

BOARD OF DIRECTORS RETREAT MINUTES DRAFT

October 26, 2024, at 9AM
The Old Post Office
433 W Van Buren Street, Chicago IL 60606

Board Members Attending In-Person: Adnan Assad, Rolando Acosta, Dee Dee Chesley, Jessica Cardoni, Roberto Interiano, Meghan Kiesel, Jeff Kemerley, Lauren Long, Alex Maturi, Justin Orr, Carlos Pineiro, Liam O’Kane, Angela Igbineweka-Obaseki, Candace Williams, Kim White

On-Boarding Members: Desire Bernard-Forbes , Katheryn Steward,

Board Members Absent: Ronit Barrett, Homero Tristian

Christopher House Staff Attending: Julie Dakers, Chanel Wiley

Quorum Met.

Minutes Recorder: Chanel Wiley

Proceedings: Board Training. Meeting called to order at 9:30AM
No Business conducted or decisions made. Followed OMA meeting compliance

Opportunity for Public Comment:
There was no one present to make public comment.

Welcome, Presented by Julie Dakers
Julie Dakers called the meeting to order and welcomed Board members.

Leading Christopher House

Host: Christopher House Board DBEIJ Taskforce
Facilitator: Brian Corley, Single Story

The mark of an effective board is its ability to envision and pursue a path forward that best positions its constituency to have a more significant impact in the community it hopes to serve. Although having a vision is critical to an organization's success, it is also important to have goals, metrics, and standards that drive that success.

In this session, board members will engage in a reflective discussion that will give participants a better contextual understanding of the current state of the Christopher House community. We will connect participants’ understanding of this history to the DBEIJ Statement crafted by the DBEIJ Committee and discuss how the board can hold itself accountable for success in specific areas of challenge. This is the first of two sessions that will prepare the board for a deeper exploration of goals, metrics, and standards related to DEI.

Training Ended at 1:30pm