



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Wednesday, September 14, 2022

A meeting of the Cuyahoga Arts & Culture (CAC) Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:02 pm at the Garfield Heights Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library.

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

Also in attendance were: CAC executive director Jill Paulsen and CAC staff.

Board President Mendez stated that she planned to manage Board comments on any agenda items to three minutes per item, per Board member, consistent with CAC's Public Participation Policy. She stated she is taking this approach to ensure that the Board completes meeting business in a productive manner and in a timeframe that is respectful of fellow Board members, guests, and the public. She added that, at her discretion or at the majority vote of the Board, she would extend the three-minute comment period, as warranted.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Scott Taylor, seconded by Trustee McGowan, to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2022 special board meeting. Vote: Ayes: Scott Taylor, Mendez, McGowan; Nays: Sherman. 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. Paulsen thanked everyone for joining her and the Board. Ms. Paulsen's remarks can be found in the Board packet.

Trustee Sherman asked several questions regarding the Project Support 2023 grant cycle. Trustee Mendez requested that Trustee Sherman submit her questions in writing so that responses could be prepared and shared with the Board at a later time.

4. BOARD ACTION: CAC + Cuyahoga County Nonprofit Arts Rescue Grants (ARPA)

Mr. Sinatra provided an overview of the grant guidelines and process for this regranting program. Details are provided in a memo in the Board packet.

Motion by Trustee Scott Taylor to approve the following grants for the CAC + Cuyahoga County Nonprofit Arts Organizations Relief grant program, seconded by Trustee McGowan. Discussion: None. Vote: Ayes: McGowan, Mendez, Scott Taylor. Abstain: Sherman. The motion carried.

Organization	Grant Amount
BorderLight	\$6,000
DANCECleveland	\$12,365
FRONT International	\$6,000

Motion by Trustee McGowan to approve the following grants for the CAC + Cuyahoga County Nonprofit Arts Organizations Relief grant program, seconded by Trustee Scott Taylor. Discussion: Trustee Sherman asked how much money would go to General Operating Support (GOS) grantees. Mr. Sinatra said approximately \$1.3M will be awarded to GOS grantees. Trustee Sherman said that she believed that \$1M should be awarded to GOS grantees. Vote: Ayes: McGowan, Mendez, Scott Taylor. Nays: Sherman. The motion carried.

Organization	Grant Amount
Abrepaso Flamenco	\$ 2,000
Africa House International	\$ 6,000
America Asian Pacific Islander Organization	\$ 2,000
Apollo's Fire, the Cleveland Baroque Orchestra	\$ 22,825
Art House	\$ 7,910
Art of Me	\$ 2,000
Art Therapy Studio	\$ 13,090
Artists Archives of the Western Reserve	\$ 8,910
Arts Impact - Progressive Arts Alliance, Inc.	\$ 13,000
Arts Without Borders	\$ 2,000
Assembly	\$ 12,100
BA Yarts	\$ 14,190
Beck Center for the Arts	\$ 24,335
BlueWater Chamber Orchestra	\$ 4,000
Bodwin Theatre Company	\$ 2,000
Brite Cleveland	\$ 6,000
Broadway School	\$ 8,310
Buck Out Foundation	\$ 4,000
Carolyn L. Farrell Foundation for Brain Health	\$ 6,000
Cassidy Theatre	\$ 2,000
Celebrate the Arts Performance Academy	\$ 2,000
Center for Arts-Inspired Learning	\$ 20,760
Chagrin Arts	\$ 4,000
Chagrin Documentary Film Festival	\$ 6,000
Chagrin Valley Little Theatre	\$ 9,575
ChamberFest Cleveland	\$ 6,000
Choral Arts Cleveland	\$ 2,000
City Ballet of Cleveland	\$ 2,000

