

**Regional Arts Commission
Governance Committee Meeting
August 2, 2022 @ 11 a.m. via ZOOM**

Attendees

David Wilson, chair, Constantino Ochoa, John Russell, Cheryl Walker

Staff: Vanessa Cooksey, Lea Sutherlin

Call to Order: Wilson called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.; thanked everyone for attending.

Approval of the Minutes, June 17, 2022

Wilson called for approval of the June 17, 2022 minutes. Motion made by Walker, seconded by Wilson and unanimously carried.

2022 Retreat - September 17, 2022, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Wilson asked Cooksey to report.

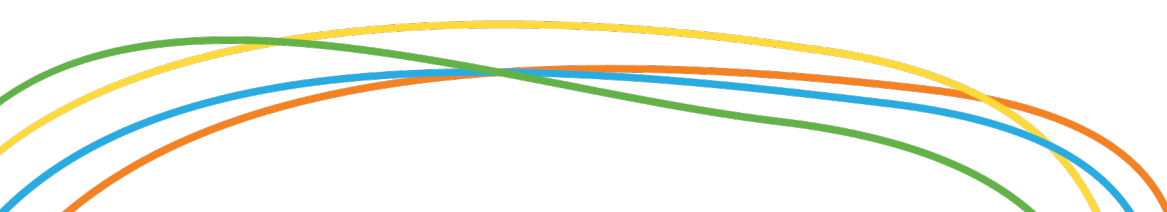
Cooksey highlighted the following:

Recommended Dr. Robert Harvey as facilitator - will send the annotated/robust agenda that aligns with draft approved by this committee; will invite RAC grantee to participate during lunch connectational activity; and optional gathering following the retreat - Laumeier Sculpture Park Big Dinner – Theme: Out of the Woods, RAC will have seats available for commissioners and team members.

Goals for Retreat (1) team building and (2) Strategic Plan – currently at midpoint; need to review the four pillars and look at next Strategic Plan.

City/County Commission Appointments

Wilson noted that he invited Purnell as Board Vice Chair, to this meeting to participate in discussion of 2023 officers. Wilson then asked Cooksey to discuss term end dates.



Term End Dates - Cooksey shared the following: (1) both City and County had been contacted about RAC ending terms on December 31, not January 16 – City agreed, and County responded that statute would need to be changed; (2) no alignment between the two entities so will remain with County overarching policy; (3) shared summary of statute.

This committee agreed to continue with ending term January 16 or as designated by City or County based on four-year term.

Discussion held regarding recommendations to succeed Lyah LeFlore. Further discussion/suggestions to recommend Rudy Nickens based on his role as a resource to RAC and extensive interest in the Arts, and as a thought leader about race relations which generated a deeper dive into the RAC Strategic Plan.

Additional suggestions for (1) Mary Ann Srenco (daughter of Kranzberg), based on her connections in the Arts; and (2) Sukanya Mani, public artist, CAT fellow, expressed interest last year.

Discussion held regarding next steps.

With approval of this Committee, Wilson asked Walker to reach out to Nickens.

Discussion of 2023 Officers

Discussion held regarding 2023 officers; Wilson reminded considering Johnson, currently Secretary, as Vice Chair in alignment with the 2023 chairmanship of Purnell. Walker asked Purnell her thoughts.

Purnell agreed and noted that she looks forward to conversation with Walker and Johnson.

Wilson called for discussion regarding 2023 Secretary and Treasurer.

Discussion held regarding Russell continuing as Treasurer and possibly Gennaria as Secretary.

This Committee agreed that during the month of August, discussions will be held with officer candidates and presented for vote at the November Annual Meeting.

Brief discussion held regarding 2023 chairmanship, members at large and committee memberships.

Conflict of interest Policy

Wilson noted that conflict of interest was no longer relevant as LeFlore has resigned from the Board.

Next Steps

Discussion held regarding (1) cadence of Board meetings in addition to committee meetings and Board/Staff Retreat; (2) how this affects new member recommendations, official business, and overall engagement with the Board; and (3) adding this discussion to the agenda for the upcoming Retreat.

Adjournment

August 2nd meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Submitted by Lea Sutherlin
Executive Assistant & Commission Administrator

Attachments

- Minutes, Governance Committee, June 17, 2022
- Updated Governance Committee List