



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
Wednesday, November 15, 2023

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A regular meeting of the Cuyahoga Arts & Culture (CAC) Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:02 p.m. at Cleveland Public Library, Main Branch, Louis Stokes Wing, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

The roll call showed that Trustees Blakemore, Isenhart, Mendez, Scott Taylor, and Sherman were present. It was determined that there was a quorum.

Also in attendance were Executive Director Jill Paulsen and CAC staff.

President Mendez welcomed the audience and said that today's meeting is where the Board approves 2024 grants for General Operating Support, Project Support, and Cultural Heritage programs. She added that grantmaking to nonprofits is precisely what CAC was designed to do and that CAC wants to celebrate the hard work of the 300 organizations recommended for grants today.

President Mendez acknowledged that today's meeting is happening at a difficult time for our arts community. She acknowledged that there are differing opinions on how future levy funding should be allocated and that some artists do not feel heard. She added that there is now uncertainty about when a potential campaign for expanded public funding can even take place. She said that CAC takes these issues seriously. CAC knows there is work to be done to build trusting relationships that will allow our sector to move forward in a healthy manner. She noted that we have been working on this. And we'll continue to do so.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Trustee Scott Taylor, seconded by Trustee Isenhart, to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2023 meeting, with the recommended correction (below) made by Trustee Sherman.

Discussion: Trustee Sherman stated that the minutes should be corrected, under the discussion of the action to approve the personnel report, to change the word "how" to "what".

Motion by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Trustee Scott Taylor to amend and accept the minutes with the change the word from "how" to "what" in the section of the minutes under approval of personnel report.

Vote – Ayes: Blakemore, Mendez, Scott Taylor, Sherman. Nays: None. Abstain: Isenhart. The motion carried.

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

Public comment was made by:

Nathan Motta, Dobama Theatre, general operating support grant recipient

Hattie Kotz, Children's Museum of Cleveland, general operating support grant recipient

Dr. Kirsten Ellenbogen, Great Lakes Science Center, general operating support grant recipient

## **3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Paulsen thanked everyone for joining her and the Board. Ms. Paulsen's remarks can be found in the Board materials.

## **4. FINANCE AND GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Finance Report**

Ms. Harris stated that tax revenue through October 31 was \$8,464,015. This is \$469,485 (5.26%) below forecast and \$665,897 (7.3%) less than the same period in 2022. Interest revenue through October was \$399,048 which is \$50,248 above forecast. This is the result of increases in interest rates since the beginning of the year. She stated that expenditures for non-grant expenses through October were \$797,108 and are tracking \$70,320 below budget, primarily due to timing of payments.

Trustee Sherman asked how much money was in the bank. Ms. Harris replied that there is approximately \$12 million in the bank and \$815,000 outstanding as a receivable. Trustee Sherman asked how much money would be unencumbered at the end of December. Ms. Harris said approximately \$1.9 million, as shown on page 13 of the Board packet. Ms. Harris added that those funds will be used to ensure CAC could provide the same grant award amounts to General Operating Support and Cultural Heritage recipients in 2025.

### **Approval of 2024 Board Meeting Schedule**

Trustee Mendez stated that the 2024 Board meeting schedule was included in the packet for the Board's approval.

Motion by Trustee Scott Taylor, seconded by Trustee Blakemore, to approve the 2024 Board meeting schedule.

Discussion: Trustee Sherman stated that she could not attend a meeting on February 21 and asked that the meeting be moved to February 13 or 15. It was agreed a new date would be found for the February meeting.

Vote – all Ayes.

## **5. BOARD ACTION**

Mr. Sinatra, CAC director of grantmaking strategy and communications, provided an overview of the 2024 grant application and panel review process, including the recommendations for 2024 grantmaking totaling \$10,750,487 for 300 organizations. Mr. Sinatra provided summary comments which were included in the grants memo in the Board materials, provided to the Board in advance of the meeting.

Director Paulsen provided an update to the Board on the status of The Cleveland Ballet. Trustee Isenhart requested that the grant to The Cleveland Ballet be approved separately with additional conditions.

Ms. Isenhart asked that the criteria for grantmaking be reiterated. Mr. Sinatra reviewed the scoring criteria (public benefit, artistic and cultural vibrancy, and organizational capacity), as well as the score needed to be recommended for funding (Included in program guidelines).

