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Executive Committee Minutes

Evonne Capers, Chairperson
Wednesday, May 6, 2026

The Executive Committee met on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 in-person at the district office and on Zoom Video Communications. The following board members attended: Evonne Capers, Laura James, Frank Franz (virtual), Carmen Rivera, Kristine Rivera, Margie Espinosa, Maria Garcia, Lamont Parker (virtual), Nicole Carter (virtual), Carol Robinson, Annette Wright (virtual), Lisa Sanchez, Maria Latimer

The committee heard from District Manager Rafael Moure-Punnett, who outlined the Board's practices on funding external events as described in the bylaws. The committee discussed adding information to the procedure regarding the city's invoicing practices. Rafael outlined the best practices in avoiding conflicts of interest. A memo covering this topic was presented to the committee. The guidelines can be summarized as: disclose, discuss, don't vote, don't chair. These guidelines recommend Board Members seek legal advice from the Conflict of Interest Board at any time for free. Members should disclose any potential conflicts, then discuss the issue at hand, don't vote on the motion and state that you are not voting to avoid conflict (not an abstention), and don't chair any meetings where a potential conflict arises.

District Manager Rafael Moure-Punnett then outlined the Board's remaining fiscal year funds and a proposed fiscal year 2027 budget. He noted that by just continuing the community events and programs the Board does each year, the Board will exhaust its entire budget. Chair Capers also suggested more senior programming, including luncheons at senior centers sponsored by the Community Board. The committee discussed having further discussions with senior centers.

District Manager Rafael Moure-Punnett proposed that Community Board 6 join with other Boards in seeking a baseline budget increase each year from the city. The committee discussed the capital funding allocation for technology the Board received which was approved by OMB but is still being held by DCAS. The committee discussed additional funding for youth programs, the 5K run, Health Bucks, and fire education. A motion to forward a recommendation regarding baseline budget advocacy was made by Magdamary Marcano, seconded by Margie Espinosa, and adopted unanimously.

In the discussion on the National Night Out proposal, Carmen Rivera explained that the Precinct Council has not yet accessed the City Council funds allocated. Ms. Rivera explained the history of National Night Out funding as coming from community groups and not public funding and clarified that no funds are used by her personally. Rather, she explained she donates her personal funds to support Precinct Council programs. Previously, Council Member Ritchie Torres allocated funds to Phipps Neighborhoods which served as the fiscal conduit for the Precinct Council. Chair Capers asked about the public allocations for the National Night Out in previous years.

The committee then discussed increasing the Board's request to Council Member Feliz for discretionary funding. The committee also discussed the need to create the calendar for the next fiscal year as was created for the current year. The committee discussed the need to improve committee quorum, and a motion to end virtual attendance at committee meetings for Board members was made by Kristine Rivera, seconded by Maria Garcia, and adopted unanimously.