



## **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

Monday, November 14, 2016

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A meeting of the Cuyahoga Arts & Culture (CAC) Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:15 pm at the Mandel Jewish Community Center, 26001 South Woodland Road, Beachwood, OH 44122.

The roll call showed that Trustees Gwendolyn Garth, Joe Gibbons, Steve Minter and Charna Sherman were present. It was determined that there was a quorum.

Also in attendance were: CAC staff: Karen Gahl-Mills, executive director; Jill Paulsen, deputy director; Rosh Ahmadian; Meg Harris; Jessica Kayse; Dan McLaughlin; Jake Sinatra and Nicole Thomas.

County Executive Armond Budish made welcoming remarks.

Trustee Mark Avsec arrived at 4:21 pm.

### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Trustee Minter, seconded by Trustee Avsec, to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2016 and November 3, 2016 Board meetings. Discussion: None. Vote: all ayes. The motion carried.

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

Dominic Moore-Dunson (Inlet Dance Theater), Bill Wade (Inlet Dance Theater), Sean Watterson (Community Partnership for Arts and Culture), Jimmy Kuehnle (Cuyahoga County resident) and Lenora Brown (Cuyahoga County resident) made comments about funding for artists, including CAC's proposed partnership with National Arts Strategies and past partnership with Community Partnership for Arts and Culture.

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

Ms. Gahl-Mills thanked the County Executive, Armond Budish, for his remarks, and the Mandel Jewish Community Center for hosting our meeting. Ms. Gahl-Mills shared a brief update on CAC's organizational planning process and how it has informed the agency's recommendation for a new direction to support artists in 2017. Lastly, Ms. Gahl-Mills acknowledged the more than 200 organizations recommended to receive grants and affirmed CAC's support for arts and cultural organizations and projects in the coming year.

#### **4. CONNECT WITH CULTURE**

Mr. McLaughlin introduced Ms. Heather Ross-Lowenstein, past chair of the Jewish FilmFest, who offered remarks about the value of support from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, including how support from CAC has helped the film festival to expand to reach new audiences and bring the community together.

#### **5. FINANCE REPORT**

Ms. Harris gave a report on Cuyahoga Arts & Culture's finances. She provided an overview of the organization's financial results year-to-date, stating that revenue through October 31 was \$12,409,179. This figure is \$124,179 (1.01%) above forecast for the first 10 months of the year and 5.23% below revenue for the same period in 2015. Ms. Harris stated that CAC's investment income through October was \$177,912 which exceeded forecast by \$77,912. Ms. Harris stated that year-to-date cash expenditures were \$13,860,304 which is slightly under budget for the period and primarily related to the timing of grant payments.

Ms. Harris stated that the Board had received a memo that outlined the elements of the 2017 budget which will be presented to the Board for approval at the December 12 meeting. She noted that the proposed 2017 budget will include an increased recommendation for expenditures – specifically tied to additional arts and culture investments focused on experimenting with new programs that are a result of our community listening.

#### **6. DISCUSSION – Artist Funding**

Ms. Paulsen shared a brief overview of the recommendation for a 2017-18 Creative Community Fellowship, in partnership with National Arts Strategies. The Board engaged in questions and discussions.

Trustee Garth asked whether it was possible to train an entity local to Cuyahoga County to take on the facilitation of grants to artists.

Trustee Avsec asked about the administration cost of the proposed program compared to prior years.

Trustee Sherman expressed support and excitement for CAC's new direction.

Trustee Minter asked for more details on the shortcomings of the current program.

Trustee Gibbons asked CAC staff to explain why it is proposing to work with National Arts Strategies specifically.

#### **7. BOARD ACTION**

##### **Approval of 2016 Project Support Grant Scores, Allocations and Grant Awards**

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Mr. McLaughlin presented an overview of the [2017 Project Support Program Memo](#) provided to the Board in advance of this meeting.

The following actions were taken throughout the presentation:

### Approval of 2017 Project Support scores

Motion by Trustee Garth, seconded by Trustee Sherman, to approve the scores for 2017 Project Support I and II. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. The motion carried.