### **Approval of General Operating Support 2024 Grant Amounts**

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Mr. Sinatra presented the Board with the slate of 2024 General Operating Support grantees and highlighted 73 organizations recommended for funding.

The following actions were taken:

Motion by Trustee Scott Taylor, seconded by Trustee Mendez, to approve the 2024 General Operating Support grants (below).

Discussion: Trustee Sherman stated that she thinks that all grants should be made at the December meeting and CAC administrative budget should also be provided and approved at this time. Everything should be done at one time.

Trustee Sherman motioned to delay approval of grants to December. There was no second to the motion.

Trustee Sherman motioned to increase the funding pool by \$1million to restore grants to their base level. There was no second to the motion.

Trustee Sherman motioned to take increases from GOS grantees recommended for increases, and to give that money to GOS grantees receiving decreased amounts. There was no second to the motion.

Vote – Ayes: Isenhart, Mendez, Scott Taylor. Nays: Sherman. Abstain: Blakemore. The motion carried.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
Western Reserve Historical Society		\$ 202,424

Motion by Trustee Blakemore, seconded by Trustee Scott Taylor, to approve the 2024 General Operating Support grants (below).

Discussion: None.

Vote – Ayes. Blakemore, Mendez, Scott Taylor. Nays: Sherman. Abstain: Isenhart. The motion carried.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
Beck Center for the Arts		\$ 115,525
SPACES		\$ 34,003

Motion by Trustee Blakemore, seconded by Trustee Scott Taylor, to approve the 2024 General Operating Support grants (below).

Discussion: None.

Vote – Ayes: Blakemore, Isenhart, Mendez. Nays: Sherman. Abstain: Scott Taylor. The motion carried.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
Arts Impact		\$ 42,668

Motion by Trustee Scott Taylor, seconded by Trustee Mendez, to approve the 2024 General Operating Support grants (below).

Discussion: None.

Vote – Ayes: Blakemore, Isenhart, Mendez, Scott Taylor. Abstain: Sherman. The motion carried.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
Cleveland Institute of Art		\$ 486,867
DANCECleveland		\$ 38,611
FRONT International	76.50	\$ 82,204
The Cleveland Orchestra		\$ 863,659

Motion by Trustee Scott Taylor, seconded by Trustee Isenhart, to a grant to the Cleveland Ballet (below) contingent on the results of the final report related to the current workplace investigation.

Discussion: None.

Vote – Ayes: Blakemore, Isenhart, Mendez, Scott Taylor. Nays: Sherman. The motion carried.

Cleveland Ballet		\$ 73,954
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Motion by Trustee Scott Taylor, seconded by Trustee Mendez, to approve the 2024 General Operating Support grants (below).

Discussion: None.

Vote – Ayes: Blakemore, Isenhart, Mendez, Scott Taylor. Nays: Sherman. The motion carried.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
Apollo's Fire Baroque Orchestra		\$ 102,914
Art House		\$ 25,225
Art Therapy Studio		\$ 44,753
Artists Archives of the Western Reserve		\$ 23,028
Assembly for the Arts		\$ 42,649

BAYarts		\$ 42,579
Broadway School of Music and the Arts		\$ 24,967
Center for Arts-Inspired Learning		\$ 83,621
Chagrin Documentary Film Festival	78.50	\$ 31,383
Chagrin Valley Little Theater		\$ 25,182
Children's Museum of Cleveland		\$ 91,210
Cleveland Botanical Garden		\$ 149,843
Cleveland Classical Guitar Society		\$ 32,816
Cleveland Institute of Music		\$ 472,791
Cleveland International Film Festival		\$ 106,206
Cleveland Jazz Orchestra		\$ 17,263
Cleveland Museum of Natural History		\$ 437,584
Cleveland Play House		\$ 264,669
Cleveland Pops Orchestra		\$ 51,196
Cleveland Print Room	88.50	\$ 36,742
Cleveland Public Theatre		\$ 86,632
Cleveland Restoration Society		\$ 75,733
Collective Arts Network		\$ 23,551
Contemporary Youth Orchestra		\$ 23,704
Dancing Wheels		\$ 39,212
Doan Brook Watershed Partnership		\$ 33,053
Dobama Theatre		\$ 39,797
Dunham Tavern Museum & Gardens		\$ 15,670
Ensemble Theatre		\$ 15,226
Great Lakes Science Center		\$ 216,921
Great Lakes Theater		\$ 139,572
GroundWorks DanceTheater		\$ 40,117
Heights Arts		\$ 23,572
ICA - Art Conservation		\$ 63,512
Ideastream Public Media		\$ 537,116
Ingenuity		\$ 34,724
Inlet Dance Theatre		\$ 26,025
Karamu House <sup>†</sup>		\$ 113,918
Lake Erie Ink		\$ 26,583
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center		\$ 63,683
LAND studio		\$ 152,738
Literary Cleveland	92.75	\$ 23,208
Maltz Museum		\$ 109,938
Morgan Conservatory		\$ 30,665
Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland		\$ 104,387
Musical Theater Project		\$ 34,744
Nature Center at Shaker Lakes		\$ 73,516
Near West Theatre		\$ 47,702

