



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Tuesday, November 10, 2020

A regular meeting of the Cuyahoga Arts & Culture (CAC) Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:04 p.m. as a Virtual Event in accordance with Ohio General Assembly House Bill 197.

The roll call showed that Trustees Hanson, 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; Luis Gomez; Meg Harris; Cheyanne Jeffries; Heather Johnson-Banks; India Pierre-Ingram; and Jake Sinatra.

1. OATH OF OFFICE

Trustee Sherman administered the oath of office to Jenita McGowan who affirmed she would honestly, faithfully, and impartially perform her duties while serving as a trustee of Cuyahoga Arts & Culture.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments on the meeting agenda items.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Mendez, seconded by Trustee Hanson, to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2020 meeting. No Discussion. Motion to approve minutes. Vote: all ayes. The motion carried.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

5. BOARD ACTION

Approval of Project Support 2020 to 2021 due to COVID-19 Grants

Ms. Johnson-Banks presented the Board with the slate of groups who have opted in to move their 2020 Project Support grant into 2021 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. 70 grants were to be moved to an updated project period of January 1, 2021 – December 30, 2021.

The following actions were taken:

Motion by Trustee Hanson, seconded by Trustee Scott Taylor, to approve the 2020 to 2021 Project Support grants:

Program	Organization	Grant
PS I	Jewish Federation of Cleveland	\$20,350
PS II	BorderLight	\$4,000

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

Motion by Trustee Scott Taylor seconded by Trustee Mendez, to approve The Cleveland Orchestra Star Spangled Spectacular grant:

Program	Organization	Grant
Other	The Cleveland Orchestra Star Spangled Spectacular	\$125,000

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

Motion by Trustee Hanson, seconded by Trustee Scott Taylor, to approve the 2020 to 2021 Project Support grants:

Program	Organization	Grant
PS I	University Hospitals	\$20,800

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

Motion by Trustee Scott Taylor, seconded by Trustee Mendez, to approve the Project Support 2020 to 2021 Grants as listed in the Board handout (below). Discussion: None. Vote All Ayes. Motion carried.

Program	Organization	Grant
PS I	American Hungarian Friends of Scouting	\$8,883
PS I	Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland	\$21,400
PS I	Cavani String Quartet	\$10,682
PS I	ChamberFest Cleveland	\$20,550
PS I	Cleveland Contemporary Chinese Culture Association	\$14,006
PS I	Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation	\$11,144
PS I	Jones Road Family Development Corporation	\$13,225
PS I	Judson	\$21,400
PS I	Lakewood Historical Society	\$12,674
PS I	Lexington-Bell Community Center	\$15,160
PS I	Mercury Theatre Company	\$22,400
PS I	NewBridge Cleveland Center for Arts & Technology	\$22,750
PS I	Shore Cultural Centre	\$7,264
PS I	Slavic Village Development	\$11,497
PS II	Art Song Festival	\$4,000

