

Full Commission Meeting Minutes

02/28/18 4:00pm – 5:30pm
200 I Street SE, Fifth Floor, RM 5403
DC 20003

Attending Commissioners: Kay Kendall, Chair; Stacie Banks, Susan Clampitt, Cicie Sattarnilasskorn, Haili Francis, Edmund Fleet, Rhona Friedman, Maryann Miller, Josef Palermo, Jose Uclés, Gretchen Wharton

Not In Attendance: Commissioner(s) Alma Gates, Lawrence Green, Darrin Glymph, Miles Gray, Maria Rooney

Attending Staff Members: Arthur Espinoza, Jr., Executive Director; Michael Bigley, Heran Sereke-Brhan, Ebony Brown, Earica Busby, Lauren Dugas Glover, Dominique Marsalek, Patrick Realiza, Jeffrey Scott, Derek Younger

The Full Commission meeting of the Commission on the Arts and Humanities (CAH) was called to order on February 28, 2018 at 4:04pm, at 200 I St. SE, Room 5403, DC 20003

Adoption of the February Agenda

- Chair Kendall introduced the agenda as presented.
 - Commissioner Sattarnilasskorn moved to accept the agenda presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wharton.
 - *The motion carried; Unanimous.*
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Adoption of the January minutes

- Chair Kendall introduced the minutes of January Full Commission meeting.
 - Commissioner Francis moved to accept the minutes presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Uclés.
 - *The motion carried; Unanimous.*
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Chairperson's Report

- Chair Kendall congratulated Commissioner Fleet for his reappointment and swearing-in prior to the meeting.
- Chair Kendall explained that the change of date for the February meeting was in order to ensure the meeting date would not conflict with the Mayor's Budget Engagement Forums.
- Chair Kendall requested Committee Reports from Committee Chairs.

Nominations Committee Report

- Commissioner Miller explained that the Nominations Committee met on February 22nd in order to make recommendations to fill the vacant positions of Treasurer and Secretary. The Nominations Committee made the following recommendations: Commissioner Sattarnilasskorn for Treasurer (and Chair of Finance of Committee) and Commissioner Rooney for Secretary.
- Commissioner Miller called for a vote on the recommendations presented by the committee.
- Commissioner Friedman seconded the nomination.
 - *The motions carried; Unanimous.*

Public Art Committee Report

- Public Art Manager Glover announced the coming Marion Barry Memorial Statue unveiling to occur on March 3rd at 11am and requested RSVPs from Commissioners.
- Executive Director Espinoza noted that all Commissioners will receive a confirmation email regarding the Marion Barry event within the next couple of days and requested that any Commissioner with a change of plans update their RSVP by responding to the email confirmation being sent.
- Public Art Manager Glover explained CAH is to install art on recycling trucks in the District. This public art project will reach all eight wards. By the end of September 2018, the goal is to have 15 new trucks with public art installations in the District.

Finance Committee Report

- Commissioner Sattarnilasskorn announced that the Finance Committee did not meet in February due to scheduling conflicts.
- Commissioner Sattarnilasskorn explained that currently CAH is on track in executing grant funding. Currently 85 percent of grants have been executed.



- Executive Director Espinoza explained that “executed grants” does not mean that all funds for the grant have been executed at 100 percent because funds are dispersed through two payments.

Grants & Panels Committee Report

- Commissioner Wharton reported progress on the Panel Selection Policy underway. Currently the policy is undergoing edits.
- Commissioner Wharton announced that the deadline for GOS grants is March 2nd.
- Commissioner Wharton requested volunteer grant panel conveners.

Arts Education Committee Report

- Commissioner Friedman noted that the Arts Education Policy taskforce made headway with their work. However, there may be some roadblocks or delays now that the Chancellor of DCPS has resigned.
- Commissioner Friedman explained that Any Given Child is coming up in March and is being run by the Kennedy Center.
- Commissioner Friedman referred Commissioners to the staff written Arts Education Report for further updates.
- Chair Kendall asked that Commissioners note on their schedules that CAH’s Poetry Outloud event will be on March 8 at OCTFME headquarters.
- Arts Education Coordinator Markey explained that an email reminder and invitation will be sent to Commissioners within the coming week.
- Commissioner Friedman announced that the survey of responses from those who attended the recent Arts Education Summit was very positive.

Events Committee Report

- Commissioner Miller explained that over 775 members of the public attended the Frederick Douglas Event at Lincoln Theater and it was extremely successful.
- Commissioner Miller announced that SummerSet DC will be May 10 through June 7 from noon until 2pm. SummerSet DC will happen earlier in the year in order to avoid extreme heat and cancellations. The location is to be determined.

Executive Director's Report

- Executive Director Espinoza circulated copies of the last published poetry collection by the late Poet Laureate Dolores Kendrick.
- Executive Director Espinoza noted that CAH has been researching other state Poet Laureate programs in order to put together recommendations for the next Poet Laureate.
- Executive Director Espinoza requested an Ad Hoc Poet Laureate Committee to make recommendations to the Mayor. This could possibly coordinate well with April as National Poetry Month.
- Executive Director Espinoza announced that the proposed Federal Budget for FY19 eliminates funding of the National Endowment for the Arts. Currently CAH is on track to receive awarded funds for FY18. However, funding for FY19 is tentative given the proposed Federal Budget. CAH will monitor for updates with regards to the funding of the NEA and how this may impact CAH.
- Executive Director Espinoza explained that CAH is working in partnership with the NEA and area state art agencies on a “Creative Forces Summit” geared toward discussion on arts therapy for veterans with combat injuries, including PTSD. The summit would be two days in mid-May. As details are finalized, more information will be forthcoming and shared with Commissioners.
- Executive Director Espinoza referred Commissioners to a distributed written report for further information.

New and Unfinished Business

- Chair Kendall announced that the **next Full Commission meeting will be March 22, 2018 at 3:30PM.**
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Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:40PM.