North Coast Men's Chorus		\$ 19,884
Ohio Contemporary Ballet		\$ 35,516
Piano Cleveland		\$ 58,031
Playhouse Square		\$ 872,438
Rainey Institute		\$ 70,645
Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum		\$ 670,975
Roots of American Music		\$ 21,447
Sculpture Center	78.50	\$ 15,384
Shaker Historical Society		\$ 13,381
Singing Angels		\$ 16,505
The Cleveland Museum of Art		\$ 869,265
The Cleveland Opera		\$ 11,760
The Music Settlement		\$ 177,229
Ukrainian Museum Archives		\$ 16,047
Valley Art Center		\$ 28,499
Zygote Press		\$ 21,239

### **Approval of Project Support 2024 Grants**

Mr. Sinatra stated that the Board would be asked to approve the grant amounts and scores for the 237 Project Support grants.

Motion by Trustee Scott Taylor, seconded by Trustee Isenhart, to approve the 2024 Project Support grants (below).

Discussion: None

Vote – Ayes: Isenhart, Mendez, Scott Taylor, Sherman. Abstain: Blakemore. The motion carried.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad	Yes	\$ 3,410
Mandel JCC		\$ 13,300

Motion by Trustee Scott Taylor, seconded by Trustee Blakemore, to approve the 2024 Project Support grants (below).

Discussion: None

Vote – Ayes Blakemore, Isenhart, Mendez, Scott Taylor. Abstain: Sherman. The motion carried.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
Jewish Federation of Cleveland		\$ 12,960

Motion by Trustee Blakemore, seconded by Trustee Isenhart, to approve the 2024 Project Support grants (below).

Discussion: None

Vote – Ayes: Blakemore, Isenhart, Mendez, Scott Taylor, Sherman. The motion carried.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
Abrepaso Flamenco	Yes	\$ 4,265
Achievement Centers for Children	Yes	\$ 4,265
America Asian Pacific Islander Organization <sup>†</sup>		\$ 4,265
America SCORES Cleveland		\$ 14,880
American Hungarian Friends of Scouting		\$ 8,685
American Slovenian Polka Foundation		\$ 3,410
Aradhana Committee <sup>†</sup>	92.60	\$ 15,790
Art of Me <sup>†</sup>	85.60	\$ 13,135
Artful		\$ 3,410
Arts in Strongsville	Yes	\$ 3,410
Arts Renaissance Tremont (ART)		\$ 3,410
Arts Without Borders	Yes	\$ 3,410
Association of African American Cultural Garden <sup>†</sup>		\$ 4,265
Babel Box Theater <sup>†</sup> *	Yes	\$ 3,410
Baldwin Wallace University		\$ 15,815
Baseball Heritage Museum	Yes	\$ 2,730
Bay Village Community Band	Yes	\$ 2,730
Beachwood Arts Council	Yes	\$ 4,265
Bedford Historical Society	Yes	\$ 2,455
Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging		\$ 4,265
Berea Arts Fest	85.00	\$ 7,615
BigHearted Blooms		\$ 4,265
BlueWater Chamber Orchestra	75.60	\$ 12,890
BorderLight		\$ 15,305
Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio*	Yes	\$ 4,265
Brite Cleveland		\$ 15,305
Brooklyn Heights Service Clubs		\$ 3,410
Canalway Partners		\$ 3,410
Carolyn L. Farrell Foundation	76.00	\$ 12,960
Case Western Reserve University		\$ 3,410
Cassidy Theatre	84.40	\$ 14,395
Cedar Fairmount Special Improvement District		\$ 3,410
Celebrate the Arts Performance Academy <sup>†</sup>		\$ 4,265
Center for Employment Opportunities*	Yes	\$ 4,265
Cesear's Forum		\$ 3,410
Chagrin Arts	90.00	\$ 15,345