PS II	Arts in Strongsville	\$5,000
PS II	Arts Renaissance Tremont (ART)	\$4,000
PS II	ATNSC: Center for Healing & Creative Leadership	\$4,000
PS II	Bay Village Community Band	\$2,800
PS II	Big Creek Connects	\$2,000
PS II	Brooklyn Heights Service Clubs	\$4,000
PS II	Burten, Bell, Carr Development	\$4,000
PS II	Case Western Reserve University	\$5,000
PS II	Catholic Charities Diocese of Cleveland	\$4,000
PS II	Cedar Fairmount Special Improvement District	\$5,000
PS II	Choral Arts Cleveland	\$5,000
PS II	Cleveland Grays Armory Museum	\$4,000
PS II	Cleveland Kids' Book Bank	\$3,000
PS II	Cleveland Uncommon Sound Project	\$5,000
PS II	Cleveland Women's Orchestra	\$4,000
PS II	CollectivExpress	\$4,000
PS II	Eliza Bryant Village	\$5,000
PS II	Euclid Beach Park Now	\$4,000
PS II	FrontLine Service	\$4,980
PS II	FutureHeights	\$5,000
PS II	Good Company: A Vocal Ensemble	\$5,000
PS II	Graffiti HeArt	\$4,000
PS II	Hispanic Business Center	\$4,000
PS II	International Community Council	\$5,000
PS II	Italian Cultural Garden	\$4,000
PS II	Lake Erie Native American Council	\$5,000
PS II	Lake View Cemetery Foundation	\$4,000
PS II	Larchmere PorchFest	\$5,000
PS II	Little Italy Redevelopment Corporation	\$3,600
PS II	Merrick House	\$4,000
PS II	Mt. Pleasant NOW Development Corporation	\$5,000
PS II	New Avenues to Independence	\$4,354
PS II	North Union Farmers Market	\$5,000
PS II	Northeast Ohio Alliance for Hope (NOAH)	\$4,000
PS II	Ohio City Incorporated	\$4,000
PS II	Parma Area Fine Arts Council	\$2,000
PS II	Parma Heights Historical Society	\$4,000
PS II	Polish Village Parma	\$5,000
PS II	Reaching Heights	\$5,000
PS II	Roberto Ocasio Foundation	\$4,000
PS II	Rollin' Buckeye	\$5,000

PS II	Sankofa	\$5,000
PS II	Suburban Symphony Orchestra	\$4,000
PS II	Symphony West Orchestra	\$4,000
PS II	Thea Bowman Center	\$5,000
PS II	Underground Classical	\$5,000
PS II	West Creek Conservancy	\$4,000
PS II	West Shore Chorale	\$5,000
PS II	Westlake-Westshore Arts Council	\$2,230
PS II	Westown Community Development Corporation	\$5,000
PS II	Woodland Cemetery Foundation of Cleveland	\$4,000

Approval of Project Support 2021 Scores and Grants

Mr. Gomez presented the Board with the slate of panel-approved 2021 Project Support grantees and highlighted 161 applications, 50 Black, Indigenous and People of Color groups awarded funding, and 16 new organizations. All 16 new organization that applied were approved for funding. Six new grant recipients: The Buck Out Foundation, Comité Mexicano, East Cleveland Farmers Market Preservation Society, FRONT International, Lakewood Young Filmmakers Academy, The Trust for Public Land.

The following actions were taken:

Motion by Trustee Mendez, seconded by Trustee Scott-Taylor, to approve the 2021 Project Support grants and scores:

	Organization	Panel Score	Grant
PS II	FRONT International*	Yes	\$5,000

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

Motion by Trustee Scott Taylor, seconded by Trustee Hanson, to approve the Project Support 2021 Scores and Grants as listed in the Board handout (below). Discussion: None. Vote All Ayes. Motion carried.

	Organization	Panel Score	Grant
PS I	America SCORES Cleveland	97.67	\$15,960
PS I	Aradhana Committee †	90	\$22,500
PS I	Baldwin Wallace University	84	\$21,000
PS I	BlueWater Chamber Orchestra	88.67	\$13,958
PS I	Brite Cleveland	92	\$23,000
PS I	Carolyn L. Farrell Foundation	95.67	\$12,995
PS I	Cassidy Theatre	83.67	\$18,407
PS I	Chagrin Documentary Film Festival	89.33	\$22,333