CityMusic Cleveland	\$ 6,000
Cleveland Association of Black Storytellers	\$ 2,000
Cleveland Ballet	\$ 15,480
Cleveland Botanical Garden	\$ 31,670
Cleveland Chamber Choir	\$ 4,000
Cleveland Chamber Music Society	\$ 4,000
Cleveland Classical Guitar Society	\$ 10,360
Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation	\$ 6,000
Cleveland Inner City Ballet	\$ 2,000
Cleveland Institute of Music	\$ 68,465
Cleveland International Film Festival	\$ 27,020
Cleveland Jazz Orchestra	\$ 6,820
Cleveland Museum of Art	\$ 75,000
Cleveland Museum of Natural History	\$ 67,830
Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra	\$ 2,000
Cleveland Photo Fest	\$ 2,000
Cleveland Play House	\$ 47,960
Cleveland POPS Orchestra, Inc.	\$ 14,225
Cleveland Print Room	\$ 6,000
Cleveland Public Theatre, Inc.	\$ 22,570
Cleveland Restoration Society	\$ 18,915
Cleveland Rocks: Past Present and Future	\$ 6,000
Cleveland Seed Bank	\$ 2,000
Cleveland Shakespeare Festival	\$ 2,000
Cleveland Uncommon Sound Project	\$ 2,000
Cleveland Women's Orchestra	\$ 2,000
Collective Arts Network (CAN)	\$ 8,305
CollectivExpress	\$ 2,000
Comité Mexicano	\$ 2,000
Contemporary Youth Orchestra	\$ 9,665
convergence-continuum	\$ 4,000
DANCEVERT	\$ 2,000
Dancing Wheels	\$ 11,105
Djapo Cultural Arts Institute	\$ 6,000
Dobama Theatre	\$ 12,325
Duffy Liturgical Dance Ensemble	\$ 6,000
Dunham Tavern	\$ 6,575
Edward E. Parker Museum of Art	\$ 2,000
ENCORE Chamber Music	\$ 6,000
Ensemble	\$ 6,765
Foluke Cultural Arts Center, Inc.	\$ 6,000
Friends of the McGaffin Carillon	\$ 2,000
Good Company: A Vocal Ensemble	\$ 2,000

Great Lakes Science Center	\$ 41,605
Great Lakes Theater	\$ 31,225
Greater Cleveland Urban Film Foundation	\$ 6,000
GroundWorks Dancetheater	\$ 12,780
Heights Arts	\$ 8,730
Heights Youth Theatre	\$ 6,000
ICA Art Conservation	\$ 20,345
India Fest USA	\$ 2,000
Ingenuity	\$ 10,785
Inlet Dance	\$ 9,275
International Women's Air & Space Museum	\$ 2,000
Italian Cultural Garden	\$ 2,000
Julia de Burgos Cultural Arts Center	\$ 6,000
Karamu House	\$ 27,185
Kulture Kids	\$ 2,000
Lake Erie Ink	\$ 9,305
Lake Erie Institute	\$ 2,000
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center	\$ 18,190
Lakewood Young Filmmakers Academy	\$ 2,000
LAND Studio	\$ 29,650
Larchmere PorchFest	\$ 2,000
latinus theater experince company, inc	\$ 6,000
Les Délices	\$ 6,000
Literary Cleveland	\$ 6,000
Little Lumpy's Center for Educational Initiatives	\$ 2,000
Local 4 Music Fund	\$ 4,000
LYLESART	\$ 2,000
Maelstrom Collaborative Arts	\$ 4,000
Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage	\$ 27,620
Mojuba Dance Collective	\$ 4,000
Morgan Papermaking	\$ 10,685
MorrisonDance	\$ 2,000
Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland	\$ 27,150
Naach Di Cleveland	\$ 2,000
Nature Center at Shaker Lakes	\$ 18,120
Near West Theatre	\$ 17,610
No Exit	\$ 2,000
North Coast Men's Chorus	\$ 7,660
Piano Cleveland	\$ 16,550
Playhouse Square Foundation	\$ 75,000
Playwrights Local	\$ 4,000
Praxis Fiber Workshop	\$ 6,000
Quire Cleveland	\$ 4,000

