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**BOARD MEETING of the Dryades YMCA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2220 Oretha Castle Haley Boulevard
March 26, 2021
MINUTES**

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Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Dryades YMCA meeting was called to order, Friday, March 26, 2021 at 12:05 pm via Zoom teleconference meeting. Meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Board Barbara Lacen-Keller.

Board Members Present:	
Carlos Hornbrook	Samuel Odom
Mary Joseph	Ed Shanklin
Gilbert Jackson	Barbara Lacen-Keller
Cedric Patin	Thomas Watson

Board Members Not Present:	
H. Kenneth Johnston	Almarie Ford
Alex Selico-Dunn	

Staff Members:	
Alicia Oliver	Tara Alexander
Wanda Talton	
Sheila Matute	

Guests:	
Douglas Evans	
Marta Jewson, The Lens	
Paige Jackson, NOLA P.S.	
Kevin George, NOLA P.S.	

Invocation

BISHOP THOMAS WATSON, delivered the invocation

ALL, Amen.

Roll Call/Acknowledgement of Quorum/Certification of a Virtual Meeting

BARBARA LACEN-KELLER, thank you so much our roll call and acknowledgement of a quorum has been established, along with the Certification of a Virtual Meeting

Approval of Today's Agenda

√ - AI

MR. CEDRIC PATIN, was recognized by the Board Chair and made a motion to move the Executive Session of the Agenda to the end of the meeting

This motion was seconded by DR. SAMUEL ODOM

BARBARA LACEN-KELLER, before we accept the agenda, we will move to have the Executive Session to after the Program report, all those in favor, please raise your hand, and we'll also have a roll call for acknowledge as well, any nays, so motion carried to move the Executive Session to the end after the Program report, so now I'll move for approval of today's agenda

Board Members Poll	
Cedric Patin	Yes
Samuel Odom	Yes
Gilbert Jackson	Yes
Mary Joseph	Yes
Ed Shanklin	Yes
Carlos Hornbrook	Yes
Barbara Lacen-Keller	Yes

√ - AI

DR. SAMUEL ODOM, moved to accept today's agenda

MR. CARLOS HORNBROOK, seconded the motion

MS. BARBARA LACEN-KELLER, so it's been moved by Dr. Odom and seconded by Mr. Hornbrook that we receive today's agenda, all in favor say aye, with an acknowledgement by roll call, any opposed, okay, motion carried

Board Members Poll	
Cedric Patin	Yes
Samuel Odom	Yes
Gilbert Jackson	Yes
Mary Joseph	Yes
Ed Shanklin	Yes
Carlos Hornbrook	Yes

Public Comment

BARBARA LACEN-KELLER, have we received any notice by emails, written or phone call for request for Public Comment?

WANDA TALTON, yes ma'am, Marta Jewison is here from the Lens, she'd like to make a comment

Approval of:

Dryades Young Mens Christian Association Minutes, February 23, 2021

BARBARA LACEN-KELLER, now I will move for the approval of the prior board meeting minutes, you should have received that in your packet via email and I hope you had the opportunity to read them, and I will entertain if there are any corrections or edits to those minutes:

√ - AI

ED SHANKLIN, madam Chair, I would move in receipt of those minutes

√ - DENOTES AN ACTION ITEM

CARLOS HORNBROOK, I second

BARBARA LACEN-KELLER, it had been moved by Mr. Shanklin and seconded by Mr. Hornbrook that the minutes be received and accepted with any proper corrections if there are any, are you ready for the question, now we will entertain a vote by Roll Call

Board Members Poll	
Cedric Patin	Yes
Samuel Odom	Yes
Gilbert Jackson	Yes
Mary Joseph	Yes
Ed Shanklin	Yes
Carlos Hornbrook	Yes

BARBARA LACEN-KELLER, any nays any abstentions, our minutes from February 23, 2021 will become a part of the official records, next we will move down, as you will see our Finance Committee report has been deferred

Finance Report - DEFERRED

Program Committee Board Report

The Program Committee Chair, MS. MARY JOSEPH, delivered the reports for the following areas.

Early Childhood Board Report

YMCA Programs & Youth Development Board Report

Wellness Center Board Report

√ - AI

After the Program Committee Chair MS. MARY JOSEPH completed the above reports, she made a motion that reports be received

That report was seconded by MR. CEDRIC PATIN

BARBARA LACEN-KELLER, it had been moved by Ms. Joseph and seconded by Mr. Patin that we receive the Program Committee reports, are you ready for the question, are there any questions or comments before we move for approval?

MR. DOUGLAS EVANS, made a comment in reference to the work that the staff has done for all of the great work that they have done for the Dryades YMCA.

Board Members Poll	
Cedric Patin	Yes
Samuel Odom	Yes
Gilbert Jackson	Yes
Mary Joseph	Yes
Ed Shanklin	Yes
Carlos Hornbrook	Yes

Chairman's Comments

BARBARA LACEN-KELLER, thanked the staff and Mr. Evans for all the hard work he has for the Dryades YMCA and asked for a motion to move into the Executive Session.

