

**Prosperity Denver Fund
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

September 13, 2023

7:30-9:30 AM MT

On Zoom

Attendees:

Board members: Mark Goodman, Theresa Peña, Polica Houston, Steve Kurtz, and Diana Romero Campbell; Milagros Barsallo Rubio and Jason Wardrip attended as non-voting members

Staff: Matt Jordan - CEO, Korrine Salas Young - Community Engagement Director, Amy Goodman - Lauren Sisneros - Project Manager, Rebecca Andruszka - Project Manager

Advisors: Meg Kauth, Chris Chopyak, TeRay Esquibel, Trey Rogers

Guests: Nate Cadeña - DSF, Natasha Garfield - DSF, Rhett Gutierrez- OCA, Lorii Rabinowitz - DSF

Call to order: Theresa Peña, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:31 AM. A quorum was present.

Motion to approve September 2023 board meeting minutes: *Mark Goodman moved, Polica Houston seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.*

Motion to approve the nomination of Jason Wardrip to the Prosperity Denver Fund Board of Directors: *Polica Houston moved, Mark Goodman seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.*

Meg Kauth and Chris Chopyak began the strategic planning session with icebreakers and a review of work done in previous discussions, including a mindmap. The Board reviewed proposed new language for the mission and vision statements and strategic objectives. Discussion included the following points:

- Steve Kurtz urged the group to be more ambitious in our statements and describe how we want to be more than a pass-through organization (although still within the mandate of the ordinance).
- Diana Romero Campbell emphasized the importance of focusing on the impact to scholars.

- Mark Goodman stressed the need to prioritize the ordinance and, as a project of a ballot measure, the will of the Denver voters.
- Polica Houston offered suggestions on how to scale our ambitions to our organizational size and scope.

Meeting participants were split into smaller groups for more focused discussion. They reported back the following points:

- What is our role in expanding the reach of supported organizations beyond the approximate 60% of DPS students they are currently serving?
- Which supported organizations' programs are the most impactful and how can we support them?
- How can we leverage opportunities for collective impact?
- How can we ensure that scholars (i.e. future voters) know and understand the impact of PDF on themselves and their peers?
- How can we use systems to address audit issues to ensure a "cleaner" audit in the future?
- How should we communicate the narrative of our *partnerships'* impact?

Meg and Chris will complete notes and revise language for the mission and vision statements.

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 AM.