

## REGIONAL ARTS COMMISSION OF ST. LOUIS

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# Regional Arts Commission Commission Meeting Minutes August 11, 2022 @ 8:00AM via ZOOM

## Welcome and Call to Order - Cheryl Walker, Chair

Walker called the August 11, 2022, meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. and asked Sutherlin to conduct the Commissioner roll call.

#### **Attendance**

Commission: Cheryl Walker, chair, John Russell, treasurer, Roz Johnson, secretary, Jerry Gennaria, Rhonda Carter-Adams, Heather Corcoran, Sam Fiorello, Beverly Isom, Constantino Ochoa, David Wilson

#### **Absent**

Andréa Purnell, vice chair, Vin Ko, Mont Levy

**Staff Attendees**: Vanessa Cooksey, Nichole Belford, Jay Scherder, Chloe Smith, Lea Sutherlin; Consultants: Angela Rhone

Additional Attendees: Guest Facilitators – Barbara Love & Rudy Nickens, Rick Gratza (KEB)

## **Recognition of Public Guests**

Walker called for any public guests; none present.

## Approval of June 9, 2022 Minutes – Walker

Walker called for motion to approve the June 9, 2022 minutes.

Motion made by Fiorello, seconded by Corcoran, and unanimously carried to approve the June 9, 2022 minutes.

## Advancing Pillar 3 of RAC's Strategic Plan – Part 2 (Barbara Love & Rudy Nickens, Guest Facilitators)

Walker welcomed back facilitators Love and Nickens and noted that their bios could be found in the packed for this session/meeting.

Nickens reviewed the following: (1) agenda for this session, along with frame, guidelines, and agreements, equitable grantmaking, philanthropy and JEDI; (2) called for introductions; reviewed "working agreements"; and asked for confirmation to abide by the guidelines by a show of hands.

Love presented a recap and asked each attendee to share the following from Session 1: (1) what was learned; (2) what was thought about; and (3) remaining questions. She then further reviewed the frame for this session which included examining equitable grantmaking institutions.



Nickens further highlighted (1) The Reality, Equality, Equity, Justice Frame; and (2) the role of philanthropy.

Love reviewed characteristics of diversity and what RAC might review relative to JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion).

Small group breakout session and recaps held to discuss one or more of the following: (1) What is the difference between appropriation and valuing? (2) When and where is the place for stepping back and supporting instead of doing or duplicating? (3) What is the action item when equity is a value?

## July Cash Flow & Q2 Management Report (KEB)

Will be presented at November 2022 Board meeting.

## **Chair Remarks**

Walker commented that upon the end of her role as chair at the end of 2022, it is hopeful for a Part 3 for these sessions to continue to this important work with Nickens and Love on a go forward basis.

#### **Public Comment**

No public guests in attendance.

## **Roll Call & Adjournment**

Walker called for roll call and motion to adjourn the August 11, 2022 meeting.

## **Present**

Commission: Cheryl Walker, chair, John Russell, treasurer, Jerry Gennaria, Rhonda Carter-Adams, Sam Fiorello, Beverly Isom, Constantino Ochoa (Roz Johnson, Heather Corcoran, David Wilson left meeting prior to adjournment roll call)

A motion was made by Gennaria, seconded by Carter-Adams and unanimously carried to adjourn the August 11, 2022 meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Submitted by Lea Sutherlin Executive Assistant & Commission Administrator

## **Board Packet Attachments:**

- Full Commission Meeting Minutes, June 9, 2022
- July 2022 Cash Flow Spreadsheet
- Q2 Management Report
- Finance Committee Meeting Minutes, June 6, 2022
- Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, October 21, 2021



- Grants & Programs Meeting Minutes, May 2, 2022
- Governance Committee Meeting Minutes, June 17, 2022
- Guest Facilitator Bios (Love & Nickens)