ChamberFest Cleveland	84.60	\$ 14,425
Choral Arts Cleveland	Yes	\$ 3,410
City Ballet of Cleveland	78.00	\$ 9,975
City Club of Cleveland		\$ 15,090
CityMusic Cleveland	95.40	\$ 16,270
Cleveland Chamber Choir	82.60	\$ 9,740
Cleveland Chamber Collective	Yes	\$ 4,265
Cleveland Chamber Music Society		\$ 11,285
Cleveland Chamber Symphony	81.20	\$ 5,885
Cleveland Composers Guild		\$ 3,410
Cleveland Contemporary Chinese Culture Association <sup>†</sup>	82.00	\$ 9,385
Cleveland Dance Project Company		\$ 4,265
Cleveland Grays Armory Museum		\$ 3,410
Cleveland Inner City Ballet <sup>†</sup>		\$ 3,410
Cleveland Leadership Center		\$ 3,410
Cleveland Opera Theater		\$ 4,265
Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra	Yes	\$ 3,410
Cleveland Photo Fest	Yes	\$ 4,265
Cleveland Pride Band	Yes	\$ 4,265
Cleveland Rape Crisis Center		\$ 4,265
Cleveland Repertory Orchestra		\$ 3,410
Cleveland Rocks: Past Present and Future		\$ 14,750
Cleveland School of the Arts Board of Trustees		\$ 14,610
Cleveland Seed Bank		\$ 3,410
Cleveland Shakespeare Festival		\$ 3,410
Cleveland Silent Film Festival and Colloquium		\$ 3,410
Cleveland TOPS Swingband		\$ 3,410
Cleveland Treatment Center	81.00	\$ 4,075
Cleveland Uncommon Sound Project		\$ 4,265
Cleveland Winds		\$ 3,410
Cleveland Women's Orchestra		\$ 3,410
Colors+ Youth Center		\$ 4,265
Community Cup Classic Foundation <sup>†</sup>		\$ 3,410
Connecting for Kids		\$ 4,265
convergence-continuum		\$ 10,895
Coventry PEACE Campus		\$ 3,410
Coventry Village Special Improvement District		\$ 3,410
Dance Evert		\$ 4,265
Dancing Classrooms Northeast Ohio	Yes	\$ 2,935
Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio		\$ 3,410
Downtown Cleveland Alliance		\$ 14,920
East Cleveland Farmers' Market Preservation Society		\$ 2,140
Edward E. Parker Museum of Art <sup>†</sup>		\$ 3,410



Empowering Epilepsy		\$ 4,265
Encore Chamber Music Institute		\$ 6,340
Environmental Health Watch <sup>†</sup>		\$ 15,815
Euclid Beach Park Now		\$ 3,410
Far West Center		\$ 4,265
Folknet	Yes	\$ 3,410
Food Strong		\$ 4,265
Fostering Hope		\$ 4,265
Friends of the East Cleveland Public Library <sup>†</sup>		\$ 3,410
Friends of the McGaffin Carillon		\$ 6,310
From Me 2 U <sup>†</sup>		\$ 4,265
Front Steps Housing and Services		\$ 4,265
FrontLine Service		\$ 4,265
FutureHeights		\$ 4,265
Gardening in the District <sup>†</sup>		\$ 3,410
German Central		\$ 3,070
German Music Society		\$ 1,365
Golden Ciphers Youth Development & Cultural Arts Center <sup>†</sup>	Yes	\$ 4,265
Good Company: A Vocal Ensemble	Yes	\$ 4,265
Graffiti HeArt	Yes	\$ 3,410
Greater Cleveland Film Commission	Yes	\$ 4,265
Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers Association		\$ 14,710
Group Plan Commission		\$ 4,265
Harvard Community Services Center <sup>†</sup>	Yes	\$ 3,410
Hasani Management Inc <sup>†</sup>		\$ 3,410
Heights Youth Theatre		\$ 13,970
Henry Johnson Center <sup>†</sup>		\$ 4,265
Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corporation		\$ 9,920
Hospice of the Western Reserve		\$ 13,030
In Harmony Therapeutic Services		\$ 9,040
India Fest USA <sup>†</sup>		\$ 3,410
InMotion*	Yes	\$ 3,410
International Community Council	Yes	\$ 3,410
International Women's Air & Space Museum		\$ 3,410
Italian Cultural Garden		\$ 3,410
Jennings Center for Older Adults		\$ 14,750
Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland Ohio		\$ 4,265
John Carroll University*	Yes	\$ 4,265
Jones Road Family Development Corporation		\$ 10,810
Kaboom Collective	80.20	\$ 13,675
Kings & Queens of Art <sup>†</sup> *	Yes	\$ 3,410
Kulture Kids		\$ 14,725
Lakewood Young Filmmakers Academy	85.60	\$ 7,185