Refresh Collective	\$ 2,000
Renovare Music	\$ 2,000
Restore Cleveland Hope	\$ 2,000
Roberto Ocasio Foundation	\$ 2,000
Roots of American Music	\$ 7,910
Sankofa Fine Art Plus	\$ 2,000
Shaker Historical Society	\$ 6,460
Slovenian Museum and Archives	\$ 4,000
SPACES	\$ 10,265
Stellar Acrobatic Dance Academy	\$ 2,000
STV Bavaria	\$ 2,000
Suburban Symphony Orchestra	\$ 2,000
Talespinner Children's Theatre	\$ 4,000
The Brecksville Theater	\$ 4,000
The Children's Museum of Cleveland	\$ 21,360
The Cleveland Opera	\$ 6,455
The Cleveland Orchestra	\$ 75,000
The Movement Project	\$ 2,000
The Music Settlement	\$ 35,735
The Musical Theater Project	\$ 12,910
The Rainey Institute	\$ 19,585
The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, Inc.	\$ 75,000
The Singing Angels	\$ 8,890
Trobár Medieval	\$ 2,000
Valley Art Center	\$ 9,990
Verb Ballets	\$ 11,715
VIVA Bavaria	\$ 2,000
Wake Up and Live's Actor's Studio	\$ 2,000
Waterloo Arts	\$ 6,000
West Shore Chorale	\$ 2,000
Women in History	\$ 2,000
Zygote Press	\$ 8,830

5. BOARD ACTION – Finance and General Business

Finance Report

Revenue. Tax revenue through August 31 was \$7,414,782. This is \$399,286 (5.1%) below forecast and \$691,250 (8.5%) lower than the same period in 2021. The rate of decline in revenue is 8.5% YTD. Interest revenue through August was \$139,284 which is \$40,884 (41.55%) over forecast. This is the result of increases to interest rates over the past months.

Expenditure. The majority of CAC's budget is comprised of grants which were approved in 2021. These grants are accrued at the beginning of the year and recognized on the balance sheet. Non-grant expenditures

through August were \$649,492 and are tracking \$85,467 below budget due to timing of payments and an open staff position.

Ms. Paulsen referred the Board to the personnel report that she provided to the Board and asked for a motion to approve the report.

Motion by Trustee McGowan, seconded by Trustee Scott Taylor, to approve the personnel report dated September 15, 2022. Discussion: Trustee Sherman said she asked last December for a right-sizing report of overhead for CAC. Trustee Scott Taylor said she supports the staffing and overhead levels and finds that an 8-10% operating overhead is excellent. Trustees Mendez and McGowan agreed with Trustee Scott Taylor's assessment of CAC's overhead. Vote: Ayes: McGowan, Mendez, Scott Taylor. Nays: Sherman. The motion carried.

6. CONNECT WITH CULTURE

Ms. Stigall introduced Ms. Letitia Lopez, executive director of Julia de Burgos Cultural Arts Center. Ms. Lopez provided the Board an overview of the organization and shared the impact that receiving CAC Support for Artists and Cultural Heritage grants has had on her organization.

7. OTHER UPDATES

Mr. Jeremy Johnson, President and CEO of Assembly for the Arts, introduced representatives Brian Durdle and Bobby Kovey of the Credo Group. They are working with Assembly for the Arts and CAC to increase funding for the arts in Cuyahoga County. Mr. Durdle and Mr. Kovey introduced themselves to CAC's Board of Trustees. The Credo Group work focuses on state government lobbying, understanding legislation policy, and state government relations.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Max McGougan from SEIU Local 1 made public comment to the Board of Trustees.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Scott Taylor, seconded by Trustee McGowan, to adjourn the meeting. Discussion: None. Vote: Ayes: McGowan, Mendez, Scott Taylor. Nays: Sherman. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 pm.

Attest:

Dr. Michele Scott Taylor, Vice President, Board of Trustees