

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

A meeting of the Cuyahoga Arts & Culture (CAC) Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:01 pm at Judson Manor, 1890 E 107th St, Cleveland, OH 44106.

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

Trustee Miller arrived at 4:07 pm.

Also in attendance were: CAC staff: Jill Paulsen, interim CEO + executive director; Roshi Ahmadian; Cinthea Fields; Luis Gomez; Meg Harris; Heather Johnson-Banks; Dan McLaughlin; India Pierre-Ingram; and Jake Sinatra.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Hanson, seconded by Trustee Avsec, to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2018 meeting. No Discussion. Motion to approve minutes. Vote: Avsec: aye; Garth: aye; Hanson: aye; and Sherman: aye. The motion carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments on the meeting agenda items.

3. CONNECT WITH CULTURE

Trustee Sherman called on Mr. Gomez and Mr. McLaughlin to present connect with culture. Mr. Gomez introduced Mark Corcoran, Managing Director of Theatre in the Circle. Mark Corcoran welcomed everyone to the Ballroom in Judson Manor, shared information about Theatre in the Circle, and invited everyone to upcoming shows. Mr. McLaughlin then introduced Edna Duffy, Executive Director of DuffyLit. Edna Duffy shared the history, classes, and events that DuffyLit has had and how meaningful the grants from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture have been.

4. INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

5. BOARD ACTION

Approval of Project Support 2019 Scores and Grants

Mr. Gomez presented the Board with the slate of panel-approved 2019 Project Support grantees and highlighted two of the 29 new organizations; African American Museum and Hispanic Alliance. Mr. Gomez turned it over to his teammate. Mr. McLaughlin presented an overview of the 2019 Project Support Memo provided to the Board in advance of this meeting.

The following actions were taken:

Motion by Trustee Hanson, seconded by Trustee Garth, to approve the 2019 Project Support grants:

Program	Organization	Score	Grant
PS I	Jewish Federation of Cleveland	85.8	\$20,963
PS II	BorderLight	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Transformer Station	Partial	\$4,000

Discussion: None. Vote – Ayes: Garth, Hanson, Miller. Nays: None. Abstain: Avsec, Sherman. The motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Hanson, seconded by Trustee Sherman, to approve the Project Support 2019 Scores and Grants as listed in the Board handout (below). Discussion: None. Vote All Ayes. Motion carried.

Program	Organization	Score	Grant
PS II	Achievement Centers for Children	Full	\$5,000
PS II	African American Museum	Partial	\$4,000
PS I	America SCORES Cleveland	89.6	\$13,780
PS II	American Asian Pacific Islander Organization	Full	\$5,000
PS I	American Hungarian Friends of Scouting	78.4	\$12,152
PS II	Aradhana Committee	Full	\$5,000
PS I	Art Therapy Studio	90.4	\$27,120
PS II	Arts in Strongsville	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Arts Renaissance Tremont (ART)	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities	Full	\$5,000
PS I	Baldwin Wallace University	80	\$24,000
PS II	Baseball Heritage Museum	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Bay Village Community Band	Partial	\$3,200
PS II	Beachwood Arts Council	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Beachwood Historical Society	Partial	\$3,600
PS II	Bedford Historical Society	Not Met	\$0
PS II	Bellaire Puritas Development Corporation	Full	\$4,200
PS II	Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging	Full	\$5,000
PS I	Berea Arts Fest	77.6	\$5,713
PS II	Big Creek Connects	Full	\$1,900