LakewoodAlive		\$ 4,265
Larchmere PorchFest		\$ 3,410
Les Délices	90.00	\$ 15,345
LGBT Community Center Greater Cleveland		\$ 4,265
Little Italy Redevelopment Corporation		\$ 2,730
Little Lumpy's Center for Educational Initiatives†		\$ 11,165
Local 4 Music Fund		\$ 15,475
LYLESART†		\$ 4,265
M.U.S.i.C.	89.40	\$ 10,670
Maelstrom Collaborative Arts	80.20	\$ 13,675
Malachi Center		\$ 4,050
Mantles and Makers†*	Yes	\$ 3,410
May Dugan Center		\$ 3,410
Men of Independence		\$ 3,410
MidTown Cleveland	Yes	\$ 4,265
Museum of Creative Human Art†	Yes	\$ 4,265
Music and Art at Trinity		\$ 11,770
Naach Di Cleveland†	Yes	\$ 3,410
NAMI Greater Cleveland	Yes	\$ 4,265
New Avenues to Independence		\$ 2,970
NewBridge Cleveland Center for Arts & Technology	87.80	\$ 14,970
No Exit	Yes	\$ 3,410
North East Ohio Musical Heritage Association		\$ 4,265
North Pointe Ballet*	Yes	\$ 4,265
North Union Farmers Market		\$ 4,265
Northeast Ohio Hispanic Center for Economic Development†		\$ 3,070
Northwest Neighborhoods CDC		\$ 8,235
OCA Greater Cleveland†		\$ 4,265
Oh Sew Powerful†		\$ 4,265
Ohio City Incorporated	Yes	\$ 4,265
Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation	Yes	\$ 4,265
One South Euclid	Yes	\$ 4,265
Open Doors Academy		\$ 15,475
Open Tone Music†		\$ 12,790
Pakistani Cultural Garden†		\$ 3,410
PALS for Healing		\$ 14,535
Parma Area Fine Arts Council	Yes	\$ 3,410
Polish Village Parma	Yes	\$ 3,410
Praxis Fiber Workshop	89.60	\$ 15,280
Radio on the Lake Theatre*	Yes	\$ 3,410
Reaching Heights		\$ 3,410
Refresh Collective		\$ 15,970
Refugee Response	82.80	\$ 14,120