PS I	CityMusic Cleveland	77.33	\$19,333
PS I	Cleveland Arts Prize	77.33	\$19,333
PS I	Cleveland Ballet	80.33	\$20,083
PS I	Cleveland Chamber Music Society	84	\$14,280
PS I	Cleveland Classical Guitar Society	92.33	\$23,083
PS I	Cleveland Opera Theater	89.33	\$22,333
PS I	Cleveland Print Room	92.33	\$23,083
PS I	Cleveland School of the Arts Board of Trustee	94	\$23,500
PS I	Cleveland Treatment Center	75.67	\$18,918
PS I	Collective Arts Network	91.67	\$16,501
PS I	convergence-continuum	81	\$7,849
PS I	Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization	82.33	\$9,849
PS I	Downtown Cleveland Alliance	88.75	\$22,188
PS I	Duffy Lit [†]	84	\$11,889
PS I	ENCORE Chamber Music	90.33	\$22,583
PS I	Environmental Health Watch [†]	89	\$19,366
PS I	Foluke Cultural Arts [†]	86.67	\$7,993
PS I	Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers Association	78.75	\$19,688
PS I	Greater Cleveland Urban Film Foundation [†]	91.67	\$13,751
PS I	Heights Youth Theatre	92.33	\$18,060
PS I	Historic Warehouse District Development Corporation	79.33	\$7,380
PS I	Hospice of the Western Reserve	93.67	\$23,418
PS I	Jennings Center for Older Adults	85.67	\$9,694
PS I	Julia De Burgos Cultural Arts Center [†]	91	\$12,461
PS I	Les Délices	89	\$22,250
PS I	Literary Cleveland	88.33	\$15,016
PS I	M.U.S.I.C.	88.33	\$8,833
PS I	Maelstrom Collaborative Arts	87.33	\$9,205
PS I	Mandel JCC	89.33	\$22,333
PS I	MidTown Cleveland	94.33	\$7,075
PS I	Music and Art at Trinity	89	\$12,810
PS I	Notre Dame College	77.33	\$14,615
PS I	Open Doors Academy	91.33	\$22,833
PS I	Playwrights Local	93.67	\$6,727
PS I	Praxis Fiber Workshop	86.67	\$18,996
PS I	Talespinner Children's Theatre	87.33	\$17,459
PS I	The City Club of Cleveland	91.25	\$19,418
PS	Transformer Station	77.67	\$19,418
PS I	Tremont West Development Corporation	77.67	\$6,519
PS I	UCI	79.33	\$18,998

PS I	Waterloo Arts	94.67	\$20,910
PS I	West Side Community House [†]	87.67	\$21,918
PS II	Achievement Centers for Children	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	America Asian Pacific Islander Organization [†]	Somewhat	\$4,000
PS II	Art Without Borders* [†]	Somewhat	\$4,000
PS II	Baseball Heritage Museum	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Bedford Downtown Alliance	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Berea Arts Fest	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Blazing River Freedom Band	Yes	\$1,050
PS II	Blue Streak Ensemble	Somewhat	\$4,000
PS II	Bodwin Theatre Company	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Buck Out Foundation* [†]	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Campus District Inc.	Somewhat	\$4,000
PS II	Cesear's Forum	Somewhat	\$4,000
PS II	City Ballet of Cleveland	Somewhat	\$4,000
PS II	Cleveland Association of Black Storytellers [†]	Somewhat	\$4,000
PS II	Cleveland Chamber Choir	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Cleveland Chamber Collective	Somewhat	\$4,000
PS II	Cleveland Chamber Symphony	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Cleveland Composers Guild	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Cleveland Hearing & Speech Center	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Cleveland Inner City Ballet	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Cleveland Leadership Center	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Cleveland Rape Crisis Center	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Cleveland Seed Bank	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Cleveland Shakespeare Festival	Somewhat	\$4,000
PS II	Cleveland TOPS Swingband	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Comité Mexicano* [†]	Somewhat	\$4,000
PS II	Community Cup Classic Foundation* [†]	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Connecting for Kids of Westlake OH	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Coventry Village Special Improvement District	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Cudell Improvement	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Cuyahoga River Restoration	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	DANCEVERT	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Dijapo Cultural Arts Institute [†]	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Earth and Air: String Orchestra	Somewhat	\$4,000
PS II	East Cleveland Farmers' Market Preservation Society* [†]	Yes	\$3,000