Program	Organization	Score	Grant
PS II	Blazing River Freedom Band	Partial	\$2,130
PS II	Blue Streak Ensemble	Partial	\$4,000
PS I	BlueWater Chamber Orchestra	79.8	\$13,671
PS I	Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland	89.8	\$26,940
PS II	Brecksville Center for the Arts	Partial	\$4,000
PS I	Brite Cleveland	88	\$26,400
PS II	Broadview Heights Spotlights	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Brooklyn Heights Service Clubs	Partial	\$4,000
PS I	Building Bridges Murals	90	\$11,671
PS II	Burning River Baroque	Full	\$5,000
PS II	Burten, Bell, Carr Development	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Campus District Inc.	Partial	\$3,200
PS II	Carolyn L. Farrell Foundation	Partial	\$4,000
PS I	Cassidy Theatre	80.6	\$18,760
PS II	Catholic Charities Diocese of Cleveland	Full	\$5,000
PS II	Cedar Fairmount Special Improvement District	Full	\$5,000
PS II	Celebrate the Arts Performance Academy	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Cesear's Forum	Partial	\$4,000
PS I	Chagrin Arts	79	\$11,301
PS I	Chagrin Documentary Film Festival	84.2	\$25,260
PS I	ChamberFest Cleveland	79.6	\$23,880
PS II	Choral Arts Cleveland	Full	\$5,000
PS II	City Ballet of Cleveland	Partial	\$4,000
PS I	CityMusic Cleveland	87.8	\$26,340
PS II	Cleveland Association of Black Storytellers	Partial	\$4,000
PS I	Cleveland Ballet	78.4	\$16,280
PS II	Cleveland Blues Society	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Cleveland Chamber Choir	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Cleveland Chamber Collective	Partial	\$2,000
PS I	Cleveland Chamber Music Society	80	\$9,200
PS II	Cleveland Chamber Symphony	Partial	\$4,000
PS I	Cleveland Classical Guitar Society	87.8	\$18,566
PS II	Cleveland Clinic Foundation	Full	\$5,000
PS II	Cleveland Composers Guild	Full	\$5,000
PS I	Cleveland Contemporary Chinese Culture Association	88.8	\$22,561
PS I	Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation	91.8	\$11,395
PS II	Cleveland Grays Armory Museum	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Cleveland Hearing & Speech Center	Full	\$5,000
PS II	Cleveland Inner City Ballet	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Cleveland Leadership Center	Full	\$5,000

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PS I	Cleveland Opera Theater	85.8	\$25,740
PS I	Cleveland Print Room	85.6	\$25,680
PS II	Cleveland Rape Crisis Center	Full	\$5,000
PS II	Cleveland Rocks: Past, Present and Future	Full	\$5,000
PS I	Cleveland School of the Arts Board of Trustees	90.4	\$18,080
PS II	Cleveland Seed Bank	Full	\$5,000
PS II	Cleveland Shakespeare Festival	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Cleveland TOPS Swingband	Full	\$5,000
PS I	Cleveland Treatment Center	77.4	\$20,124
PS II	Cleveland Vegan Society	Full	\$5,000
PS II	Cleveland West Art League	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Cleveland Women's Orchestra	Partial	\$4,000
PS I	Collective Arts Network	80.6	\$14,508
PS II	CollectivExpress	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Connecting for Kids of Westlake OH	Full	\$5,000
PS I	convergence-continuum	85.4	\$20,816
PS II	Coventry Village Special Improvement District	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Cuyahoga County Public Library Foundation	Full	\$5,000
PS II	Cuyahoga River Restoration	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	DANCEVERT	Full	\$5,000
PS II	Dancing Classrooms Northeast Ohio	Full	\$4,305
PS I	Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization	72.2	\$0
PS II	Djapo Cultural Arts Institute	Full	\$5,000
PS I	Doan Brook Watershed Partnership	89.6	\$25,892
PS II	Donauschwaben German-American Cultural Center	Partial	\$3,180
PS I	Downtown Cleveland Alliance	87.6	\$26,280
PS I	DuffyLit	81.8	\$11,366
PS II	Dyngus Day Cleveland	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Edward E. Parker Museum of Art	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Eliza Bryant Village	Full	\$5,000
PS I	Ensemble Theatre	82.4	\$13,463
PS I	Environmental Health Watch	86.4	\$25,920
PS II	Errin Ministries	Full	\$5,000
PS II	Euclid Beach Park Now	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Far West Center	Full	\$5,000
PS II	FOCUS ON EDUCATION	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Folknet	Full	\$4,000
PS I	Foluke Cultural Arts	79	\$6,217
PS II	Friends of Euclid Creek	Full	\$3,000
PS II	Friends of the East Cleveland Public Library	Partial	\$4,000

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PS II	Friends of the McGaffin Carillon	Full	\$5,000
PS II	From Me 2 U	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Front Steps Housing and Services	Full	\$5,000
PS II	FrontLine Service	Full	\$4,380
PS II	FutureHeights	Full	\$5,000
PS II	German Music Society	Partial	\$1,800
PS II	Golden Ciphers	Full	\$5,000
PS II	Good Company: A Vocal Ensemble	Partial	\$4,000
PS I	Gordon Square Arts District	86.8	\$26,040
PS I	Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers Association	88	\$26,400
PS I	Greater Cleveland Urban Film Foundation	87.4	\$11,362
PS II	Greater Expectations Intercontinental Sacred Arts Society	Full	\$5,000
PS II	Green Triangle	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Harvard Community Services Center	Full	\$5,000
PS I	Heights Youth Theatre	85.8	\$12,142
PS II	Hispanic Alliance	Full	\$5,000
PS I	Hispanic Business Center	86	\$5,287
PS II	Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corporation	Full	\$5,000
PS I	Historic Warehouse District Development Corporation	80	\$8,232
PS I	Hospice of the Western Reserve	89.2	\$26,760
PS II	India Fest USA	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	In Education	Not Met	\$0
PS I	Ingenuity	86.2	\$25,860
PS II	International Community Council	Full	\$5,000
PS II	International Women's Air & Space Museum	Full	\$5,000
PS II	Italian Cultural Garden	Full	\$5,000
PS I	Jennings Center for Older Adults	91	\$9,366
PS II	Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland Ohio	Full	\$5,000
PS I	Jones Road Family Development Corporation	85.8	\$12,644
PS II	Joyful Noise Neighborhood Music School	Full	\$5,000
PS I	Judson	88	\$26,400
PS II	Julia De Burgos Cultural Arts Center	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Kamm's Corners Development Corporation	Partial	\$4,000
PS I	Kulture Kids	81.4	\$15,177
PS II	Lake Erie Native American Council	Full	\$5,000
PS I	Lake View Cemetery Foundation	83.6	\$25,080
PS II	LakewoodAlive	Full	\$5,000
PS II	Larchmere PorchFest	Full	\$5,000
PS II	LatinUS Theater Company	Full	\$5,000
PS I	Les Délices	82.2	\$14,699

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PS I	Lexington-Bell Community Center	83	\$14,110
PS II	LGBT Community Center Greater Cleveland	Full	\$5,000
PS I	Literary Cleveland	83.8	\$12,151
PS II	Little Italy Redevelopment Corporation	Partial	\$2,400
PS I	Local 4 Music Fund	84	\$11,608
PS II	LYLESART	Full	\$4,945
PS I	M.U.S.i.C.	86	\$6,880
PS I	Maelstrom Collaborative Arts	79.2	\$8,573
PS II	Malachi Center	Full	\$3,600
PS I	Mandel JCC	83.2	\$24,960
PS II	May Dugan Center	Full	\$5,000
PS I	Mercury Theatre Company	74.4	\$0
PS II	Merrick House	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	MidTown Cleveland	Full	\$5,000
PS II	MorrisonDance	Full	\$5,000
PS II	Mt. Pleasant NOW Development Corporation	Partial	\$4,000
PS I	Music and Art at Trinity	87.6	\$18,710
PS II	Naach Di Cleveland	Full	\$5,000
PS II	NAMI Greater Cleveland	Full	\$5,000
PS II	Negative Space Gallery	Full	\$5,000
PS I	New Avenues to Independence	77.6	\$3,473
PS I	NewBridge Cleveland Center for Arts & Technology	92.2	\$27,660
PS II	NO EXIT	Full	\$5,000
PS II	North Union Farmers Market	Full	\$5,000
PS II	Notes for Notes	Full	\$5,000
PS I	Notre Dame College	73.4	\$0
PS II	OCA Cleveland	Full	\$5,000
PS II	OhioGuidestone	Partial	\$1,543
PS II	Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation	Full	\$5,000
PS II	One World Shop	Full	\$3,000
PS I	Open Doors Academy	91.2	\$27,360
PS II	Open Tone Music	Full	\$5,000
PS II	PALS for Healing	Full	\$5,000
PS II	Parma Area Fine Arts Council	Partial	\$2,020
PS II	Parma Symphony Orchestra	Not Met	\$0
PS II	Playwrights Local	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Polish Village Parma	Partial	\$4,000
PS I	Praxis Fiber Workshop	86.6	\$10,219
PS II	Quire Cleveland	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Reaching Heights	Full	\$5,000

