

**Regional Arts Commission
Governance Committee Meeting
April 6, 2022 @ 12 Noon via ZOOM**

Attendees

David Wilson, chair, Lyah LeFlore, Kellie Trivers, Cheryl Walker

Staff: Vanessa Cooksey, Lea Sutherlin

Call to Order: Wilson called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.; thanked everyone for attending.

Approval of the Minutes, February 16, 2022

Wilson called for approval of the February 16, 2022 minutes. Motion made by Trivers, seconded by Walker and unanimously carried to approve the February 16, 2022 minutes.

2022 Commissioner Terms Expirations

City/County Meeting Updates

City Vacancy – Dr. Proctor Update (Walker)

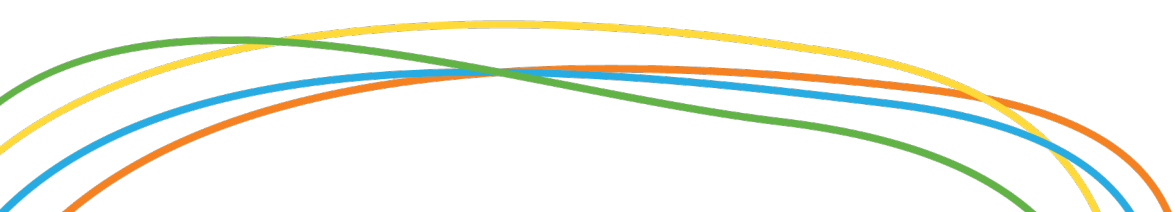
Wilson reminded that at the February 2022 meeting, this Committee voted in favor of Proctor as replacement for Soluadé. Asked Walker to comment.

Walker noted she and Proctor met; Proctor requested meeting information, meeting cadence, etc. Walker added she has not heard back from Proctor since he returned from a family emergency, and noted that if Proctor accepts, it needs to be approved and Proctor submitted to City immediately.

Wilson then highlighted list of term expirations and asked Cooksey to comment.

Cooksey reminded that Trivers and Sutherlin worked together 2021 to create a list of term start/end dates; found during a review this year that City and County only applied the requested fiscal year alignment with the Chair and not rest of terms; continuing to work with City and County on applying alignment to all terms; encouraged review of chart in packet for this meeting.

Discussion held on (1) review of end dates for current expires; (2) review of term expirations on City and County websites; (3) serving until reappointment or replacement named; (4) role of this Committee to send recommendations; (4) new appointment and finishing someone's term; (5) RAC Bylaws; (6) procedure of submitting names and respective discretion of Mayor and County Executive; (7) including photos and bios when recommending for reappointment to City and County to show qualifications/commitment; and (8) City request to address diversity gaps on Commission, e.g. North City, Latinx candidates.



Next steps

(1) Trivers to meet with Cooksey and Sutherlin regarding possible discrepancies with Trivers' term expiration date; (2) start thinking of City replacements for 2023; and (3) schedule another Governance Committee meeting for broader discussion of information that Wilson can use when crafting email to full Commission e.g., assessing profile of candidate(s), demographic and geographic need.

Trivers reminded that candidate submissions should be sent in by September.

2022 Retreat - September 17, 2022, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Governance Committee agreed on this date and time; Wilson noted he will be in Vienna and will his best to participate.

Wilson asked for ideas from this Committee for the September retreat.

Cooksey noted content should be useful; suggested assessing progress of Strategic Plan and planning for the next one.

Walker suggested re-engage on topic of diversity and equity as a Board, and how it impacts, living out the RAC mission.

LeFlore suggested looking at life post pandemic; vision and leadership of Cooksey; new staff members, being in line with the mission; spirit of renewal and reenergizing the artistic community; grant announcements; a beautiful time for RAC and keeping morale going.

Trivers suggested a deep dive into the Strategic Plan; extending it by two years to seven instead of five; and Board engagement.

Walker added equitable grantmaking.

Cooksey added that staff is hopeful to have a few new hires; great things happening in art community; hope to schedule a visit to one of RAC's grantees.

Wilson noted that all were great ideas; suggested thinking through and put together in effective way at next meeting of this Committee (suggested during month of May) with further discussion about the retreat.

Adjournment

Motion made by LeFlore, seconded by Trivers and unanimously approved to adjourn the February 17th



RAC

Governance Committee meeting at 12:52 p.m.

Submitted by Lea Sutherlin
Executive Assistant & Commission Administrator

Attachments

- Minutes, Governance Committee, February 16, 2022
- List of Prospective Commissioners
- Term Summary Chart