



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Wednesday, September 12, 2018

A meeting of the Cuyahoga Arts & Culture (CAC) Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:04 pm at SPACES, 2900 Detroit Ave, Cleveland, OH 44113.

The roll call showed that Trustees Avsec, Garth, Hanson, 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; Roshi Ahmadian; Luis Gomez; Meg Harris; Heather Johnson-Banks; Dan McLaughlin; India Pierre-Ingram; and Jake Sinatra. Also in attendance were Bruce Thibodeau and Wyona Lynch-McWhite of Arts Consulting Group.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Avsec, seconded by Trustee Hanson, to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2018 and August 31, 2018 meetings. Discussion: Trustee Sherman asked that the minutes be amended to reflect that she had moved the motion to create Search Team, not Trustee Gibbons and that Trustee Garth had voted “aye” not “nay”. Motion to approve minutes as amended by Trustee Sherman. Vote: all ayes. The motion carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments on the meeting agenda items.

3. INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Ms. Paulsen thanked everyone for joining her and the Board at SPACES. Ms. Paulsen’s remarks can be found [here](#).

4. FINANCE REPORT

Ms. Harris’ financial report can be found [here](#).

5. PRESIDENT’S UPDATE ON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S SEARCH

Trustee Sherman introduced the Arts Consulting Group’s project consultants Wyona Lynch-McWhite and Bruce Thibodeau. Trustee Sherman stated that as Board President she has convened a search team made up of Cuyahoga County leaders, and that the search team liaison to the Board will be Trustee Hanson. The full search team list can be found [here](#).

6. BOARD ACTION

Motion to approve slate of projects for supporting artists

Mr. Sinatra presented a slate of projects recommended for the Support for Artists program. The full memo can be found [here](#).

Trustee Garth asked how much of the funds will directly benefit artists. Mr. Sinatra replied that the intention is to work with the approved organizations to get specific numbers in the coming weeks.

Trustee Hanson asked if it was staff's intention to bring the amount allotted to each organization to the next Board meeting. Mr. Sinatra stated that this was the intention.

Trustee Miller asked Mr. Sinatra to clarify details regarding the \$400,000 budget allocated to the Support for Artists initiative. Mr. Sinatra referred back to the Board-approved artist recommendations and work plan. Trustee Hanson confirmed with Mr. Sinatra that this is an interim step in the approval process for artist funding.

Trustee Garth asked if the slate of projects recommended is for one year. Mr. Sinatra confirmed these projects will take place throughout 2019.

Motion by Trustee Hanson, seconded by Trustee Avsec, to approve the slate of projects, managed by six non-profit partners, to provide support to Cuyahoga County artists. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. The motion carried.

Motion to add amendment for Contract with CPCP for Artist Services

Mr. Sinatra requested the Board to approve an amendment to the Center for Performance and Civic Practice contract in order to include a stipend to artists as part of the previously-approved program.

Motion by Trustee Hanson, seconded by Trustee Garth, to approve the amendment to the contract with the Center for Performance and Civic Practice for artist services from \$36,000 to \$48,000. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. The motion carried.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Amy Budish (Cuyahoga County resident)

The next meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, location to be determined.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Hanson, seconded by Trustee Miller, to adjourn the meeting. No discussion. Vote: all ayes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 pm.

Charna Sherman, President, Board of Trustees

Attest:

Gwendolyn Garth, Secretary, Board of Trustees