dhawan Aaron Hewitt Brett House Natalie Miller Min Oh Paul Saguil Tom Spence Jaris Swidrovich Erika Voaklander</p>



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	<p>Decision carried</p>
3	<p>Approve Meeting Minutes Paul Saguil requested the Board to review the minutes for the Board Meeting of May 27, 2024.</p> <p>MOTION 3.1: To approve the minutes for the Board Meeting of May 27, 2024.</p> <p>Moved by: Jaris Swidrovich Seconded by: Natalie Miller</p> <p>That the Board of Management approve the minutes for the Board Meeting of May 27, 2024.</p> <p>Recorded vote: Unanimous Vanshika Dhawan Aaron Hewitt Brett House Natalie Miller Min Oh Paul Saguil Tom Spence Jaris Swidrovich Erika Voaklander</p> <p>Decision carried</p>
4	<p>Declaration of Conflict of Interest(s) Paul Saguil confirmed no conflicts of interest were declared.</p>
5	<p>Chair Report/Executive Committee – Paul Saguil (Chair of the Board)</p> <p>5.1 Chair’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Saguil thanked all staff, and the Philanthropy Team in particular, for all the work being done throughout Pride month, on top of what happens every other month of the year. • Paul acknowledged the show of support and Board member presence at the recent City of Toronto Pride flag raising and the 2-Spirit Powwow. • Paul congratulated community partners Rainbow Railroad and Toronto Public Library on recent events. • Paul shared that he recently had a positive meeting with the Church-Wellesley Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board Chair.
6	<p>Executive Director Report – Maura Lawless (Executive Director)</p>

6.1 The 519 – General Procedural Bylaw #2-2024

- Maura Lawless presented the final proposed Bylaw #2. The proposed changes were approved by the membership at the September 2023 AGM. Following the 2023 AGM, staff learned the changes required council approval. The Board then directed the Executive Director to work with the City Manager’s Office and City Legal to consolidate the old by-law with other examples of procedural by-laws that have been approved by City Council. The board policy working group had a chance to meet with City Legal and have a detailed conversation about their feedback, in particular what the best strategy would be for ensuring opportunities for public participation in board meetings. This proposed new by-law is in alignment with the *City of Toronto Act* and the Association of Community Centres (AOCC) Relationship Framework. The proposed new by-law codifies The 519’s mandate as a 2SLGBTQ+ organization, includes additional parameters for strengthening Board policy, and includes the proposed catchment expansion.
- The Councillor is in support of the proposed by-law. Subject to the Board’s approval tonight, this will go to City Council in July for approval.
- There is a friendly amendment related to the public meeting provision: in Article L, add a point that says: “The Board may establish additional procedures for public presentations in Board policy, which will be outlined on The 519’s website and made available to the public upon request.”
- The Board indicated strong support for the proposed by-laws, the decision to keep public presentations at the committee level, and the addition of a reference to striving towards less colonial ways of governance where possible.
- The Board thanked Maura for all of her work and leadership on the Board by-law review including the time invested in addressing the concerns of City Legal, City Manager’s Office, and keeping the organization’s best interests in mind. The Board also thanked staff, all the Board members who participated in the review, and John Miller.

MOTION 6.1: To (1) adopt General By-law No.2 – 2024 attached to this report as Attachment 1, with such by-law coming into force on the day it is ratified by City Council; (2) repeal The 519 Board of Management By-law No. 1 (Constitution) September 25, 2007, as amended, upon General By-law No. 2 – 2024 coming into force; (3) endorse the expanded catchment area as proposed in this report; and (4) request that the City Manager forward the Board’s decision to Toronto City Council, requesting ratification of General By-law No. 2 – 2024 and expansion of the catchment area, and authorizes the Board Secretary to forward the Board’s decision and request to the City Manager for action.

Moved by: Erika Voaklander



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Seconded by: Tom Spence

Friendly amendment:

- In Article L, add a point that says: "The Board may establish additional procedures for public presentations in Board policy, which will be outlined on The 519's website and made available to the public upon request."

