A meeting of the Cuyahoga Arts & Culture (CAC) Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:02 pm in Miller Classroom, Idea Center, 1347 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland.

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

Motion by Trustee Gibbons, seconded by Trustee Avsec, to excuse Trustee Miller’s absence due to illness. No discussion. Vote: all ayes. The motion carried.

Also in attendance were: CAC staff: Karen Gahl-Mills, executive director; Jill Paulsen, deputy director; Meg Harris; Heather Johnson-Banks; Luis Gomez; Dan McLaughlin; India Pierre-Ingram; and Jake Sinatra.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Trustee Gibbons, seconded by Trustee Sherman, to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2017 Board meeting as amended. Vote: all ayes. The motion carried.

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

There were no public comments on the meeting agenda items.

3. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Ms. Gahl-Mills thanked everyone for joining her and the Board for the first Board meeting of 2018. Ms. Gahl-Mills’ full remarks can be found [here](#).

4. **FINANCE REPORT**

Ms. Harris provided the following financial report to the Board. Ms. Harris’ full report can be found [here](#).

5. **CONNECT WITH CULTURE**

Ms. Pierre-Ingram presented the Board a preview of the Cleveland Arts Events website.
6. BOARD ACTION

Approval of Board Workplan
Ms. Gahl-Mills walked the Board through the workplan for the rest of the year. The Board accepted the work plan without taking action.

Approval of Support for Artists Timeline
Mr. Sinatra presented the support for artists timeline to the Board. The timeline can be found here.

Motion by Trustee Garth, seconded by Trustee Gibbons, to approve the support for artists timeline with the added request to keep it as an ongoing item on the Board agenda. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. The motion carried.

Contracts
Ms. Paulsen gave an overview of the Neighborhood Connections contract. She asked the Board to approve a $150,000 grant to continue, for an additional two years, the five-year partnership with Neighborhood Connections to support grassroots grant making in Cleveland and East Cleveland at a level of $75k per year; $60k for grants and $15k for program management/network building.

Motion by Trustee Avsec, seconded by Trustee Sherman, to approve the Neighborhood Connections Grant for $150,000 for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. The motion carried.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT
Mr. Soul (Artist) and Vince Robinson (Artist).

The next meeting will be held at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at the Idea Center at Playhouse Square in the Miller Classroom.

8. ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Trustee Gibbons, seconded by Trustee Avsec, to adjourn the meeting. No discussion. Vote: all ayes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 pm

Attest:

Joe Gibbons, President, Board of Trustees

Gwendolyn Garth, Secretary, Board of Trustees