Renovare Music	85.40	\$ 8,520
Restore Cleveland Hope	Yes	\$ 3,410
Ridna Shkola Cleveland*	Yes	\$ 4,265
Roberto Ocasio Foundation†		\$ 3,410
Rollin' Buckkeyez†		\$ 4,265
Schmooze Ohio†		\$ 1,705
School of Cleveland Ballet	86.60	\$ 14,770
Shaker Arts Council	Yes	\$ 3,410
Shore Cultural Centre	Yes	\$ 3,410
Slavic Village Development		\$ 3,410
SOS: Strengthening Our Students†	Yes	\$ 3,410
St. Clair Superior Development Corp.	Yes	\$ 4,265
Stellar Acrobatic Dance Academy†		\$ 3,410
Studio Institute*	Yes	\$ 4,265
STV Bavaria	Yes	\$ 4,265
Suburban Symphony Orchestra	Yes	\$ 4,265
Talespinner Children's Theatre	91.80	\$ 15,655
Tender Hearts Crusades†	Yes	\$ 4,265
The Foundry*	Yes	\$ 4,265
The Gathering Place		\$ 4,265
The Harvard Square Center†		\$ 3,410
The Movement Project		\$ 12,795
Thea Bowman Center†		\$ 3,410
Tremont West Development Corporation		\$ 7,640
Trobár Medieval	Yes	\$ 4,265
Ukrainian Cultural Arts Association of Greater Cleveland		\$ 2,560
Union Miles Development Corporation†		\$ 4,265
University Circle Inc.		\$ 13,580
Upcycle Parts Shop	Yes	\$ 4,265
UpStage Players		\$ 3,410
Ursuline College	Yes	\$ 4,265
VIVA Bavaria		\$ 3,410
Wake Up and Live's Actor's Studio†	Yes	\$ 3,410
Waterloo Arts	91.60	\$ 15,620
West Park Kamm's Neighborhood Development	Yes	\$ 4,265
West Side Catholic Center		\$ 4,265
West Side Community House†	91.40	\$ 15,390
Western Reserve Chorale		\$ 4,265
Western Reserve Fire Museum & Education Center	Yes	\$ 3,410
Western Reserve Land Conservancy		\$ 3,410
Westlake Chinese School†	Yes	\$ 3,410
Westown Community Development Corporation		\$ 3,410
Windsong, Cleveland's Feminist Chorus	Yes	\$ 4,265

Women in History	Yes	\$ 3,410
Writers in Residence		\$ 4,260
Youth Challenge		\$ 4,265

### **Approval of Cultural Heritage 2024 Grants**

Mr. Sinatra stated that the Board would be asked to approve the grant amounts and score for the 13 Cultural Heritage organizations recommended for funding.

Motion by Trustee Scott Taylor, seconded by Trustee Isenhart, to approve the Cultural Heritage grants (below).

Discussion: None.

Vote – Ayes: Blakemore, Isenhart, Mendez, Scott Taylor, Sherman. The motion carried.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
AfricaHouse International <sup>†</sup>		\$ 19,780
Buck Out Foundation <sup>†</sup>		\$ 15,075
Cleveland Association of Black Storytellers <sup>†</sup>		\$ 5,000
CollectivExpress <sup>†</sup>	86.80	\$ 8,542
Djapo Cultural Arts Institute <sup>†</sup>		\$ 19,389
DuffyLit <sup>†</sup>		\$ 15,711
Foluke Cultural Arts <sup>†</sup>		\$ 30,000
Greater Cleveland Urban Film Festival <sup>†</sup>		\$ 30,000
Julia De Burgos Cultural Arts Center <sup>†</sup>		\$ 30,000
LatinUs Theater Company <sup>†</sup>		\$ 23,828
Mojuba! Dance Collective <sup>†</sup>		\$ 8,820
Sankofa <sup>†</sup>		\$ 7,714
Slovenian Museum and Archives		\$ 6,583

Trustee Mendez thanked the applicants and CAC staff for their diligent work and thanked the Cuyahoga County residents for their generous support.

### **6. ASSEMBLY FOR THE ARTS**

Mr. Johnson gave an update at 5:16 on the progress toward a potential levy to expand funding that will flow through CAC to support the arts. He said it is his number one agenda item. The presentation lasted until 5:22. During the presentation Mr. Johnson said that a levy to raise the tax on cigarettes will cost approximately \$1.6 million and that, to date, Assembly for Action had not raised any money for a campaign.

### **7. Public Comment**

Public comment was made by:

Anastasia Pantsios, photographer writer and editor of Cool Cleveland

Gwendolyn Garth, artist and Kings and Queens of Art – Project Support grant recipient, former CAC Board member

M. Carmen Lane, artist

Linda Armstead, artist

The next meeting will be held at 3:30 pm on Wednesday, December 13, 2023.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Scott Taylor, seconded by Trustee Blakemore, to adjourn the meeting. No discussion. Vote – all ayes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 pm.

Attest:

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Karolyn Isenhardt, Secretary, Board of Trustees