

NOVEMBER 2019 MINUTES



DC COMMISSION ON THE ARTS & HUMANITIES

Commission on the Arts and Humanities Minutes of the November 2019 Regular Meeting

11/21/2019

From 4:00 pm – 5:14 pm

200 I Street, SE (Suite 1400 Conf. Room)

Washington, DC 20003

Commissioners in Attendance:

Kay Kendall (Chair), Stacie Lee Banks,, Alma H. Gates, Quanice Floyd, Mary Ann Miller, Maria Rooney, Cici Sattarnilasskorn, Jose Alberto Ucles, Gretchen B. Wharton

By phone: Rhona Friedman, Chinedu Osuchukwu, Jr., Josef Palermo

Commissioners Not in Attendance:

Edmund Fleet, Haili Francis, Kymber Menkiti, Derek Younger

CAH Staff in Attendance:

Heran Sereke-Bhran (Interim Executive Director), Brian Allende (Resource Allocation Analyst), Lauren Dugas Glover (Public Art Manager), Jeffrey Scott, (Chief of External Affairs), Melvin Witten (Legislative and Community Affairs Advisor), Patrick Realiza (Social Media Specialist)

Members of the Public Present:

Noel Harnden, Jarrett Hendrix, Eric Uhler

Public Comment Session (3:30 pm):

Eric Uhler, Jarrett Hendrix, (Introduced themselves)

The November regular meeting of the Commission on the Arts and Humanities (CAH) was called to order on November 21, 2019 at 4:00 pm at 200 I Street, SE, Suite 1400 Large Conference Room, Washington, DC 20003

Call to Order

Chair Kendall called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Adoption of the November Agenda

The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

Approval of the October minutes

The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Chairperson's Report

Chair Kendall:

- Chair Kendall stated that her report about the executive director search was the same as last time. There are over 100 applications. She is meeting with Kenyatta next week. Chair Kendall stated that the group would hear more later.
- Chair Kendall mentioned that based on Robert's Rules of Order she would be reporting on the Grants committee since there was no quorum at the monthly meeting.
- Chair Kendall reported that award calculations for the National Capital Arts Cohort (NCAC) grant, which has eligibility requirements and funding amounts prescribed by legislation, was complete.
- Chair Kendall talked about the responsibility as well as the importance of attendance both committee and Commission meetings.

Executive Director's Report

Interim Executive Director Sereke-Bhran:

- Spoke on the budget roundtable organized by the Executive Office of the Mayor. CAH got to discuss key performance indicators which CAH met or exceeded.
- Discussed \$1M scrub from the Mayor's side of the budget and how CAH will adjust our budget.
- Discussed CAH agency structure (organizational, staffing); Center for Effective Philanthropy study. She also spoke about bringing more grants staff onboard.
- Shared about activities including the Goethe-Institut opening; the Mayor's Arts Awards; visitors from Armenia.

Chair Kendall added that she received an award for CAH at the National Children's Museum Gala.

Finance Committee Report

Commissioner Sattarnilasskorn, committee chair spoke to the new format of the financial presentation being a lot easier to understand, and asked Resource Allocation Analyst Allende to present.

- Mr. Allende spoke about talking points covering 3 budgets: 1) FY19 closeout of the fiscal year; 2) current FY20; 3) FY21 budget formulation.
- Mr. Allende reported on the amount of grants awarded to date (\$25.73 Million) being due to CAH agency efficiency.

Public Art Committee Report

Commissioner Gates, committee chair:

- Spoke on Playable Art DC project in partnership with the DC Office of Planning
- 3 neighborhood locations were designated as project sites where proposals were developed
- Project vision to be works that are bold, exciting, fun, inspire imagination, and build social skills for youth and adults.
- *Commissioner Gates moved approval of the three projects presented for a total amount of \$240,000, on behalf of the Public Art Committee.*
- *The motion carried. Unanimous.*

Bylaws Committee Report

Commissioner Palermo, committee chair:

- Reported that the committee had a day-long retreat with a "deep dive" analysis on the existing bylaws.
- Committee is working on an updated CAH bylaws draft with Mr. Wilson (CAH General Counsel) to be shared after the new year.

Arts Education Committee Report

Chair Kendall made an announcement that the committee is working on a symposium on socio-emotional learning.

New and Unfinished Business

Chair Kendall opened the meeting for new business, and asked Chief of External Affairs Scott to report on the Arts and Humanities license plates process:

- Dr. Scott reported on the Arts and Humanities License Plate Act of 2018 which authorizes the Mayor to create an Arts and Humanities specialty license plate or vehicle identification tag. Proposed designs for a license plate were submitted to EOM in August; CAH is awaiting an update.

Chair Kendall announced that full custodial rights of the CAH Art Bank is back. CAH is to give the Mayor and DC Council an annual report on the status of the Art Bank.

Chair Kendall also announced that all Commissioners whose terms had expired on June 30, 2019 had been reappointed to new three-year terms by the Mayor, subject to approval by the DC Council.

The December meeting of the Commission was cancelled by unanimous consent.

Adjournment

Chair Kendall adjourned the meeting at 5:14 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for January 16, 2020.