Program	Organization	Score	Grant
PS II	Refresh Collective	Full	\$5,000
PS II	Restore Cleveland Hope	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Rid-All Green Partnership	Full	\$5,000
PS II	Roberto Ocasio Foundation	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Rollin' Buckeyez	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Sankofa	Full	\$5,000
PS I	School of Cleveland Ballet	77	\$23,100
PS II	Shaker Arts Council	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Shaker Heights Development Corporation	Full	\$5,000
PS I	Shore Cultural Centre	81	\$6,717
PS II	Sixth City Sounds	Full	\$2,500
PS I	Slavic Village Development	89.6	\$10,575
PS II	Slovenian Museum and Archives	Full	\$5,000
PS II	Soulcraft	Full	\$5,000
PS II	Stellar Acrobatic Dance Academy	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	STV Bavaria	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Suburban Symphony Orchestra	Partial	\$3,992
PS II	Symphony West Orchestra	Full	\$5,000
PS I	Talespinner Children's Theatre	92	\$15,749
PS I	The Brecksville Theater	75.2	\$9,701
PS I	The City Club of Cleveland	88.8	\$26,640
PS II	The Gathering Place	Full	\$5,000
PS II	The Harvard Square Center	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	The Movement Project	Full	\$5,000
PS II	Thea Bowman Center	Full	\$5,000
PS I	Tremont West Development Corporation	85.2	\$7,615
PS II	Twelve Literary Arts	Full	\$4,800
PS I	UCI	81	\$23,948
PS II	Underground Classical	Full	\$5,000
PS II	Union Miles Development Corporation	Partial	\$4,000
PS I	University Hospitals (UH)	88.6	\$26,580
PS II	UpStage Players	Full	\$5,000
PS I	Ursuline College	83.8	\$16,760
PS II	Wake Up and Live's Actor's Studio	Full	\$5,000
PS I	Waterloo Arts	87	\$14,634
PSI	West Creek Conservancy	73.0	\$00
PS II	West Shore Chorale	Full	\$5,000
PS II	West Side Catholic Center	Full	\$5,000
PS I	West Side Community House	90.6	\$22,650
PS II	Western Reserve Fire Museum & Education Center	Partial	\$4,000

Program	Organization	Score	Grant
PS II	Western Reserve Land Conservancy	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Westlake Chinese School	Partial	\$4,000
PS II	Westown Community Development Corporation	Full	\$5,000
PS II	Women in History	Partial	\$2,000
PS II	Youth Challenge	Full	\$5,000

Approval of General Operating Support 2019 Grants

Ms. Johnson-Banks stated that today the Board would be asked to approve the grant amounts for the 61 General Operating Support groups with a total allocation approved previously at \$10.2 million per the 2019 General Operating Support Memo.

The following actions were taken after the presentation:

Motion by Trustee Hanson, seconded by Trustee Avsec, to approve the 2019 General Operating Support grants:

Organization	Award
Cleveland Institute of Art	\$529,101
Cleveland Museum of Art	\$977,345
Cleveland Public Theatre	\$93,804
DANCECleveland	\$55,304
GroundWorks Dancetheater	\$44,743
LAND studio	\$161,334
Playhouse Square	\$1,164,989

Discussion: None. Vote – Ayes: Avsec, Garth, Hanson, Miller. Nays: None. Abstain: Sherman. The motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Avsec, seconded by Trustee Miller, to approve the 2019 General Operating Support grants:

Organization	Award
Cleveland Institute of Music	\$557,817
The Cleveland Orchestra	\$1,118,231

Discussion: None. Vote – Ayes: Avsec, Garth, Miller, Sherman. Nays: None. Abstain: Hanson. The motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Hanson, to approve the 2019 General Operating Support grant:

Organization	Award
Rainey Institute	\$80,807

Discussion: None. Vote – Ayes: Avsec, Hanson, Miller, Sherman. Nays: None. Abstain: Garth. The motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Garth, seconded by Trustee Miller, to approve the 2019 General Operating support grants as listed in the Board handout (below). Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. The motion carried.

Organization	Award
Apollo's Fire Baroque Orchestra	\$100,916
Art House	\$22,691
Artists Archives of the Western Reserve	\$23,140
Arts Cleveland	\$67,574
BAYarts	\$48,825
Beck Center for the Arts	\$134,721
Broadway School of Music and the Arts	\$18,933
Center for Arts-Inspired Learning	\$95,254
Chagrin Valley Little Theatre	\$33,216
Children's Museum of Cleveland	\$57,742
Cleveland Botanical Garden	\$239,395
Cleveland International Film Festival	\$151,303
Cleveland International Piano Competition	\$56,669
Cleveland Jazz Orchestra	\$31,740
Cleveland Museum of Natural History	\$470,869
Cleveland Play House	\$295,362
Cleveland POPS Orchestra, Inc.	\$65,899
Cleveland Restoration Society	\$70,478
Contemporary Youth Orchestra	\$27,459
Dancing Wheels	\$38,408
Dobama Theatre	\$37,954
Great Lakes Science Center	\$284,437
Great Lakes Theater Festival	\$188,395
Heights Arts	\$24,303
ICA - Art Conservation	\$81,182
ideastream	\$642,871
Inlet Dance Theatre	\$22,754
Karamu House	\$83,447
Lake Erie Ink	\$25,027
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center	\$78,723
Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage	\$126,368
Morgan Art of Papermaking Conservatory & Educational Foundation	\$27,771
Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland	\$148,714
Nature Center at Shaker Lakes	\$73,262