PS II	Edward E. Parker Museum of Art†	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Esperanza †	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Far West Center	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Focus On Education†	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Folknet	Somewhat	\$3,200
PS II	Food Strong	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Friends of the East Cleveland Public Library†	Somewhat	\$4,000
PS II	Friends of the McGaffin Carillon	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	From Me 2 U†	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Front Steps Housing and Services	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	German Music Society	Yes	\$1,800
PS II	Golden Ciphers†	Yes	\$1,800
PS II	Greater Cleveland Film Commission	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Greater Collinwood Development Corporation*†	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Harvard Community Services Center†	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Hasani Management Inc†	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Hispanic Police Officers Association†	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corporation	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	In Education†	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	India Fest USA†	Somewhat	\$4,000
PS II	International Women's Air & Space Museum	Somewhat	\$4,000
PS II	Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland Ohio	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Joyful Noise Neighborhood Music School	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Kulture Kids†	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Lake Erie Institute*	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Lakewood Young Filmmakers Academy*	Yes	\$3,993
PS II	LatinUs Theater Company†	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	LGBT Community Center Greater Cleveland	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Little Lumpy's Center for Educational Initiatives†	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	LYLESART†	Somewhat	\$4,000
PS II	Malachi Center	Yes	\$4,500
PS II	May Dugan Center	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Metro West Community Development Organization*†	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Mojuba! Dance Collective†	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	NAMI Greater Cleveland	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Naach Di Cleveland †	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Negative Space Gallery†	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Night Market Cleveland*	Yes	\$5,000

PS II	No Exit	Somewhat	\$4,000
PS II	Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Notes for Notes	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	PALS for Healing	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Quire Cleveland	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Refresh Collective	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Restore Cleveland Hope [†]	Yes	\$2,500
PS II	Schmooze Ohio* [†]	Somewhat	\$2,000
PS II	Shaker Arts Council	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Slovenian Museum and Archives	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	SOS: Strengthening Our Students [†]	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	StandUP! For Change [†]	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Stellar Acrobatic Dance Academy [†]	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	STV Bavaria	Somewhat	\$4,000
PS II	Tender Hearts Crusades [†]	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	The Gathering Place	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	The German Central*	Somewhat	\$4,000
PS II	The Harvard Square Center [†]	Somewhat	\$4,000
PS II	The Movement Project	Somewhat	\$4,000
PS II	The RASHAD Center* [†]	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	The Trust for Public Land*	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Twelve Literary Arts [†]	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	UpStage Players	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Ursuline College	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	VIVA Bavaria*	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Wake Up and Live's Actor's Studio [†]	Somewhat	\$4,000
PS II	West Park Kamm's Neighborhood Development	Yes	\$4,500
PS II	West Side Catholic Center	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Western Reserve Fire Museum & Education Center	Somewhat	\$4,000
PS II	Western Reserve Land Conservancy	Somewhat	\$4,000
PS II	Westlake Chinese School [†]	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Windsong, Cleveland's Feminist Chorus	Yes	\$2,500
PS II	Women in History	Yes	\$5,000
PS II	Youth Challenge	Yes	\$5,000

Approval of General Operating Support 2021 Grants

Ms. Johnson-Banks stated that the Board would be asked to approve the grant amounts for the 65 General Operating Support groups with a total allocation of \$10.2 million per the 2021 General Operating Support memo.

The following actions were taken after the presentation:

Motion by Trustee McGowan, seconded by Trustee Hanson, to approve the 2021 General Operating Support grants:

Organization	2021 Grant Amount
Cleveland Institute of Art	\$548,585
Cleveland Museum of Art	\$936,686
DANCECleveland	\$48,961

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

Motion by Trustee Scott Taylor, seconded by Trustee Mendez, to approve the 2021 General Operating Support grants:

Organization	2021 Grant Amount
Cleveland Institute of Music	\$547,099
The Cleveland Orchestra	\$1,045,644

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

Motion by Trustee Scott Taylor, seconded by Trustee Hanson, to approve the 2021 General Operating support grants as listed in the Board handout (below). Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. The motion carried.

