



DC COMMISSION ON THE ARTS & HUMANITIES

## MINUTES

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SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

### Call to Order

A special meeting of the Commission on the Arts and Humanities was called to order at 4:00 pm, Thursday, September 3, 2020 in open session via the WebEx virtual meeting platform, with Kay Kendall, Chairperson, presiding.

### Roll Call

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kay Kendall, Chairperson; Stacie Lee Banks, Vice-Chair; Cora Masters Barry; Rhona Wolfe Friedman; Alma H. Gates; Kymber Menkiti; MaryAnn Miller; Maria Hall Rooney; Cicie Sattarnilasskorn; José Alberto Uclés; Gretchen B. Wharton

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Quanice Floyd; Natalie Hopkinson; Derek Younger

#### STAFF ATTENDEES:

Heran Sereke-Brhan, Acting Director; David Markey, Deputy Director; Lauren Dugas Glover, Public Art Manager; Brian Allende, Resource Allocation Analyst; Jeffrey Scott, Chief of External Affairs; Patrick Realiza, Social Media Specialist

### Quorum

A quorum was present.

### Land Acknowledgment

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

### Finance Update

The Chair asked the Acting Director to provide an update on the agency's financials. Acting Director Sereke-Brhan said that there was a downward trend in revenue collections in May that then was steady for the remainder of the summer without additional drops. Commissioner Sattarnilasskorn added that based on this information, the agency would now be able to utilize unallocated funds for the purposes of providing emergency relief.

### Grants Committee Report

Commissioner Wharton gave the Grants Committee report, beginning with an update on the NEA-CAH CARES Act grant program, noting that CAH was continuing to award emergency relief grants to the eligible individual applicants who had not previously received a grant under this program, utilizing agency funds.

Commissioner Wharton then introduced the Grants Committee's recommendation for providing emergency relief funding to current FY20 grantees. Deputy Director Markey noted that the

recommendation had been developed in March but had to be put on hold due to uncertainty regarding collected revenues for the agency's budget, and could now move forward.

Commissioner Wharton moved adoption of the following on behalf of the Committee:

**RESOLVED, That unallocated FY20 grants funds be utilized for relief purposes by way of an enhancement of 25% of the original award amount to all FY20 GOS grantees, as well as EOR, AHEP, and LiftOff grantees that are not included in GOS, for a combined total amount of \$1,461,917.**

Roll Call Vote

*Ayes: Banks, Barry, Friedman, Gates, Menkiti, Miller, Rooney, Sattarnilasskorn, Uclés, Wharton*

*Noes: none*

*Adopted, 10 - 0*

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Chair Kendall adjourned the meeting at 4:22 pm.

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*Minutes approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.*