



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
Tuesday, June 12, 2018

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A meeting of the Cuyahoga Arts & Culture (CAC) Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:01 pm in the 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. Trustee Miller arrived at 4:10.

Also in attendance were: CAC staff: Jill Paulsen, interim CEO + executive director; Meg Harris; Roshi Ahmadian; Heather Johnson-Banks; Luis Gomez; Dan McLaughlin; and Jake Sinatra; Mike Sharb, attorney with Squire, Patton, Boggs; and Brian Broadbent and Judy Tobin with Business Volunteers Unlimited.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Trustee Gibbons, seconded by Trustee Avsec, to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2018 meeting. Discussion: None. Vote: all ayes. The motion carried.

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

Sean Waterson (CPAC board member) made a comment about CAC's artists calendar and directory.

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

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

**4. FINANCE REPORT**

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

**5. CONNECT WITH CULTURE**

Mr. Gomez introduced Kimberly Deichler, Executive Director of Contemporary Youth Orchestra, who spoke about the impact of CAC funding and a focus on diversity and equity on the organization.

## **6. BOARD ACTION**

### **Motion to Approve Contract with CPCP for Artist Services**

Ms. Harris asked the Board to approve a contract with Center for Performance and Civic Practice (CPCP) in an amount up to \$36,000 to continue the partnership with CPCP, a resource for artists and communities working together to develop local capacity for arts-based community-led transformation. This proposed partnership will offer a 2018 pilot opportunity for artist training/professional development and will facilitate connections with nonprofits (civic partners) resulting in co-designed collaborative work and the opportunity to access project-based funding. CAC has partnered with CPCP on various projects in the past, starting with its organizational planning in 2015.

Motion by Trustee Gibbons, seconded by Trustee Garth, to approve a contract with CPCP for artist services. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. The motion carried.

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

The next meeting will be held at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 in the Miller Classroom at the Idea Center at Playhouse Square.

## **8. WORK SESSION: PLANNING FOR A SEARCH PROCESS**

Board members and staff, led by Trustee Avsec, engaged in dialogue with Brian Broadbent and Judy Tobin of Business Volunteers Unlimited (BVU) about best practices for a search process to fill the CEO + executive director role. Discussion ensued.

Trustee Gibbons moved to create a Search Firm Team—made up of Trustee Avsec, former Trustee Steven A. Minter and Trustee Sherman—to search for and interview firms to conduct a national search to replace the CEO + executive director. The search firms will preferably be expert in the public sector and more preferably in the public sector related to the arts. Trustee Avsec seconded the motion. Vote: all ayes.

Trustee Avsec moved that the Search Firm Team consider a Cuyahoga County-based firm in this search. Trustee Garth seconded. Votes: Avsec: aye; Garth: aye; Gibbons: aye; Miller: aye; Sherman: abstain.

## **9. BOARD ACTION**

### **Resolution of Appreciation for Joe Gibbons**

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Staff and Board recognized Trustee Gibbons' tenure at CAC with a [resolution](#).

## **10. 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 6:26 pm

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Joe Gibbons, President, Board of Trustees

Attest:

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Gwendolyn Garth, Secretary, Board of Trustees