Organization	2021 Grant Amount
Apollo's Fire Baroque Orchestra	\$104,031
Art House	\$19,641
Art Therapy Studio	\$45,545
Artists Archives of the Western Reserve	\$23,401
Arts Cleveland	\$54,131
BAYarts	\$57,017
Beck Center for the Arts	\$129,016
Broadway School of Music and the Arts	\$19,553
Center for Arts-Inspired Learning	\$95,371
Chagrin Valley Little Theater	\$31,854

Children's Museum of Cleveland	\$69,804
Cleveland Botanical Garden	\$193,947
Cleveland International Film Festival	\$151,398
Cleveland Jazz Orchestra	\$27,492
Cleveland Museum of Natural History	\$492,147
Cleveland Play House	\$313,809
Cleveland POPS Orchestra	\$62,803
Cleveland Public Theatre	\$104,107
Cleveland Restoration Society	\$71,797
Contemporary Youth Orchestra	\$29,216
Dancing Wheels	\$37,315
Dobama Theatre	\$45,877
Dunham Tavern Museum	\$20,370
Ensemble Theatre	\$14,201
Great Lakes Science Center	\$250,265
Great Lakes Theater	\$181,437
GroundWorks DanceTheater	\$44,633
Heights Arts	\$25,111
ICA - Art Conservation	\$80,198
ideastream	\$618,996
Ingenuity	\$37,379
Inlet Dance Theatre	\$25,634
Karamu House	\$90,349
Lake Erie Ink	\$24,076
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center	\$77,226
LAND studio	\$157,993
Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage	\$132,993
Morgan Art of Papermaking Conservatory and Educational Foundation	\$24,830
Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland	\$139,190
Nature Center at Shaker Lakes	\$73,567
Near West Theatre	\$60,049
Northcoast Men's Chorus	\$25,341
Piano Cleveland	\$56,170
Playhouse Square	\$1,164,989
Progressive Arts Alliance	\$49,127
Rainey Institute	\$79,915
Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum	\$748,681
Roots of American Music	\$20,873
Shaker Historical Society	\$13,475
SPACES	\$34,197
The Cleveland Opera	\$16,693

The Music Settlement	\$180,052
The Musical Theater Project	\$43,848
The Sculpture Center	\$16,624
The Singing Angels	\$29,610
Ukrainian Museum-Archives	\$15,280
Valley Art Center	\$33,940
Verb Ballets	\$39,864
Western Reserve Historical Society	\$216,835
Zygote Press	\$29,743

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 stated that tax revenue has been higher than forecast, and even with 2019. She stated that taxes on cigarettes and alcohol are higher across the state, due to the increased consumption as a result of the pandemic.

Trustee Mendez requested clarification around forecasting and how that guides us moving forward, especially if this is potentially tied to the current pandemic and the increase of smoking. Will this change? Ms. Harris shared that CAC is still forecasting for 5% decline in revenue based on using a 3-year look-back model of the annual change in tax receipts. Trustee Mendez cautioned that CAC's forecasting or planning should not just consider this pandemic year. Ms. Harris agreed and stated that using the 3-year look-back model this is taken into account. She added that prior long-term budgets, which looked at the 10-year levy, remain very similar and that the forecasted decrease in the General Operating Support grant allocation in 2022 has not changed due to 2020 tax receipts being a bit higher.

7. CONTRACTS

Ms. Paulsen provided an overview of a contract to Capitol Partners.

Motion by Trustee Scott Taylor, seconded by Trustee Hanson, to approve the contract of \$20,000 to Capitol Partners. Discussion: None. Vote: all ayes. The motion carried.

8. STRATEGIC ALLIANCE

Trustee Sherman shared that the work of the Strategic Alliance shows what can happen when groups work together, especially around the CARES Act. Trustee Mendez that she shared that the work occurring will strengthen the community in and around the arts.

Trustee Hanson shared condolences for Kevin Moore, previously the Managing Director of Cleveland Playhouse who passed away.

The next meeting will be held at 3:30 pm on Wednesday, December 11, 2020. Location to be determined. The meeting will begin with an executive session at 3:30 pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Hanson, seconded by Trustee Scott Taylor, to adjourn the meeting. No discussion. Vote: all ayes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 pm.

Charna Sherman, President, Board of Trustees

Attest:

Michele Scott Taylor, Secretary, Board of Trustees