

FLORIDA COUNCIL ON ARTS AND CULTURE

MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2015

Tallahassee



In Attendance:

Florida Council on Arts and Culture	Department Staff
Glenn Lochrie, Chairman	Sandy Shaughnessy, Director
Lois Benson	Rachelle Ashmore
LeVon Bracy Davis	Morgan Lewis
Katharine Dickenson	Lee Modica
Towson Fraser	Gaylen Phillips
Robert Judd	Elsie Rogers
Rep. Holly Raschein	Patty Warren
Brenda Shoffner	Curtis Young
Joy Satterlee	
Kathryn Townsend	

I. Call to Order

Chairman Glenn Lochrie called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

II. Introduction of Council, Staff and Guests

Mr. Lochrie asked the Florida Council on Arts and Culture and department staff to introduce themselves.

III. Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Dickenson moved to adopt the agenda with Rep. Benson seconding. The motion passed.

IV. Chairman's Comments

Mr. Lochrie thanked the staff for their work on the Heritage Awards ceremony; it was an impressive event and showed off the many talents of the Division. Mr. Lochrie also commended the Division and the Citizens for Florida Arts, Inc. on the success of the Convening Culture conference, and welcomed new member, Towson Fraser.

V. Department of State Update

Sandy Shaughnessy thanked the Council for their attendance at the Heritage Awards. She offered a special thanks to the Council members that donated to the event and the Citizens for Florida Arts, Inc. who was also a sponsor. She welcomed new member, Towson Fraser, of Tallahassee.

Ms. Shaughnessy reported that the Division has received over 1600 grant applications for 2016-17. The Strategic Plan is being put into action and will be in effect through 2020. As a result from the Strategic Planning task force recommendations, the Division has put the State Touring Program on hiatus. In addition, the Museum of Florida History is currently closed due to construction at the RA Gray Building and is scheduled to reopen in July, 2015.

VI. Legislative Update

Ms. Warren distributed information regarding the Senate TTED Committee members and the House TED Committee members. She also reported that for Fiscal year 15-16 the Funding Requests were as follows: General Program Support/Cultural & Museum Grants: \$26,971,780; Specific Cultural Projects/Culture Builds Florida: \$1,545,625; Cultural Facilities: \$18,839,581; and Florida Cultural Endowment: \$1,920,000.

VII. Approval of Minutes

Rep. Benson moved to approve the minutes from the Florida Council on Arts and Culture meeting

held via teleconference on November 20, 2014 with Mr. Judd seconding. The motion passed.

VIII. Review of the Florida Arts Council Meeting Calendar

The next meeting is a teleconference scheduled for May 22, and the following meeting is tentatively scheduled for Jacksonville on September 30- October 1, which will include the Cultural Facilities Panel Meeting.

IX. CSO Designation

Florida International University Foundation, Inc – Jewish Museum has requested designation as a Cultural Sponsoring Organization. Ms. Dickenson moved to approve the designation, with Ms. Townsend seconding. The motion passed.

X. Florida Poet Laureate

The Council reviewed the 15 nominations for the Florida Poet Laureate to determine recommendations to submit to the Secretary of State and the Governor. After discussion and voting, the Council determined that the following top five poets in ranked order be submitted to the Secretary of State for further review: Peter Meinke, Lee Bennett Hopkins, James Tokley, Lola Haskins, and Campbell McGrath. Ms. Shoffner made a motion to accept the list with Sen. Benson seconding. The motion passed.

XI. Art in State Buildings

Each state agency that receives a legislative appropriation to construct a building with public access shall include an amount of up to .5%, not to exceed \$100,000, to be used for the acquisition of works of art to be permanently displayed for viewing in public areas in the interior or on the grounds or the exterior of the building. Agencies receiving these appropriations shall report the amounts set aside for artwork to the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. The Council was presented with the most recent artwork from current projects (for information only, no motion required).

XII. Open Council Discussion

Ms. Townsend questioned the staff why the State Touring Program had been put on hiatus. Ms. Shaughnessy responded that this program had not been funded by the legislature in many years, and the Division is working on restructuring the Arts in Education grant program to encompass STP in hopes that these very important grant activities will be funded in the future. Ms. Townsend asked if there was a potential to pursue an alternate source of funding for this program. Staff explained that although the legislature has not funded this program, the Division has been using Federal funds for STP. By changing the program, the Division is aiming at a more dynamic financial infrastructure that will support both the artists and the presenting organizations.

Ms. Bracy Davis voiced concern regarding the importance of including more diversity in the Florida Heritage Awards program, as well as the Florida Poet Laureate program.

XIII. Public Comment

None.

XIV. Adjourn

With no further public comment, the meeting concluded at 10:38 am.