



Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Friday, August 31, 2018

A special meeting of the Cuyahoga Arts & Culture (CAC) Board of Trustees was called to order at 12:01 pm in the Miller Classroom of the Idea Center at Playhouse Square, 1375 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland.

The roll call showed that Trustees Avsec, Garth, Miller and Sherman were present. It was determined that there was a quorum.

Also in attendance were: CAC staff: Jill Paulsen, interim CEO + executive director; Jake Sinatra and Meg Harris.

OATH of OFFICE

Trustee Sherman administered the oath of office to Gary Hanson who was appointed to the Board of Trustees on June 26, 2018 by County Executive Armond Budish. Mr. Hanson affirmed he would honestly, faithfully, and impartially perform his duties while serving as a Trustee of Cuyahoga Arts & Culture.

BOARD ACTION

Trustee Avsec provided an update on behalf of the Search Firm Team, which was comprised of Avsec, Trustee Sherman, and former CAC Trustee Steven A. Minter. Trustee Avsec stated that the Team had received and evaluated proposals from five executive search firms, including one located in Cuyahoga County. Based on the review of the proposals, the Team chose to interview two search firms. Trustee Avsec stated that while both firms had good proposals, Arts Consulting Group (ACG) provided extraordinary responses to the interview questions. Additionally, the commitment to diversity demonstrated by ACG not only in its proposal and interview but in the make-up of its staff, again confirmed that ACG was best situated to lead CAC's search for its next executive director. Trustee Avsec said that ACG was committed to providing a diverse pool of qualified applicants and had long, deep and broad experience in the area of executive searches in arts fields. Trustee Avsec stated that the Search Firm Team was unanimous in its recommendation to hire Arts Consulting Group to carry out the search on behalf of CAC.

Motion by Trustee Avsec, seconded by Trustee Miller, to approve the selection of Arts Consulting Group to conduct the search to fill the position of executive director for Cuyahoga Arts & Culture. Discussion: none. Vote: all ayes. The motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Avsec, seconded by Trustee Hanson, to approve a contract with Arts Consulting Group in an amount up to \$60,000, inclusive of direct expenses. Discussion: none. Vote: all ayes. The motion carried.

In addition, Trustee Sherman made a call for community input. She asked that CAC share contact information for ACG search lead Bruce Thibodeau and herself so that individuals interested in providing input may do so.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Hanson, seconded by Trustee Avsec, to adjourn the meeting. No discussion. Vote: all ayes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Charna Sherman, President, Board of Trustees

Attest:

Gwendolyn Garth, Secretary, Board of Trustees