### Allocation of 2017 Project Support funds

Motion by Trustee Minter, seconded by Trustee Sherman, to approve the allocation of \$1,907,612 to the 2017 Project Support Grant Program. Discussion: Vote: All ayes. The motion carried.

### Approval of grants for 2017 Project Support

Motion by Trustee Gibbons, seconded by Trustee Minter, to approve the 2017 Project Support grants as listed in the Board handout to Jewish Federation of Cleveland (below). Discussion: None. Vote – Ayes: Avsec, Garth, Gibbons, Minter. Nays: None. Abstain: Sherman. The motion carried.

Program	Organization	Award
PS I	Jewish Federation of Cleveland	\$30,392

Motion by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Trustee Minter, to approve the 2017 Project Support grants as listed in the Board handout (below). Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Program	Organization Name	Amount
PS I	America SCORES Cleveland	\$16,149.00
PS I	American Hungarian Friends of Scouting	\$21,080.00
PS I	Aradhana Committee	\$31,100.00
PS I	Art Therapy Studio	\$30,400.00
PS I	Baldwin Wallace University	\$29,100.00
PS I	Berea Arts Fest, Inc.	\$6,362.00
PS I	BlueWater Chamber Orchestra	\$15,137.00
PS I	Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland	\$35,000.00
PS I	Brite Cleveland	\$29,317.00
PS I	Building Bridges	\$11,736.00
PS I	Cassidy Theatre Inc.	\$9,488.00
PS I	Chagrin Arts	\$16,104.00
PS I	ChamberFest Cleveland	\$28,700.00
PS I	CityMusic Cleveland	\$30,500.00
PS I	Cleveland Arts Prize	\$23,280.00
PS I	Cleveland Classical Guitar Society	\$12,185.00
PS I	Cleveland Contemporary Chinese Culture Association	\$24,440.00
PS I	Cleveland Opera Theater	\$28,150.00
PS I	Cleveland Print Room, Inc.	\$23,250.00
PS I	Cleveland TOPS Swingband	\$4,691.00

PS I	Cleveland Women's Orchestra	\$6,840.00
PS I	convergence-continuum	\$11,281.00
PS I	Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization	\$12,499.00
PS I	Downtown Cleveland Alliance	\$31,000.00
PS I	Duffy Liturgical Dance Ensemble	\$13,333.00
PS I	Earth Day Coalition	\$29,750.00
PS I	Ensemble Theatre of Cleveland	\$15,612.00
PS I	Fevered Dreams	\$26,078.00
PS I	Foluke Cultural Arts Center, Inc.	\$13,966.00
PS I	Friends of Cleveland School of the Arts	\$31,100.00
PS I	Gordon Square Arts District	\$19,451.00
PS I	Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers	\$6,947.00
PS I	Greater Cleveland Urban Film Foundation	\$12,279.00
PS I	Heights Youth Theatre	\$23,017.00
PS I	Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corporation	\$8,658.00
PS I	Historic Warehouse District Development Corporation	\$7,728.00
PS I	Hospice of the Western Reserve	\$35,000.00
PS I	Ingenuity	\$29,100.00
PS I	Jennings Center for Older Adults	\$9,730.00
PS I	Jones Road Family Development Corporation	\$15,496.00
PS I	Julia de Burgos Cultural Arts Center	\$18,455.00
PS I	Karamu House	\$30,400.00
PS I	Kulture Kids	\$18,812.00
PS I	Lake Erie Ink: a writing space for youth	\$22,943.00
PS I	Les Délices	\$14,837.00
PS I	Local 4 Music Fund	\$20,509.00
PS I	Mandel Jewish Community Center of Cleveland	\$27,720.00
PS I	Mercury Summer Stock	\$19,700.00
PS I	Merrick House	\$6,866.00
PS I	Music and Art at Trinity	\$20,965.00
PS I	NewBridge Cleveland	\$35,000.00
PS I	North Union Farmers Market	\$5,095.00
PS I	Northeast Shores Development Corporation	\$7,297.00
PS I	Open Doors Academy	\$35,000.00
PS I	Quire Cleveland	\$7,824.00
PS I	Scenarios USA	\$35,000.00
PS I	School of Cleveland Ballet	\$4,150.00
PS I	Shore Civic Centre	\$10,640.00
PS I	Slavic Village Development	\$28,140.00
PS I	St. Clair Superior Development Corporation	\$35,000.00
PS I	Talespinner Children's Theatre	\$10,284.00

