

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

A regular meeting of the Cuyahoga Arts & Culture (CAC) Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:18 p.m. at Parma Snow Branch Public Library 2121 Snow Rd, Parma, OH

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

Also, in attendance were CAC staff: Jill Paulsen, executive director; Meg Harris; Heather Johnson-Banks; Julia Murphy, Johnnia Stigall and Jake Sinatra.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Scott Taylor, seconded by Trustee Mendez, to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2021 meeting. Discussion: Trustee Sherman indicated that she had reviewed and provided updates to the minutes. Trustee McGowan said she too has some additional revisions which she had provided to staff. Motion to approve minutes as amended by Trustees Sherman and McGowan. Vote: all ayes. The motion carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments on the meeting agenda items.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Trustee Sherman thanked Luis Gomez for his service and work. Ms. Paulsen welcomed Johnnia Stigall, the newest member of the CAC team. Ms. Paulsen congratulated staff member Jake Sinatra on the arrival of a new baby.

4. CONNECT WITH CULTURE

Ms. Johnson-Banks welcomed Tizziana Baldenebro, Executive Director of SPACES who shared the work of SPACES including the CAC funded Urgent Art Fund. You can learn more about the Urgent Art Fund here.

Ms. Baldenebro shared an overview of the 2021 Urgent Art Fund Grant program which CAC funds through its Support for Artists grant program.

Trustee Sherman asked how SPACES was doing during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Baldenebro responded that the pandemic has allowed for stronger connections with artists. It has also allowed a change in staff leading to a current staff of seven. The current staff identify as either women or non-binary and six as BIPOC.

5. BOARD ACTION

Ms. Johnson-Banks provided an overview of the 2022 grant application and panel review process, including the recommendations for 2022 grantmaking totaling \$11,613,452 for 249 organizations based in Cuyahoga County. Ms. Johnson-Banks offered her congratulations and appreciation to 2022 applicants' thoughtful and hard work.

Ms. Murphy provided further context to the Board, as detailed in the 2022 Grant memo, which includes the process for the three core 2022 grant programs: Cultural Heritage, Project Support, and General Operating Support. Ms. Murphy said that following approval of the 2022 guidelines by CAC's Board in April, CAC staff oversaw the eligibility check, application, and panel process, and ongoing technical assistance, as outlined in the memo. CAC staff was excited to recommend to the Board 249 organizations for grant funding, including 169 Project Support grants totaling just under \$1.2 million, 69 General Operating Support grants totaling \$10.2 million, and 11 Cultural Heritage grants totaling \$215,014. Trustee Scott Taylor said the memo was very clear in outlining the process for the 2022 grant cycle and she appreciated the additional context for this meeting.

Trustee Sherman said that she has several questions she'd like to have addressed. She asked for details related to the 13 grantees that declined their 2021 grants which totaled \$225,000. She asked if that freed up additional funds for 2022 grant making or will it mean CAC draws less from the reserve. Ms. Johnson-Banks said these organizations declined their grants due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on organizations. She added that declining a 2021 grant did not impact any of the organizations from being eligible to apply for a 2022 grant and that it meant those funds would not be pulled from the reserve.

Trustee Sherman confirmed that during the 2020 November meeting the Board approved moving 69 grants (and associated projects) to be carried out in 2021 (rather than 2020), Ms. Johnson-Banks said that was correct. Trustee Sherman said she was trying to look back at the level of funding over recent years for the Project Support program to determine how it had changed. Ms. Johnson-Banks said that funding has been relatively flat when you take into consideration the nearly \$500,000 of project grants which were originally approved for 2020 but reapproved for the 2021 budget due to the pandemic. Trustee Sherman asked where the funds for the Cultural Heritage grants were coming from. Ms. Johnson-Banks said that all funds come from CAC's general fund. The organizations receiving Cultural Heritage grantees are all prior Project Support grantees. This was considered and planned for when creating and budgeting for the program; there was no impact to grants to Project Support applicants.

Trustee Sherman noted that fewer BIPOC groups were being recommended for funding through 2022 Project Support. Ms. Murphy noted that 10 BIPOC organizations, previously Project Support grant recipients, applied for funding through the Cultural Heritage grant program. Ms. Johnson-Banks noted that grants funds to BIPOC-led and -serving organizations is projected to increase by 18% in 2022.

Trustee Sherman said that the amount being allocated to Project Support was \$400,000 less than in previous years. Trustee Sherman stated that in 2019 there were 5 PS I applicants not recommended, and 2 PS II applicants not recommended, and in 2020 there were 2 PS I applicants not recommended, and 3 PS II applicants not recommended, but in 2021 there were a total of 25 applicants not recommended for funding. Ms. Johnson-Banks confirmed that this is correct that 25 groups were not recommended for funding by panel. Trustee Sherman asked if the three panelists were reviewing all the applications. Ms. Johnson-Banks

shared that there are four sub-panels for both written and interactive and each application has three panelist reviewers. Ms. Johnson-Banks said that this panel model is consistent with those of previous years. Trustee Sherman stated that in previous years during Project Support I two-day panels, all 15 panelists reviewed all the applications. Ms. Johnson-Banks responded that in previous years no panelist reviewed all applications. A similar model to our current process, where each panelist reviewed a set number of applications, was used again this year. Trustee Mendez shared that this is a similar process of United Way that there are sub panels and panelists only review a subset of applications.

Trustee McGowan asked how many of the applicants who were not recommended for funding by panel had not participated in technical assistance opportunities. Trustee Scott Taylor asked for an analysis of the participation of applicants in technical assistance opportunities. Ms. Johnson-Banks said staff could gather that information to share with the Board.

Trustee Sherman went through previous scores for organizations that were not recommended for funding and found that they had received higher scores previously. Ms. Johnson-Banks reminded the Board that each application stands alone, and scores are based on the 2021 applications. Trustee Scott Taylor asked if the application questions have changed over the years. Trustee Mendez asked if there were changes in the funding criteria. Ms. Johnson-Banks said that there are updates to application questions each year to better delineate the scoring criteria and that CAC offers training, technical assistance, and office hours for all interested applicants.

Trustee Sherman asked what the CAC staff will do to support the unsuccessful applicants through the process in the future. Ms. Johnson-Banks said that CAC staff will support all applicants, as it has done in previous years. Trustee Sherman asked if the amounts were based on applicant scores. Ms. Johnson-Banks shared that the recommendation for more than \$5,000 was a percentage of their request amount. That grants of \$5,000 or less were modeled after previous years.

Trustee Scott-Taylor asked Trustee Sherman if the details CAC staff shared were sufficient for answering questions around the scoring. Trustee McGowan requested a high-level update in the future on the impact of technical assistance on funding success rates. Trustee Scott Taylor asked if the 2022 RFP was different than the 2021 RFP. Trustee Mendez stated that the board should look at top line results, not specific applications, to inform future cycles. Staff stated that it will include these headlines in the next board packet, in addition to what is outlined in the memos in the November packet.

Approval of Project Support 2022 Scores and Grants

Ms. Murphy presented the Board with the slate of panel-approved 2022 Project Support grantees and highlighted 169 applications recommended for funding.

The following actions were taken:

Motion by Trustee Mendez, seconded by Trustee Scott-Taylor, to approve the 2022 Project Support scores:

Organization	Score
University Hospitals (UH)	82

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

Motion by Trustee Mendez, seconded by Trustee Scott-Taylor, to approve the 2022 Project Support grants:

Organization	Score	Grant Amount
University Hospitals (UH)	82	\$16,400

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

Motion by Trustee McGowan, seconded by Trustee Scott Taylor, to approve the 2022 Project Support scores:

Organization	Score
BorderLight	75
FRONT International	87.67

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

Motion by Trustee McGowan, seconded by Trustee Scott Taylor, to approve the 2022 Project Support grants:

Organization	Score	Grant Amount
BorderLight	75	\$15,000
FRONT International	87.67	\$17,533

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

Motion by Trustee McGowan, seconded by Trustee Scott Taylor, to approve the Project Support 2022 Scores and Grants as listed in the Board handout (below). Discussion: None. Vote All Ayes. Motion carried.

