



DC COMMISSION ON THE ARTS & HUMANITIES

MINUTES

**DC COMMISSION ON THE ARTS & HUMANITIES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021**

Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the Commission on the Arts and Humanities was called to order at 5:30 pm, Monday, March 15, 2021 in open session via the Webex virtual meeting platform, with Chairperson Kay Kendall presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kay Kendall, *Chairperson*; Stacie Lee Banks, *Vice Chairperson*; Cicie Sattarnilasskorn, *Treasurer*; Alma H. Gates, *Public Art Chair*; Gretchen B. Wharton, *Grants Chair*; Cora Masters Barry; Maggie Fitzpatrick; Quanice Floyd; Rhona Wolfe Friedman; Natalie Hopkinson; Kymber Menkiti; MaryAnn Miller; Maria Rooney; Carla Sims; Hector Torres; José Alberto Uclés; Derek Younger

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF ATTENDEES:

Heran Sereke-Brhan, *Executive Director*; David Markey, *Deputy Director*; J. Carl Wilson, *General Counsel*; Lauren Dugas Glover, *Public Art Manager*; Brian Allende, *Resource Allocation Officer*; Jeffrey Scott, *Chief of Staff*; Patrick Realiza, *Social Media Specialist*

Roll Call and Quorum

The Chair called the roll and a quorum was determined to be present.

Land Acknowledgment

The Chair read the acknowledgment of the ancestral lands of the Nacotchtank and Piscataway Peoples.

Adoption of the Agenda

The meeting's agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the January 25, 2021 regular meeting were approved as corrected by unanimous consent.

Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Director's Report

Executive Director Sereke-Brhan presented the Director's Report, which had been circulated to all Members in advance of the meeting.

Finance Update

Treasurer Sattarnilasskorn asked Brian Allende, Resource Allocation Officer, to give the finance update. Officer Allende noted that of the 648 grant awards currently approved by the Commissioners, 592 had established purchase orders.

Committee Reports

There were no committees reporting.

DRAFT MINUTES TO BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING

New Business

Commissioner Friedman moved a resolution to establish, as a new standing committee within the Commission, a Committee on Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (I.D.E.A.). After discussion, the resolution was adopted as amended:

BE IT RESOLVED, that a Standing Committee on Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (I.D.E.A.) be established within and report to the full Commission with the following responsibilities:

THE I.D.E.A. COMMITTEE shall propose and oversee the implementation of policies, and shall recommend actions related to I.D.E.A. to the full Commission. This shall include evaluating compliance with the Task Force recommendations and suggested timelines to ensure their execution; reviewing grant applications and programs to ensure consistency with I.D.E.A.; and ensuring that CAH has transparent internal policies and procedures consistent with I.D.E.A. The Committee shall oversee the work of the Executive Director regarding the implementation of I.D.E.A and track and measure these efforts.

The Executive Director shall report on the implementation of I.D.E.A. goals and recommendations and report progress to the Committee on a quarterly basis. Implementation of these goals and recommendations shall be a part of the Executive Director's yearly evaluation by CAH.

THE COMMITTEE shall meet quarterly, or as needed, and shall submit reports to the Commission and post said reports on the public CAH website.

EACH FISCAL YEAR, the Committee shall present a final report to the Commission on the status of the completion and implementation of I.D.E.A. goals and recommendations and post said final report on the CAH website.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Banks, Barry, Fitzpatrick, Floyd, Gates, Hopkinson, Miller, Rooney, Sattarnilasskorn, Sims, Torres, Uclés, Wharton, Younger

Noes: Friedman

NV:

Adopted as amended, 14-1.

Presentation

Representatives from arts organizations receiving CAH grant funding under the National Capital Arts Cohort gave a presentation on how their organizations were working to become more diverse, equitable, and inclusive in their programming and operations.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Chair Kendall adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm.