

FLORIDA COUNCIL ON ARTS AND CULTURE
MEETING MINUTES
October 5, 2017
Orlando



In Attendance:

| Florida Council on Arts and Culture | Division Staff |
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| Rep. Lois Benson, Chairman | Christie Fitz-Patrick, Deputy Secretary of State |
| LaVon Bracy Davis | Sandy Shaughnessy, Director |
| Sen. Tim Deratany | Teri Abstein |
| Katharine Dickenson | Rachelle Ashmore |
| Towson Fraser | Patty Warren |
| Glenn Lochrie | Curtis Young |
| Hope McMath | |
| Terry Olson | |
| Kathryn Townsend | |
| Pat Williams | |

I. Call to Order

Chairman Lois Benson called the meeting to order at 9:25 am.

II. Introduction of Council, Staff and Guests

Ms. Benson asked the Florida Council on Arts and Culture and Division staff to introduce themselves. Special guests included Claire Vickery, Grace Arts Center; Sharon Koskoff, nominee Artist Hall of Fame; Arlene Canty, member Art Deco Society of Palm Beach County; and Melanie Emmanuelli, Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

III. Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Olson moved to adopt the agenda with Ms. Dickenson seconding. Ms. Benson asked to amend the agenda by moving item VII-C, the Strategic Plan update, to item VI, the Department of State update. With no objection, the amended agenda passed.

IV. Approval of Minutes from June 8, 2017 Meeting

Mr. Deratany moved to approve the minutes from the Florida Council on Arts and Culture meeting held in Tallahassee on June 8, 2017 with Mr. Lochrie seconding. The motion passed.

V. Chairman's Comments

Ms. Benson thanked the Council for their work during the grant review process and thanked applicants for their hard work and creativity.

VI. Department of State Update

Sandy Shaughnessy welcomed guests. She thanked the Council for attending the Arts and Economic Prosperity 5 presentation and for their hard work on the Cultural Facilities grant panel.

Staff has been busy managing around 1,500 grants, including funded grants from the previous year and new applications. This panel review process was executed on the new online system. Ms. Shaughnessy encouraged Council members to report any issues with the online system to Division staff so that they could be reported to the IT Department.

Legislative session will be beginning in January with committee meetings starting soon. Ms. Shaughnessy informed the Council that Patty Warren would be able to track the progress of any bills that they were interested in following.

Ms. Shaughnessy provided the Council with information on the Creative Forces Initiative and invited them to attend the state summit in Tampa on October 23rd and 24th at the Straz Center for the Performing Arts. We have joined the National Endowment for the Arts and Americans for the Arts on this initiative. It is a program that supports veterans, active duty military, and their families who are suffering from TBI and PTSD and how they can use the arts as part of their therapeutic treatment. The event is free and open to the public.

The NEA has offered the state Florida \$158,000 for Hurricane Irma relief. Funds will be available in FEMA designated counties and will be released to the state once a budget and funding plan has been submitted to the NEA. The Division is working out details of how to administer that program. Ms. Shaughnessy has engaged Miami-Dade Cultural Affairs to conduct a statewide damage assessment through a survey posted on their website.

Ms. Shaughnessy provided the strategic plan update. The Division's goals have been aligned with the activities in the current strategic plan which runs through the year 2020. We are in year three of the plan and are working on a highlights document for year two which will outline the Division's achievements. She said that Jana Ertrachter has been contracted to create metrics for plan evaluation.

Instead of the Convening Culture conference, the Division will tour sites across the state to present the results of the Arts and Economic Prosperity 5 (AEP5) study. Sites included are Jacksonville, Orlando, Miami, Pensacola, and Tallahassee. The presentation in Tallahassee will be done in conjunction with Arts Day in January. We have partnered with the Florida Cultural Alliance and COCA, the local arts agency, on this event. Randy Cohen from Americans for the Arts will also be part of the Tallahassee event and present results from both the Florida and nationwide studies.

Ms. Shaughnessy concluded by thanking the Council and Chairman Benson.

Hope McMath asked how the Diversity and Inclusion Awards would be presented since in the past this awards ceremony was part of the Convening Culture conference. Ms. Shaughnessy explained that like the Hall of Fame Awards, which had also been presented at Convening Culture, the Diversity and Inclusion Awards will be presented during an evening ceremony on Arts Day.

VII. Business Items

A. Review of Florida Arts Council Meeting Calendar

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for November 16th via teleconference with panel results, January 24th (Arts Day) and January 25th in Tallahassee for election of officers, May 17th via teleconference for Fast Track grants, October 3rd and 4th for the Cultural Facilities grant panel, location TBD, and November 15th via teleconference.

Ms. Benson asked for recommendations for the location of the October 2018 meeting. Pat Williams recommended that the meeting be held on the Treasure Coast. The Council agreed with having the meeting in that region, city to be determined.

B. Grants Budget Update

Patricia Warren provided the budget update. For fiscal year 2017-18, Special Projects were awarded \$2.3 million, General Program Support grants were awarded \$12 million, and Cultural Facilities received \$11.6 million; no endowments were funded, however there were several cultural legislative line items in the budget. She said that the Division is in the process of making payments through the new online grant system and have completed two-thirds of initial payments.

Ms. Warren said that the new budget would be determined once the Council has been provided with the panel reports. The Governor's budget has recommended \$5 million for General Program Support and full funding for Specific Cultural Projects.

Ms. Shaughnessy added that one bill that the Division will be tracking is in reference to National Statuary Hall. Ms. Warren said that to date there had only been one bill filed with a companion bill recommending Mary McLeod Bethune as the subject of the new statue. Terry Olson asked if the bill specified a source of funding for the project. Ms. Warren explained that it did not.

This concluded Ms. Warren's report.

VIII. Hall of Fame Voting

Rachelle Ashmore explained the voting process.

Following discussion of the 10 nominees, there were two rounds of voting. Mr. Lochrie abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest. Mr. Deratany moved that the top two, The Bellamy Brothers and Purvis Young, be recommended to the Secretary of State for induction in the Florida Artists Hall of Fame. Ms. Dickenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with one dissent.

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Florida Artists Hall of Fame Nominations

Voting Results

| Nominee | Round 1 number of votes | Round 2 number of votes |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| The Bellamy Brothers | 9 | 12 |
| Norma Conway | | |
| Ben Essenburg | | |
| Bertie Higgins | 5 | 4 |
| Sharon Koskoff | 1 | |
| Guy LaBree | 1 | |
| Ann Norton | 4 | 2 |
| Geoffrey Smith | | |
| William Turner | | |
| Purvis Young | 16 | 18 |
| Total Votes | 36 | 36 |

After two rounds of voting the Council made a motion to recommend The Bellamy Brothers and Purvis Young to the Secretary of State for induction into the Florida Artists Hall of Fame

IX.

Grant Programs

A. Cultural Facilities Panel Report

Teri Abstein stated that the panel reviewed 22 applications with requests totaling \$7.4 million. The panel recommended 18 of those applications totaling \$6.1 million. The prioritized list will be sent to the Secretary of State for approval and then to the legislature for funding consideration. Mr. Olson made the motion to accept the list as presented with Ms. Bracy Davis seconding the motion. The motion passed.

B. Cultural Sponsoring Organization Designation

Ms. Ashmore presented one organization that is requesting Cultural Sponsoring Organization (CSO) designation. The organization requesting designation as a CSO is The Center for Creative Education (Palm Beach County).

Ms. Dickenson made a motion that the Department of State designate The Center for Creative Education (Palm Beach County) as a Cultural Sponsoring Organization with Ms. Townsend seconding. The motion passed.

C. Cultural Endowment Priority List

Ms. Ashmore presented the complete Cultural Endowment Priority List that will be submitted to the 2018 Florida Legislature for funding consideration. Mr. Olson made a motion to approve the list with Ms. Bracy Davis seconding. The motion passed.

Other Business

X. Open Council Discussion

Mr. Lochrie commended the work of the Division staff during the panel process. Ms. Williams concurred.

XI. Public Comment

Sherron Long of the Florida Cultural Alliance thanked the Council and staff for the opportunity to speak. She asked permission to send materials to the Council in support of their advocacy efforts. Ms. Long asked if it would be possible to receive a ranked list in advance of the next Council meeting on November 16th. Deputy Secretary Fitz-Patrick explained that would not be possible, the grants lists will be provided to the Secretary, and that advocacy can continue during this process. Ms. Long reported that to date 90 organizations requesting \$5.7 million have replied to Miami-Dade's damage assessment survey. Ms. Benson thanked Ms. Long.

Melanie Emmanuelli addressed the Council with regard how they may be able to help Hurricane Maria refugees from Puerto Rico. Ms. Shaughnessy noted that more immediate help may be available from local arts agencies.

XII. Adjourn

With no further public comment, Ms. Benson thanked the Council and adjourned the meeting at 11:37 am.

Robert Judd, Vice Chairman
Florida Council on Arts and Culture

Division of Cultural Affairs

Rep. Holly Raschein, Secretary
Florida Council on Arts and Culture

Sandy Shaughnessy, Director