Organization	Score	Grant Amount
Abrepaso Flamenco*	78.33	\$4,000
Achievement Centers for Children	79.67	\$4,000
America Asian Pacific Islander Organization [†]	75.33	\$4,000
America SCORES Cleveland	81	\$13,700
American Hungarian Friends of Scouting	76.50	\$6,232
American Slovenian Polka Foundation	83.67	\$4,000
Aradhana Committee†	80	\$12,664
Art of Me*†	97.33	\$5,000
Arts in Strongsville	86.33	\$4,000
Arts Renaissance Tremont (ART)	88.33	\$4,000
Baldwin Wallace University	79.67	\$15,933
Bay Village Community Band	75	\$2,800
Beachwood Arts Council	75.33	\$3,960

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Cleveland Uncommon Sound Project	87.67	\$4,000
Cleveland Women's Orchestra	84.33	\$4,000
CollectivExpress [†]	94.33	\$5,000
Colors+Youth Center*	95.67	\$5,000
Comité Mexicano†	86.33	\$4,000
Community Cup Classic Foundation [†]	97	\$5,000
Connecting for Kids of Westlake OH	84.50	\$4,000
convergence-continuum	81.33	\$10,990
Coventry Village Special Improvement District	87.67	\$4,000
Cudell Improvement	87.67	\$9,001
DANCEVERT	89	\$4,000
Downtown Cleveland Alliance	90.67	\$10,467
Eliza Bryant Village†	99.33	\$5,000
ENCORE Chamber Music	91	\$18,200
Esperanza [†]	88	\$4,000
Far West Center	84	\$4,000
Focus On Education [†]	80	\$4,000
Folknet	86.67	\$3,200
Food Strong	90.67	\$5,000
Front Steps Housing and Services	93.67	\$5,000
FrontLine Service	98.33	\$5,000
FutureHeights	94.33	\$5,000
Gardening in the District	78.67	\$4,000
German Music Society	81.33	\$1,440
Global Cleveland*	83	\$4,000
Good Company: A Vocal Ensemble	80	\$4,000
Graffiti HeArt	78	\$4,000
Greater Cleveland Film Commission	89.67	\$4,000
Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers Association	80	\$16,000
Greater Collinwood Development Corporation	88.33	\$4,000
Harvard Community Services Center†	90.33	\$5,000
Heights Youth Theatre	84.67	\$15,462
Henry Johnson Center	88.67	\$4,000
Hispanic Business Center [†]	86.67	\$4,000
Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corporation	85	\$4,000
Historic Warehouse District Development Corporation	84.33	\$4,000
Hospice of the Western Reserve	85	\$17,000
In Harmony Therapeutic Services*	81.33	\$1,164
India Fest USA†	95	\$5,000
International Community Council	86.33	\$4,000
International Women's Air & Space Museum	92.33	\$5,000

Italian Cultural Garden	84.33	\$4,000
Jennings Center for Older Adults	83	\$10,458
Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland Ohio	87	\$4,000
Jones Road Family Development Corporation	79.33	\$6,619
Kulture Kids	93.33	\$5,000
Lake Erie Institute	75	\$4,000
Lakewood Young Filmmakers Academy	80	\$3,960
LakewoodAlive	91.33	\$5,000
Larchmere PorchFest	94.33	\$5,000
Les Délices	88	\$17,600
Lexington-Bell Community Center	78	\$7,770
LGBT Community Center Greater Cleveland	85.67	\$4,000
Literary Cleveland	88.67	\$17,733
Little Lumpy's Center for Educational Initiatives†	78.50	\$5,018
Local 4 Music Fund	88	\$13,842
LYLESART†	79.33	\$4,000
Maelstrom Collaborative Arts	95.33	\$10,563
Malachi Center	95	\$4,750
Mandel JCC	87	\$16,536
May Dugan Center	95.67	\$5,000
MidTown Cleveland	91	\$5,460
MorrisonDance	83.67	\$4,000
Music and Art at Trinity	80.50	\$11,370
Naach Di Cleveland†	89.67	\$4,000
NewBridge Cleveland Center for Arts & Technology	84.67	\$16,933
North Union Farmers Market	92.33	\$5,000
Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless	92.33	\$5,000
Notes for Notes	97.67	\$5,000
Notre Dame College	85	\$17,000
OCA Cleveland†	91	\$5,000
Open Doors Academy	89.33	\$17,867
Open Tone Music	90.33	\$18,067
PALS for Healing	92	\$5,000
Parma Area Fine Arts Council	77	\$2,400
Playwrights Local	92	\$11,604
Polish American Cultural Center*	75.33	\$4,000
Polish Village Parma	75.67	\$4,000
Quire Cleveland	82	\$8,790
Reaching Heights	97.33	\$5,000
Renovare Music*	88.67	\$4,000
Restore Cleveland Hope [†]	86.67	\$4,000