PS I	The City Club of Cleveland	\$19,317.00
PS I	The Musical Theater Project	\$27,500.00
PS I	The West Shore Chorale	\$5,764.00
PS I	Theater Ninjas	\$10,071.00
PS I	Tremont West Development Corp.	\$11,447.00
PS I	University Circle Inc.	\$31,250.00
PS I	University Hospitals Health System	\$30,750.00
PS I	Ursuline College	\$22,843.00
PS I	Waterloo Arts	\$20,992.00
PS I	West Side Community House	\$22,393.00
PS II	Artists Archives of the Western Reserve	\$4,000.00
PS II	ARTneo	\$4,000.00
PS II	Arts for All of Northeast Ohio	\$5,000.00
PS II	Arts In Strongsville	\$5,000.00
PS II	Baseball Heritage Museum	\$5,000.00
PS II	Bay Village Community Band *	\$4,000.00
PS II	Beachwood Arts Council *	\$3,000.00
PS II	Beachwood Historical Society	\$4,000.00
PS II	Bedford Historical Society	\$5,000.00
PS II	Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging	\$5,000.00
PS II	Blue Streak Ensemble *	\$5,000.00
PS II	Brooklyn Heights Service Clubs	\$1,500.00
PS II	Burten, Bell, Carr Development, Inc.	\$5,000.00
PS II	Campus District, Incorporated	\$5,000.00
PS II	Carolyn L. Farrell Foundation for Brain Health	\$4,000.00
PS II	Case Western Reserve University	\$5,000.00
PS II	Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland	\$5,000.00
PS II	Cedar Fairmount Special Improvement District	\$4,000.00
PS II	Cesear's Forum	\$4,000.00
PS II	Chagrin Valley Rec Center	\$4,000.00
PS II	Choral Arts Society of Cleveland	\$5,000.00
PS II	City Ballet of Cleveland	\$4,000.00
PS II	City of Fairview Park Ohio Municipal Foundation *	\$1,540.00
PS II	Clague Playhouse	\$1,600.00
PS II	Cleveland Ballet *	\$4,000.00
PS II	Cleveland Blues Society	\$4,000.00
PS II	Cleveland Chamber Collective	\$5,000.00
PS II	Cleveland Chamber Symphony Council, Inc.	\$4,000.00
PS II	Cleveland Composers Guild	\$5,000.00
PS II	Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation	\$5,000.00
PS II	Cleveland Grays Armory Museum	\$4,000.00

