

MINUTES
New Haven Democracy Fund Board
Special Meeting
August 11, 2008

Present: Caleb Kleppner (chair), Kevin DiAdamo, Stephen H. Kovel, Dennis Curtis, Maria Lamberto, and Robert Wechsler (Administrator).

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Approval of minutes from July 14, 2008 meeting.
3. Public comments requested; no public comments offered.
4. Discussion of possible recommendations of changes to Democracy Fund.

Motion by Caleb Kleppner – The Board recommends that the Board of Aldermen amend the contested election rule for the general election, so that it is met by having a candidate win a primary.

Passed 5-0-0.

Motion by Caleb Kleppner – The Board recommends that the Board of Aldermen change the ordinance so that any qualified candidate who wins a primary election is deemed to have qualified for the general election.

Passed 5-0-0.

5. Board reconsideration of prior recommendation regarding grants in compensation for independent expenditures in light of U.S. Supreme Court decision.

Motion by Dennis Curtis – The Board withdraws its prior recommendation regarding a grant mechanism relating to independent expenditures. Instead, tracking current State of Connecticut law, the Board recommend that the Board of Aldermen change the ordinance so that any independent expenditure over \$1,000 must be reported to the Democracy Fund within 5 days of when the obligation is made, or within 24 hours of when the obligation is made within the last 14 days of the election period.

Passed 5-0-0.

6. Discussion of 2008 priorities for Administrator and other Democracy Fund activities and obligations. Maria Lamberto stated her desire for Democracy Fund to coordinate its reporting system with the State reporting system as well as for a training program for candidates as to rules and obligations of the Democracy Fund.

7. Next meeting scheduled for September 15, 2008. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.