Roberto Ocasio Foundation [†]	90.67	\$5,000
Slavic Village Development	87	\$4,000
SOS: Strengthening Our Students†	85.67	\$4,000
Stellar Acrobatic Dance Academy [†]	96	\$5,000
Suburban Symphony Orchestra	88	\$4,000
Talespinner Children's Theatre	83	\$10,331
Tender Hearts Crusades [†]	97	\$5,000
The City Club of Cleveland	86.67	\$16,258
The Gathering Place	89	\$4,000
The Harvard Square Center†	79.67	\$4,000
The Movement Project	79.67	\$5,991
Thea Bowman Center [†]	86.33	\$4,000
Trobár Medieval*	79	\$4,000
UCI	82	\$16,400
Ursuline College	95.33	\$5,000
VIVA Bavaria	85.33	\$4,000
Wake Up and Live's Actor's Studio†	84.67	\$4,000
Waterloo Arts	77.50	\$15,500
West Park Kamm's Neighborhood Development	90.33	\$4,500
West Shore Chorale	85.33	\$4,000
West Side Catholic Center	95.67	\$5,000
West Side Community House	85.67	\$17,133
Western Reserve Chorale	75.33	\$4,000
Western Reserve Fire Museum & Education Center	75.67	\$4,000
Western Reserve Land Conservancy	86	\$4,000
Westlake Chinese School [†]	94	\$5,000
Westown Community Development Corporation	86	\$4,000
Windsong, Cleveland's Feminist Chorus	92	\$5,000
Women in History	82.67	\$4,000
Youth Challenge	92.67	\$5,000

Approval of General Operating Support 2022 Grants

Ms. Johnson-Banks stated that the Board would be asked to approve the grant amounts for the 69 General Operating Support groups with a total allocation of \$10.2 million per the 2022 Grants memo.

The following actions were taken after the presentation:

Motion by Trustee Scott Taylor, seconded by Trustee McGowan, to approve the 2022 General Operating Support grants:

Organization	Grant Amount
Assembly	\$41,599

Discussion: None. Vote – Ayes: McGowan and Scott Taylor. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Motion by Trustee McGowan, seconded by Trustee Scott Taylor, to approve the 2022 General Operating Support grants:

Organization	Grant Amount
Cleveland Institute of Art	\$563,713
DANCECleveland	\$46,103

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

Motion by Trustee Scott Taylor, seconded by Trustee McGowan, to approve the 2022 General Operating support grants as listed in the Board handout (below). Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. The motion carried.

Organization	Score	Grant Amount
Apollo's Fire Baroque Orchestra		\$101,762
Art House		\$20,482
Art Therapy Studio		\$44,895
Artists Archives of the Western Reserve		\$24,777
BAYarts		\$55,757
Beck Center for the Arts		\$124,020
Broadway School of Music and the Arts		\$21,623
Center for Arts-Inspired Learning		\$91,716
Chagrin Valley Little Theater		\$31,262
Children's Museum of Cleveland		\$98,233
Cleveland Ballet	75.30	\$41,618
Cleveland Botanical Garden		\$16,3354
Cleveland Classical Guitar Society	95.33	\$25,544
Cleveland Institute of Music		\$507,024
Cleveland International Film Festival		\$139,394
Cleveland Jazz Orchestra		\$21,871
Cleveland Museum of Art		\$931,148
Cleveland Museum of Natural History		\$481,344
Cleveland Play House		\$312,221
Cleveland POPS Orchestra		\$62,064
Cleveland Public Theatre		\$106,671
Cleveland Restoration Society		\$75,049
Collective Arts Network	87	\$29,143
Contemporary Youth Orchestra		\$30,768
Dancing Wheels		\$35,898
Doan Brook Watershed Partnership	86.67	\$37,238
Dobama Theatre		\$48,164

Dunham Tavern Museum	82.33	\$14,198
Ensemble Theatre		\$18,900
Great Lakes Science Center		\$225,902
Great Lakes Theater		\$182,996
GroundWorks DanceTheater		\$43,362
Heights Arts		\$25,517
ICA - Art Conservation		\$86,746
ideastream		\$590,496
Ingenuity		\$36,768
Inlet Dance Theatre		\$27,839
Karamu House		\$128,283
Lake Erie Ink		\$27,839
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center		\$79,747
LAND studio		\$143,765
Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage		\$143,078
Morgan Art of Papermaking Conservatory and Educational		\$36,634
Foundation		
Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland		\$140,402
Nature Center at Shaker Lakes		\$67,248
Near West Theatre		\$72,441
North Coast Men's Chorus		\$24,300
Piano Cleveland		\$55,555
Playhouse Square		\$1,164,989
Progressive Arts Alliance		\$45,371
Rainey Institute		\$87,227
Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum		\$69,6273
Roots of American Music		\$20,760
Shaker Historical Society		\$14,359
SPACES		\$34,668
The Cleveland Opera		\$15,097
The Cleveland Orchestra		\$1,027,491
The Music Settlement		\$193,895
The Musical Theater Project		\$52,611
The Sculpture Center		\$15,070
The Singing Angels		\$30,461
Ukrainian Museum-Archives		\$16,739
Valley Art Center		\$33,268
Verb Ballets		\$39,379
Western Reserve Historical Society		\$198,587
Zygote Press		\$27,284

Approval of Cultural Heritage 2022 Grants

Ms. Johnson-Banks stated that the Board would be asked to approve the grant amounts for the 11 Cultural Heritage groups with a total allocation of \$215,014 per the 2022 Grants Memo.

The following actions were taken after the presentation:

Motion by Trustee McGowan, seconded by Trustee Scott Taylor, to approve the 2022 Cultural Heritage scores:

Organization	Score
AfricaHouse International†	80.67
Cleveland Association of Black Storytellers [†]	81.67
Djapo Cultural Arts Institute [†]	91.67
DuffyLit [†]	93.33
Foluke Cultural Arts [†]	93.67
Greater Cleveland Urban Film Foundation [†]	95
Julia De Burgos Cultural Arts Center [†]	93.33
LatinUs Theater Company [†]	92
Mojuba! Dance Collective [†]	90.33
Sankofa [†]	88.67
Slovenian Museum and Archives	86.33

Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. The motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Mendez, seconded by Trustee Scott-Taylor, to approve the 2022 Cultural Heritage grant amounts:

Organization	Grant Amount
AfricaHouse International [†]	\$25,618
Cleveland Association of Black Storytellers [†]	\$5,000
Djapo Cultural Arts Institute [†]	\$25,025
DuffyLit [†]	\$16,798
Foluke Cultural Arts [†]	\$30,000
Greater Cleveland Urban Film Foundation [†]	\$30,000
Julia De Burgos Cultural Arts Center [†]	\$30,000
LatinUs Theater Company [†]	\$29,932
Mojuba! Dance Collective [†]	\$7,923
Sankofa [†]	\$5,000
Slovenian Museum and Archives	\$9,718

Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. The motion carried.

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

6. FINANCE REPORT

Ms. Harris' financial report can be found here.

Ms. Harris shared that we are using a forecast over the last three years and we are still showing a decline in revenue. To have cash on hand we will need to take money from the reserve.

Trustee Sherman asked if we will be approving the full budget including operations during our December Board meeting. Ms. Harris stated that the December Board meeting will include the full budget.

7. CONTRACTS

There were no contracts.

8. ASSEMBLY FOR THE ARTS

Jeremy Johnson, President and CEO of Assembly for the Arts shared his thanks for having him. Mr. Johnson shared that Assembly is not merging with Cuyahoga Arts & Culture but working in alliance. Assembly for the Arts is about thinking creatively of expanding the pie, the second part of the mission is to increase equity.

They are expanding by looking at multiple avenues of funding including city, state, and county funding. Mr. Johnson stated that Assembly is working with CAC to seek dollars from the American Rescue Plan Act to support artists, nonprofit organizations, and creative business. Mr. Johnson stated that they hold monthly assemblies with constituents asking how to amplify the works of creative community. Mr. Johnson also shared the Grantmakers in the Arts Workshop series for art organizations and art funders around capitalization around Equity and Funding that will be offered in the new year. Trustee Sherman applauded the work of Assembly for the Arts.

Trustee Scott Taylor left at 5:33 pm.

Trustee Sherman said she is still interested in revisiting changes to CAC Ethics Policy but that the Board would wait until next year to have further discussion on this topic once a new member is appointed.

The next meeting will be held at 3:30 pm on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at South Euclid-Lyndhurst Public Library 1876 South Green Rd, South Euclid, OH 44121. The meeting will be available to livestream on YouTube.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Attest: Michele Scott Taylor (Mar 28, 2022 15:10 EDT)

Michele Scott Taylor
Secretary, Board of Trustees