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**MAYOR ADAMS APPOINTS THREE NEW MEMBERS TO PROCUREMENT POLICY BOARD**

*Guillermo Chacón Will Serve as New Chair*

*PPB Members Tasked With Establishing Rules Governing Procurement of Goods, Services, and Construction by NYC*

**NEW YORK** – New York City Mayor Eric Adams today announced the appointment of three new members to the Procurement Policy Board (PPB). The mayor named Guillermo Chacón as chair and Allison Stoddart and Wayne Lambert as new members to the board.

The PPB is responsible for promulgating rules and regulations for the procurement of goods, services, and construction by the City of New York. The new appointees will assist in driving procurement reform and amplifying the PPB’s mission to simplify, clarify, and modernize the city’s procurement system. Reducing red tape and promoting equitable procurement — especially for the city’s minority- and women-owned enterprises (M/WBEs) — continue to be key priorities for the Adams administration.

“Procurement policy may seem like an opaque issue — but this is how the city builds, delivers critical services, and so much more,” said **Mayor Adams**. “Even before I took office, we made clear that we would prioritize reforming procurement for our nonprofits, and through our Capital Process Reform Task Force, we are poised to significantly improve capital project delivery. These three new appointees will carry forward the mandate of ‘Getting Stuff Done’ and ensuring our procurement process is transparent, equitable, and accountable.”

“The reality is without procurement, New York City would not be able to provide New Yorkers with the quality of life they deserve,” said **Mayor’s Office of Contract Services Director Lisa Flores**. “How we procure goods and services, and the organizations we contract with, represent our city’s values and the work we put into realizing them. The PPB is tasked with the great responsibility to ensure the rules that govern how to do business with the city upholds the value we place on diversity and equity. This year’s PPB appointees mirror our city’s diversity — representing various professions and ethnic backgrounds. Congratulations to the appointees and

thank you to Mayor Adams for his continued commitment to elevating the standard by which we conduct business.”

Reforming New York City’s broken procurement system has been a top focus since day one of the Adams administration. The administration’s commitment to rid the city’s procurement process of decades-old bureaucratic hurdles and outdated business practices led to the creation of the [Joint Task Force to Get Nonprofits Paid on Time](#) and the [Capital Process Reform Task Force](#). The recommendations brought forth by these initiatives have proven instrumental in reforming the city’s procurement process — as evident by the more than \$4.2 billion in contractual dollars unlocked through the [“Clear the Backlog” initiative](#), a key recommendation of the Joint Task Force to Get Nonprofits Paid on Time. The recommendations of the two task forces made it clear that accountability, equity and fairness, transparency, and efficiency should be the focus of procurement reform. The existing procurement rules and policies are scheduled to be reviewed and updated by the PPB to ensure the recommendations of the two task forces are implemented.

“I am honored and humbled for this appointment by Mayor Eric Adams to serve on the Procurement Policy Board for our great city,” said **Guillermo Chacón, chair, Procurement Policy Board**. “I will bring my commitment and dedication, and I will give my best for this important appointment as chair for the PPB.”

The PPB is scheduled to meet on December 15, 2022, to review new legislative changes to city procurement and discuss changes to the existing rules and policies.

### **Guillermo Chacón, chair**

Since 2010, Guillermo Chacón has served as president of the Latino Commission on AIDS, and he is the founder of the Hispanic Health Network, where he is a vocal advocate on the chronic health conditions and health disparities affecting Hispanic/Latinx communities.

In July 2021, Chacón was appointed by U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra to serve on the United States Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA).

He also serves on the steering committee of the National Hispanic/Latinx Health Leadership Network; on the boards of the New York Immigration Coalition and New York City AIDS Memorial; as an advisor for Alianza Americas and AIDSVu.org; and as co-chair of the Latino Jewish Coalition in New York. He is a graduate of the National University of El Salvador.

### **Allison Stoddart**

Allison Stoddart is the chief of staff for the chief counsel to the mayor and City Hall. Stoddart was appointed in January 2022, at the beginning of the Adams administration, and works closely with the Mayor’s Office of Contract Services.

Before coming to City Hall, she was counsel at WilmerHale, where she advised clients on securities investigations and white-collar defense matters.

Stoddart previously served as a law clerk for the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire. She is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and Boston College Law School.

**Wayne Lambert**

Wayne Lambert is the director of supplier diversity at Turner & Townsend and leads the firm's efforts to enhance its supplier diversity program and expand the supply chain to create contract and capacity-building opportunities for diverse businesses, including minority- and women-owned businesses and small businesses. Lambert works with public and private sector clients and provides support to meet utilization targets, amongst other internal and external efforts in the area of diversity.

Previously, Lambert worked in the public sector, where he had over 15 years of experience in supplier and workforce diversity, spending time in the New York City Mayor's Office of Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprises as deputy director of programs; as chief diversity and industry relations officer with the New York City Department of Design and Construction; leading M/WBE efforts and supporting health equity initiatives at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; and working at the New York City Department of Small Business Services, where he connected over 10,000 small businesses to public and private sector opportunities.

Lambert is a graduate of the City College of New York and the Baruch College Zicklin School of Business.

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