

Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville
Board of Directors Annual Board Meeting

October 13, 2016

"To Champion and Cultivate the Arts and Culture"

Attendance: Patrick Fisher, Amy Palmer, Tony Allegretti, Cedric Lewis, Franklin Danley, David Engdahl, Scott Wooten, Anne Boccuzzi, Ann Carey, Mac Bracewell, Claudia Baker, Tayloe McDonald, JeMario Stills, Bill Ferry, Jacquelyn Cornelius, Charlie Joseph, Mac Bracewell, Rebecca Ryan-Gonzalez

Meeting Location: Davis Gallery, Times Union Center for the Performing Arts

Start Time: 10:07 a.m.

Franklin Danley opened the meeting by introducing guest speaker Jaden Coates. Ms. Coates shared her story about how art impacted her life and how art has empowered her to share her story.

Mr. Danley called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. He brought up the first agenda item, which was to consider approval of the Cultural Service Grant (CSG) Awards for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. He then asked Tony Allegretti to make further comments about the CSG process.

Mr. Allegretti described the process and current status of the CSG awards. He indicated that the Cultural Council had received significant positive feedback from CSG participants and he outlined the successes of the recent CSG hearings. He described how the recent Hurricane Matthew had impacted the hearings, requiring that the hearing scheduled for October be rescheduled for October 11. He also indicated that due to the circumstances of Hurricane Mathew, four panel members were not present at the October 11 hearing. Mr. Allegretti then stated that representatives of the Jacksonville Symphony were present to appeal the Symphony's scoring. He invited the Jacksonville Symphony to present its appeal. The floor was then opened to public comment.

Amanda Lipsey of the Jacksonville Symphony spoke on behalf of the Symphony in connection with its appeal of the proposed awarded amount. The Jacksonville Symphony commended the hearing process, but argued that the absence of panelists, as a result of Hurricane Matthew, negatively impacted its scoring.

The Board and Ms.Lipsey engaged in a discussion about the issue. Members of the Cultural Council Board asked various questions both of Ms. Lipsey and Mr. Allegretti.

Mr. Danley outlined two options, as he saw them: (1) certify the results as they are presented today, or (2) take into consideration the special circumstance and respond accordingly.

The Jacksonville Symphony requested that either the four panel members be dropped from the scoring or that the Symphony be given an opportunity to

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provide the information to the absent panelists that the other panelists present on October 11 had heard. Scott Wooten asked which option was a higher priority and Ms. Lipsey responded that the second option was the higher priority.

The Board continued the dialogue. It was discussed that the hearings do not represent the only time a CSG organization can provide updates to the CSG Committee. There was also discussion concerning the fairness of offering a special remedy to the Jacksonville Symphony and whether providing the opportunity for the four absent panelists to receive the additional information provided at the October 11 hearing would result in having to re-conduct all the CSG hearings. The Board also reiterated the fact that a quorum was present during the hearings. Mr. Allegretti stated that prior to the hearings, it was agreed upon that the present model of hearings would be used for three years without any changes. He said that four absent panelists was an extraordinary occurrence. Amy Palmer of The Cultural Council stated that she is concerned about the time constraints of re-conducting the hearing.

Darren Dailey and C. Quick of The Jacksonville Children's Chorus then took the floor and briefly reiterated the Jacksonville Symphony's concerns. They also suggested that scores not be rounded up.

Ms. Palmer stated that it is impossible to develop a perfect model. She said that characteristics of scores this year are similar to last year's scores. She advised that the Jacksonville Symphony was the lowest scoring Level 1 organization both this year and last year.

Mr. Danley stated that a quorum was present on October 11 and a process was in place to address absentee panel members. He stated that in his opinion, we should keep this year's scores as is and use this as an opportunity to improve for future hearings. He continued by stating that the Board needs a motion to consider whether to approve the recommendations set forth by the CSG Committee.

Messrs. Joseph, Engdahl, Wooten, Ferry and Stills and Ms. Ryan-Gonzalez recused themselves from the vote by virtue of their service on certain CSG Boards or other reasons. With these Board members recusing themselves, the Board determined that a quorum was not met and that a vote would be deferred to a special meeting to be duly noticed and rescheduled .

Ms. McDonald made a motion that the conversation be tabled and the vote be deferred until there was a quorum present. Mr. Wooten seconded the motion. The Board members agreed and the motion passed.

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Next, Mr. Danley addressed the agenda item pertaining to the approval of the Board and Officer Slate. He indicated that both Claudia Baker and Ann Carey had expressed an interest in serving as Vice Chair. The Board was pleased that more than one candidate had expressed an interest in the role and noted that The Cultural Council is fortunate to have two qualified Board members seek the position. Mr. Danley invited Ms. Baker and Ms. Carey to speak on how their skills and experiences could benefit the role of Vice Chair. Both did so.

The Board conducted a vote by having each Board member write the name of the candidate he or she was supporting. After that process, Mr. Danley announced that Ms. Carey had been selected to serve as Vice Chair (and thus also Chair of the Governance Committee). He thanked Ms. Baker and Ms. Carey for their interest.

After further discussion of the other candidates, Mac Bracewell made a motion to approve the Slate and Ms. McDonald seconded the motion. The Board voted in favor of the Slate and approved the motion. It is noted that the respective Board members recused themselves from voting on their respective nominations.

Mr. Danley then addressed the Board and touched on his time as the Board Chair. He thanked all the Board members and expressed how much his role as Chair has meant to him. He also elaborated on how serving as Chair has sparked personal growth. He then stated how pleased he is that Mr. Joseph will serve as the new Board Chair. Mr. Joseph thanked Mr. Danley for his gracious comments and expressed his appreciation for Mr. Danley's outstanding service as Board Chair this past year.

Mr. Allegretti then introduced the Board to Cedric Lewis, the new Director of Finance. He then thanked Mr. Danley and the Board members for all their efforts. He indicated that staff would undertake efforts to schedule the special meeting shortly and he encouraged attendance to ensure a quorum.

It was determined that the 2016-2017 Budget would be postponed until the special meeting.

There was a motion and a second of the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting came to a close at 11:23 a.m.