

The Municipal Forum of New York, Inc.

*Board of Governors Meeting
January 16, 2009 – 11:10 A.M., Via Conference Call*

Minutes of the Meeting

A regular meeting of The Municipal Forum of New York, Inc. (the “Forum”) was held on January 16, 2009 at 11:10 AM via conference call. Members of the Board of Governors (the “Board”) participating included: J. Branca, A. Anders, F. Walton, K. Bond, K. Daly, R. Dailey, N. Flynn S. Toledo, R. Raphael, and C. Woodell. C. Kostik, P. Lamas, D. Tomson were absent. The meeting was opened by J. Branca, the president at 11:10 PM.

The minutes of the last Board meeting held on October 10, 2008, were approved as presented, on motion of F. Walton, seconded by S. Toledo.

Ms. Walton gave the treasurer’s report. She reported that bank balances as of November 30, 2008 were \$381,189 for Municipal Forum Youth Education Fund (“MFEYF”), and \$190,667 for the Forum.

Messrs. Dailey and Raphael, as chairmen of the Annual Dinner committee, gave the report of the Annual Dinner committee and reported that Karen Daly and Dan Tomson would also serve on the committee. Mr. Dailey pointed out that the cost of the dinner needed to be kept low to attract high attendance. Concerns under NYS ethics rules for setting dinner rates for public sector members and their guest were raised [Secretary’s note: new ethics rules effective in 2007 were reviewed and reflected in changes to the Forum’s public official seating policy in 2008.]

Ms. Toledo gave the report of the Youth Education Fund. She said she has met with the “Young Professionals” group and that they want to be part of the Forum. It was the consensus of the Board that a standing committee be formed to include the young professionals. Upon motion of Mr. Flynn seconded by Ms. Woodell, the Young Professionals Committee of the Forum was created. Ms. Toledo also indicated that due to the present economic conditions, fewer private sector firms may participate in the MFYEF 2009 summer program. She suggested that more public sector firms be included as sponsoring institutions and take on summer interns at the cost of the Forum.

Mr. Flynn gave the report of the Nominating Committee. He indicated that membership growth is challenging in these economic times but that membership is stable.

New Business - There was no new business.

Old Business - There was no old business.

There being no further business placed on the table, the meeting was adjourned on motion of F. Walton, seconded by R. Dailey, at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth W. Bond
Secretary