Moved by: Vanshika Dhawan

Seconded by: Jaris Swidrovich

Recorded vote: Unanimous

Vanshika Dhawan

Aaron Hewitt

Brett House

Natalie Miller

Min Oh

Paul Saguil

Tom Spence

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Erika Voaklander

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Recorded vote: Unanimous

Vanshika Dhawan – yes

Aaron Hewitt - yes

Brett House – yes

Natalie Miller – yes

Min Oh – yes

Paul Saguil – yes

Tom Spence – yes

Jaris Swidrovich – yes

Erika Voaklander – yes

Decision carried



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next steps are for Paul Saguil and Erika Voaklander to sign off on the transmittal letter and for staff to send it to the City. The proposed by-law and all documentation will go to City Council in July. Assuming it is approved by Council, the Board will present the new by-law at the AGM for information and answer any questions from the membership. • Staff, John Miller, and members of the board policy working group will continue the process of identifying policy, procedures and training required to implement the proposed by-law changes. <p>Other updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff met with Toronto Police Services, Downtown East and the Parks people to discuss issues happening in Barbara Hall Park to elevate and advocate for a more coordinated response and discussed some recommendations for the City to contemplate when planning. • Staff attended recent Community Safety meeting. There was a community safety meeting 1.5 weeks ago – staff handled the facilitation effectively and was supported by all the committee members. <p><i>Zoe Robinson joined at 6:55pm.</i></p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Finance Update – Maura Lawless (Executive Director) & Zoe Robinson (Treasurer)</p> <p>7.1 City of Toronto Core Budget Submission Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City has changed their budget timeline, so we are already working on 2025 budget which we will be submitting in July. Staff are requesting Board authorization to submit budget in July, with the understanding that they’ll report back to the Finance Committee and the Board in September. • The intent is to apply for ongoing 24/7 security funding, apply all economic factors, and recommend maintaining the 15.85 FTE in core budget. <p>MOTION 7.1: To authorize the Executive Director and Director, Finance to submit the 2025 Core Budget in line with the City of Toronto’s operating budget timeline and report back at the September 2024 Board meeting on the submission details.</p> <p>That the Board of Management further authorize staff to request enhanced funding to cover the costs of on-going 24/7 security at The 519 to respond to the community, neighbourhood and staff safety issues.</p> <p>Moved by: Aaron Hewitt Seconded by: Brett House</p>

	<p>That the Board of Management authorize the Executive Director and Director, Finance to submit the 2025 Core Budget in line with the City of Toronto’s operating budget timeline and report back at the September 2024 Board meeting on the submission details.</p> <p>That the Board of Management further authorize staff to request enhanced funding to cover the costs of on-going 24/7 security at The 519 to respond to the community, neighbourhood and staff safety issues.</p> <p>Recorded vote: Unanimous Vanshika Dhawan Aaron Hewitt Brett House Natalie Miller Min Oh Zoe Robinson Paul Saguil Tom Spence Jaris Swidrovich Erika Voaklander</p> <p>Decision carried</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Philanthropy Update – Aniska Ali (Director, Philanthropy)</p> <p>8.1 Philanthropy Update – Green Space Festival</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The festival is just around the corner, planning and preparation are in full swing. Ticketed events and wristbands are selling out fast and all signs point to a great festival ahead! • Board member passes will be left at the Front Desk as of June 24. • There has been discussion about health and safety precautions as part of emergency planning, including hiring additional security and working closely with Toronto Police Service and the Toronto Pride head of security to coordinate efforts. There is a substantial increase in security/safety precautions costs this year. Staff are confident in being able to manage the situation and are accustomed to creating space for people to be able to protest and engage in constructive conversations in the aftermath. • The board thanked Aniska and staff for their hard work again. • Staff will create a form for volunteer opportunities for Board members who were encouraged to participate in any way possible.
<p>9</p>	<p>Approve In-Camera Meeting Minutes</p>



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MOTION 9.1a: To go in-camera to review in-camera meeting minutes.

Moved by: Erika Voaklander

Seconded by: Brett House

That the Board of Management go in-camera to review in-camera meeting minutes.

Recorded vote: Unanimous

Vanshika Dhawan

Aaron Hewitt

Brett House

Natalie Miller

Min Oh

Zoe Robinson

Paul Saguil

Tom Spence

Jaris Swidrovich

Erika Voaklander

Decision carried

The Board reviewed the in-camera minutes for the Board Meeting of May 27, 2024.

MOTION 9.1b: To come out of in-camera.

Moved by: Brett House

Seconded by: Aaron Hewitt

That the Board of Management come out of in-camera.

Recorded vote: Unanimous

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	<p>MOTION 9.1: To approve the in-camera minutes for the Board Meeting of May 27, 2024.</p> <p>Moved by: Min Oh Seconded by: Natalie Miller</p> <p>That the Board of Management approve the in-camera minutes for the Board Meeting of May 27, 2024.</p> <p>Recorded vote: Unanimous Vanshika Dhawan Aaron Hewitt Brett House Natalie Miller Min Oh Zoe Robinson Paul Saguil Tom Spence Jaris Swidrovich Erika Voaklander</p> <p>Decision carried</p>
10	Other Business / Emerging Issues
11	Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Item	Attached Documents *yellow highlight indicates in camera session where document will be available printed at the meeting
2	2.1 Agenda for Board Meeting of June 10, 2024 – FOR APPROVAL
3	3.1 Minutes for Board Meeting of May 27, 2024 – FOR APPROVAL
6	6.1 REPORT – General By-law #2-June 10, 2024 (incl. attachment) – FOR APPROVAL
9	9.1 In-camera minutes for Board Meeting of May 27, 2024 – FOR APPROVAL