PS II	Cleveland Kids' Book Bank *	\$5,000.00
PS II	Cleveland Leadership Center	\$4,000.00
PS II	Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra	\$5,000.00
PS II	Cleveland Rape Crisis Center	\$5,000.00
PS II	Cleveland Rocks: Past, Present and Future *	\$5,000.00
PS II	Cleveland Shakespeare Festival	\$5,000.00
PS II	Collective Arts Network *	\$4,000.00
PS II	Coventry Village Special Improvement District	\$5,000.00
PS II	Cuyahoga River Restoration *	\$4,000.00
PS II	Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad	\$4,000.00
PS II	Dancing Classrooms Northeast Ohio	\$3,250.00
PS II	DJAPO Cultural Arts Institute, Inc. *	\$5,000.00
PS II	Donauschwaben German-American Cultural Center *	\$3,000.00
PS II	Dunham Tavern Museum *	\$4,000.00
PS II	Empowering Epilepsy *	\$4,000.00
PS II	Encore Chamber Music *	\$4,000.00
PS II	Esperanza	\$5,000.00
PS II	Euclid Beach Park Now *	\$3,340.00
PS II	Euclid Historical Society	\$1,800.00
PS II	Famicos Foundation	\$5,000.00
PS II	Far West Center *	\$5,000.00
PS II	FiveOneMusic	\$2,580.00
PS II	Friends of East Cleveland Public Library *	\$5,000.00
PS II	Front Steps Housing and Services *	\$4,000.00
PS II	FutureHeights	\$4,000.00
PS II	Good Company	\$5,000.00
PS II	Greater Cleveland Sports Commission *	\$4,000.00
PS II	Green Triangle	\$2,500.00
PS II	Harvard Community Services Center *	\$5,000.00
PS II	Heights Chamber Orchestra	\$3,220.00
PS II	Hispanic Business Center *	\$4,000.00
PS II	Historical Society of Old Brooklyn	\$3,000.00
PS II	International Community Council *	\$4,000.00
PS II	Judson *	\$5,000.00
PS II	Kamm's Corners Development Corporation	\$5,000.00
PS II	Kiddie City Child Care *	\$4,000.00
PS II	Lake Erie Native American Council *	\$2,400.00
PS II	Lake View Cemetery Foundation *	\$4,000.00
PS II	LakewoodAlive	\$5,000.00
PS II	Larchmere PorchFest	\$5,000.00
PS II	Lesbian Gay Bisexual Community Center of Greater Cleveland *	\$4,000.00

PS II	Lexington Bell Community Center	\$5,000.00
PS II	Literary Cleveland *	\$5,000.00
PS II	Lylesart *	\$3,994.00
PS II	M.U.S.i.C	\$3,200.00
PS II	Mamai Theatre Company	\$5,000.00
PS II	MorrisonDance, Inc.	\$4,000.00
PS II	Mt. Pleasant NOW Development Corporation *	\$4,000.00
PS II	Negative Space Gallery & Studio	\$3,100.00
PS II	NO EXIT New Music Association	\$4,000.00
PS II	Ohio City Inc.	\$5,000.00
PS II	Old Brooklyn Community Development Corp.	\$5,000.00
PS II	One South Euclid *	\$5,000.00
PS II	Pink Tutu Outreach Company	\$4,000.00
PS II	Playwrights Local 4181 *	\$5,000.00
PS II	Reaching Heights	\$5,000.00
PS II	Restore Cleveland Hope	\$5,000.00
PS II	Rid-All Green Partnership *	\$4,000.00
PS II	Shaker Arts Council	\$5,000.00
PS II	Society for Photographic Education	\$4,000.00
PS II	St. Malachi Center	\$3,700.00
PS II	STV Bavaria	\$4,000.00
PS II	Symphony West	\$4,000.00
PS II	The Cleveland Seed Bank	\$5,000.00
PS II	The Cleveland Vegan Society *	\$4,000.00
PS II	The Gathering Place	\$5,000.00
PS II	The Harvard Square Center *	\$5,000.00
PS II	The Parma Area Fine Arts Council, Inc.	\$2,020.00
PS II	The Roberto Ocasio Foundation	\$4,000.00
PS II	The Western Reserve Fire Museum and Education Center *	\$5,000.00
PS II	Thea Bowman Center	\$5,000.00
PS II	Time Canvas *	\$4,000.00
PS II	Transformer Station	\$4,000.00
PS II	UpStage Players	\$4,000.00
PS II	West Side Catholic Center	\$5,000.00
PS II	Western Reserve Chorale	\$4,000.00
PS II	Westlake Chinese Cultural Association	\$5,000.00
PS II	Westtown Community Development Corporation	\$4,000.00
PS II	Woodland Cemetery Foundation of Cleveland, OH	\$5,000.00
PS II	Youth Challenge	\$5,000.00
PS II	Zeta Omega Scholarship Fund, Inc	\$4,000.00

## Approval of grant awards for 2017 General Operating Support

Ms. Thomas stated that today the Board would be asked to approve the initiation of contracts with the 57 cultural partners for the 2017 grant period, the third year of a three-year grant cycle.