Organization	Award
Near West Theatre	\$53,943
Northcoast Men's Chorus	\$23,899
Progressive Arts Alliance, Inc.	\$49,534
Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum	\$702,063
Roots of American Music	\$22,370
Shaker Historical Society	\$15,363
SPACES	\$34,962
The Cleveland Opera	\$18,527
The Music Settlement	\$175,529
The Musical Theater Project	\$39,554
The Sculpture Center	\$18,452
The Singing Angels	\$33,343
Ukrainian Museum-Archives	\$11,437
Valley Art Center	\$33,372
Verb Ballets	\$37,282
Western Reserve Historical Society	\$222,126
Zygote Press	\$28,967

Approval of Grants: Support for Artists

Ms. Johnson-Banks and Mr. Sinatra presented the Board with recommended amounts for four nonprofit partner projects for the Support for Artists grant program.

Trustee Garth asked how much unrestricted funding would go to artists through these programs. Mr. Sinatra stated that the programs offered by SPACES and Cleveland Public Theatre include cash stipends for artists of \$5,000. Trustee Hanson asked how many artists are will be served by these projects in comparison to the previous support for artists opportunities funded by Cuyahoga Arts & Culture. Mr. Sinatra stated that 60 artists would be receiving some form of support through both this opportunity and the Center for Performance and Civic Practice (CPCP) Learning Lab sessions in addition to up to 200 more take part in free professional development opportunities.

Trustee Garth stated that she was concerned with the amount of unrestricted funds available to artists through these programs. Mr. Sinatra stated that the responses from artists throughout Cuyahoga County showed that unrestricted funding was not the most important need of artists in the community.

Motion by Trustee Hanson, seconded by Trustee Avsec, to approve a grant to Cleveland Public Theatre in the amount of \$90,000 to support the Premiere Fellowship. Through this program, five Cuyahoga County-based theater artists (a playwright, a director, an actor and two designers) will each receive a cash award, fees for their work, mentorship, professional development and access to space, equipment and other CPT assets related to the development and implementation of their Fellowship. Discussion: None. Vote – Ayes: Avsec, Garth, Hanson, Miller. Nays: None. Abstain: Sherman. The motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Hanson, to approve a grant to Hispanic Business Center in the amount of \$50,000 for La Villa Hispana Artist Colectivo. With this grant, the Hispanic Business Center will host four bilingual Art Entrepreneur sessions. Artists attending these sessions and meeting with a business advisor, provided through this program, will be invited to participate in a pop-up market. Up to six project grants will also be available to artists who participate in the directory and attend all of the training sessions. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. The motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Hanson, seconded by Trustee Avsec, to approve a grant to LAND studio in the amount of \$55,000 or a series of four, full-day workshops on public art hosted at various locations throughout the City of Cleveland. Artists attending and leading the sessions will be compensated and lunch will be provided. LAND studio will tailor later sessions to incorporate feedback from artist participants. Discussion: None. Vote – Ayes: Avsec, Garth, Hanson, Miller. Nays: None. Abstain: Sherman. The motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Hanson, seconded by Trustee Avsec, to approve a grant to SPACES in the amount of 42,000 for an Urgent Art Fund. Five Cuyahoga County artists will be able to apply for awards and resources, including space, tools and professional development opportunities; to create new art that is socially, politically or culturally responsive. If necessary, SPACES will also help artist participants secure a location to display their work. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. The motion carried.

6. FINANCE REPORT

Ms. Harris' financial report can be found here.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH

Trustee Hanson updated the Board on the current status of the Executive Director search.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

The next meeting will be held at 3:30 pm on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at the Idea Center at Playhouse Square in the Miller Classroom. The meeting will begin with an executive session at 3:30 pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Avsec, seconded by Miller, to adjourn the meeting. No discussion. Vote: all ayes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm.

	Charna Sherman, President, Board of Trustees
Attest:	
Gwendolyn Garth, Secretary, Board of Trustees	