√ - AI

A motion was made by MS. MARY JOSEPH to move to the Executive Session and seconded by DR. SAMUEL ODOM

BARBARA LACEN-KELLER, it's been moved by Ms. Joseph and seconded by Dr. Odom to move into the Executive Session, all those in favor, roll call please

Board Members Poll	
Cedric Patin	Yes
Samuel Odom	Yes
Gilbert Jackson	Yes
Mary Joseph	Yes
Ed Shanklin	Yes
Carlos Hornbrook	Yes

MS. CHARLIN GIPSON, attorney for the Dryades YMCA, stated for the record that the Board Directors would be going into Executive Session in accordance with Revised statute §42:17:810

MARY JOSEPH, Amen

ALMARIE FORD, yes we are

√ - DENOTES AN ACTION ITEM

BARBARA LACEN-KELLER, all of us, we're all in this together, so we're going to send you that poll for the Special Meeting, you know and again, I ask that you pray some special prayers for Gilbert and his family, special prayers for Almarie Ford because, you know, her life will never be the same, special prayers to Ms. Joseph and her husband, you know please and also our CEO, special prayers for him, you know, let's just hang on in here, now are there any other comments or suggestions, I'll move for adjournment.

DOUGLAS EVANS, I appreciate all your comments, one of the things we neglected to do, we said we were going to do it at the Finance Committee, the family that had a close connection to the Dryades YMCA, the parent worked for the Y, the daughter worked for the Y in the Wellness Center, for a while, can one of our Program give some detail on Ms. Larche and the young lady that we lost?

MARY JOSEPH, that's the four children Doug

DOUGLAS EVANS, yes, so I want to at least get that on the record for the YMCA's minutes

BARBARA LACEN-KELLER, yes, please

DOUGLAS EVANS, just wanted to acknowledge that, so

MARY JOSEPH, Alicia, are you there

ALICIA OLIVER, I'm here, I don't have the details, I know she was murdered in front of her children, we just want to lift up Ms. Larche, it was her daughter Erica Tate, was the young lady

BARBARA LACEN-KELLER, so wait, the young lady, so Ms. Larche, one of our staff members, and this is her daughter that was murdered?

MARY JOSEPH, right

ALICIA OLIVER, and her daughter worked at the Wellness Center

BARBARA LACEN-KELLER, so the lady that was murdered worked at the Wellness Center also, and she had four children?

MARY JOSEPH, so what specific lead will we want to address, Mr. Evans, do you know?

DOUGLAS EVANS, I haven't thought that through completely, but I was given Ms. Larche some time before I reached out to her, I was trying to ascertain what kind of need that she has because we know she has some and will have some because of the size of the family; but I will come back to you with some recommendation after I talk with her, but I at least wanted to get it officially on the record on today.

BARBARA LACEN-KELLER, okay, thank you Mr. Evans

MARY JOSEPH, I saw that on FaceBook Chanel Payne and some others have been trying to solicit things like diapers and those kinds of things because there's a toddler there somewhere in the mix

DOUGLAS, EVANS, yes

MARY JOSEPH, ...and there is a special plea being made to the community to help this family, so however we would want to do it I'm going to be in support of it Mr. Evans.

BARBARA LACEN-KELLER, also I'm in, whatever, let me know how I can assist and I'll get with the various groups that I'm involved in and do what we can.

DOUGLAS EVANS, okay

ALMARIE FORD, I'm also available to do what I can do

BARBARA LACEN-KELLER, thank you

DOUGLAS, EVANS, thank you

BARBARA LACEN-KELLER, and you can tell the men, even though they don't say anything, they're with us too, all we have to do is tell them, you know how they are, just tell them, they're with us

ED SHANKLIN, let me say this, she was always...when I'd go work out at the gym, she was always a smile, she always smiled and laughed and she always had kind comments when I'd go work out at the gym, I mean at the Wellness Center, so I know her very well

BARBARA LACEN-KELLER, okay, so Ms. Alicia and Mr. Evans, we'll be waiting to hear from you the direction we need to go in, okay

DOUGLAS EVANS, okay, will do

The board broke meeting for an Executive Session

The board reconvened from an Executive Session

Meeting Adjournment

BARBARA LACEN-KELLER, okay, thank you so much, so I'll entertain a motion for adjournment please

√ - AI

ED SHANKLIN, motion for adjournment

√ - DENOTES AN ACTION ITEM

MARY JOSEPH, second

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ed Shanklin and seconded by Mary Joseph. Motion carried by a roll call of all members present.

Board Members Poll	
Ed Shanklin	Yes
Cedric Patin	Yes
Alex Selico-Dunn	Yes
Samuel Odom	Yes
Mary Joseph	Yes
Almarie Ford	Yes

BARBARA LACEN-KELLER, motion is carried, thank you, I love you, bye, bye

Signed By:

Mary Joseph

Mary Joseph, DYMCA Board Secretary