Motion by Trustee Gibbons, seconded by Trustee Garth, to authorize the CEO + executive director to enter into 2017 grant agreements with the following organizations for the amounts indicated:

Organization	Award
Cleveland Institute of Art	\$672,572
Cleveland Museum of Art	\$1,232,694
DANCECleveland	\$55,941
Cleveland Public Theatre, Inc.	\$109,278
L.A.N.D. studio, Inc.	\$231,920

Discussion: None. Vote – Ayes: Avsec, Garth, Gibbons, Minter. Nays: None. Abstain: Sherman. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Trustee Gibbons, to authorize the CEO + executive director to enter into a 2017 grant agreement with MOCA Cleveland in the amount of \$158,954. Discussion: None. Vote – Ayes: Avsec, Garth, Gibbons, Sherman. Nays: None. Abstain: Minter. Motion carried.

Organization	Award
MOCA Cleveland	\$158,954

Motion by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Trustee Garth, to authorize the CEO + executive director to enter into 2017 grant agreements with the following 51 organizations for the amounts indicated:

Organization	Award
Apollo's Fire, the Cleveland Baroque Orchestra	\$106,917
Art House	\$25,038
BAYarts	\$49,053
Beck Center for the Arts	\$172,280
Brecksville Theater on the Square	\$10,518
Broadway School of Music and the Arts	\$23,847
Center for Arts-Inspired Learning	\$150,471
Chagrin Valley Little Theatre	\$39,946
Children's Museum of Cleveland	\$89,434
Cleveland Botanical Garden	\$351,286
Cleveland Choral Arts Association dba North Coast Men's Chorus	\$27,192
Cleveland Institute of Music	\$737,886
Cleveland International Film Festival	\$164,506



Cleveland International Piano Competition	\$70,177
Cleveland Jazz Orchestra	\$33,977
Cleveland Museum of Natural History	\$577,499
Cleveland Music School Settlement	\$225,193
Cleveland Play House	\$337,280
Cleveland POPS Orchestra	\$80,224
Cleveland Restoration Society	\$83,412
Community Partnership for Arts and Culture	\$92,515
Contemporary Youth Orchestra	\$27,100
Dobama Theatre	\$35,816
Eleanor B. Rainey Memorial Institute dba Rainey Institute	\$69,486
Great Lakes Museum of Science, Environment and Technology	\$361,952
Great Lakes Theater	\$215,042
GroundWorks Dance Theater	\$46,293
Heights Arts Collaborative	\$23,075
ideastream	\$879,245
Inlet Dance Theatre	\$22,376
Intermuseum Conservation Association	\$92,381
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center	\$105,772
Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage	\$155,493
Musical Arts Association dba The Cleveland Orchestra	\$1,518,755
Nature Center at Shaker Lakes	\$80,495
Near West Theatre	\$62,461
Northern Ohio Children's Performing Music Foundation dba The Singing Angels	\$44,216
Opera Circle Cleveland	\$19,200
Playhouse Square	\$1,395,695
Professional Flair dba Dancing Wheels	\$50,262
Progressive Arts Alliance	\$47,105
Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum	\$989,574
Roots of American Music	\$25,984
Shaker Historical Society	\$18,805
SPACES	\$52,853
The Sculpture Center	\$16,582
Ukrainian Museum-Archives	\$14,583
Valley Art Center	\$34,359
Verb Ballets	\$39,674
Western Reserve Historical Society	\$280,343
Zygot Press	\$31,234
TOTAL	\$12,666,221

Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Donald Black (Cuyahoga County resident) offered public comment about individual artist funding.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held at 3:30 pm on December 14, 2016 at the Idea Center at Playhouse Square in the Miller Classroom.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Minter, seconded by Trustee Gibbons, to adjourn the meeting. No discussion. Vote: all ayes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

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Joe Gibbons, President, Board of Trustees

Attest:

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Charna Sherman, Secretary, Board of Trustees