

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CONFERENCE CALL
PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2016
FINANCE BUILDING
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Jeanne Gleason, Chair; Ms. Susan Goldberg; Ms. Jen Holman Zaborney; Ms. Gayle Isa; Mr. Jeff Parks; Representative Tina Pickett (*joined the meeting in progress*); Mr. Robert Pullo; Mr. Lee Steadman; Senator Christine Tartaglione; Ms. Paula Vitz.

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Mr. Jeffrey Gabel, Vice Chair; Mr. Justin Laing; Mr. William Lehr, Jr.; Senator Charles McIlhinney; Representative Brian Sims; Mr. James West, Jr.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Charon Battles, Deputy Director for Programs; Ms. Heather Doughty, Deputy Director for Communications; Ms. Jamie Dunlap; Ms. Amy Gabriele, Deputy Director for Administration; Ms. Norah Griffiths Johnson; Mr. Philip Horn, Executive Director; Mr. Seth Poppy; Ms. Caroline Savage; Mr. Matthew Serio.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Kathleen Benton for Senator Tartaglione; Ms. Anne Griffin; Ms. Jenny Hershour; Mr. William Horst; Ms. Gail Reinard for Senator Charles McIlhinney.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Doughty reported on the very favorable review of the PCA's application to the NEA.

Senator Tartaglione reported that the legislature approved a \$1 million increase in the grants budget.

Ms. Gleason thanked everyone for being on the call. She thanked the staff for maintaining order and sanity through the many council meetings and changes throughout the year.

Ms. Gleason introduced Ms. Samara Gomez, Esq., the PCA's new Chief Counsel.

Ms. Gleason called the meeting to order and asked for a call of the roll. Mr. Horn called the roll.

Ms. Gleason called the council's attention to the list of conflicts of interest. She asked for any conflicts of interests not listed. No conflicts were announced.

Ms. Zaborney indicated that she no longer has a conflict with Susquehanna Art Museum.

Ms. Gleason explained that she has conflicts of interest and for that reason there will be a roll call vote where there are conflicts of interest. The record will show that no council members discussed or voted on any item with which that member has a conflict of interest.

Ms. Gleason reminded the Council about the memo from Mr. Horn regarding appointing an Executive Committee. This will be acted on later in the meeting.

ITEM 1 ACTION Recommendations for Arts in Education Division

Recommendations were reviewed by Jamie Dunlap, Program Director.

Ms. Gleason noted her conflict of interests and Ms. Vitz' conflict of interest.

Representative Pickett joined the meeting.

** Motion by Ms. Goldberg. Seconded by Mr. Parks.

Ms. Gleason asked for a vote.

Mr. Horn called the roll.

Mr. Horn announced that the motion carried.

No votes in opposition.

No abstentions

Ms. Gleason noted for the record that neither she nor Ms. Vitz discussed or voted on this motion.

ITEM 2 ACTION Recommendations for Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts

Matthew Serio, Program Director, reviewed the information for the council.

Ms. Gleason noted that this will approve funding for PPA as well as the amounts for each partner. Ms. Isa and Ms. Vitz have a conflict of interest as does she so the same rules and process apply.

Ms. Gleason asked the Council for questions for Mr. Serio.

Hearing none, Ms. Gleason asked for a motion to approve the recommendations as presented.

** Motion by Mr. Pullo. Seconded by Senator Tartaglione.

Ms. Gleason asked Mr. Horn to call a roll vote noting the she, and council members Ms. Isa and Ms. Vitz will recuse themselves from discussing or voting on this motion.

Ms. Goldberg said she may have a conflict of interest she wished to discuss with Mr. Horn. Mr. Horn said she would not be asked to vote on this motion.

Mr. Horn called the roll.

Ms. Gleason announced that the motion carried with recusals by Ms. Goldberg, Ms. Isa, Ms. Vitz and herself.

No votes in opposition.

No abstentions.

ITEM 3 ACTION Recommendations for Entry Track Funding and Transitions to AOAP

Recommendations were reviewed by Matthew Serio, Program Director.

Ms. Gleason said that she is not aware of any conflicts of interest. She asked if Council members have any conflicts to declare.

Ms. Gleason asked for a motion to approve the recommendations.

** Motion by Ms. Zaborney. Seconded by Mr. Steadman.

Ms. Gleason asked for any discussion. Hearing none and with no conflicts she asked for a voice vote.

A voice vote was taken to approve the motion.

No votes in opposition.

No abstentions.

Motion carried.

ITEM 4 ACTION Recommendations for the Preserving Diverse Cultures Division

Recommendations were reviewed by Charon Battles, Deputy Director for Programs. Ms. Gleason asked for questions or comments.

Ms. Gleason asked for a motion to approve the recommendations.

** Motion by Ms. Goldberg. Seconded by Senator Tartaglione.

Ms. Gleason asked for any discussion. There being none and no conflicts of interest, Gleason asked for a voice vote.

A voice vote was taken to approve the motion.

No votes in opposition.

No abstentions.

Motion carried.

ITEM 5 INFORMATION Recommendations for Marketing Initiative

Recommendations were reviewed by Philip Horn, Executive Director

Mr. Horn indicated that the dates for the grant period may need to be altered given the delay with the budget.

Ms. Gleason asked for questions or comment.

Comments by Mr. Horn and Ms. Goldberg - Ms. Goldberg said she liked the idea of combining a statewide arts conference with the marketing training. Mr. Horn said the PCA will make the case for AFTA to bring their marketing conference to Pennsylvania. He complimented AFTA on the content of their marketing conference.

There being no further questions Ms. Gleason said this item would be included in the vote on the budget.

ITEM 6 ACTION Proposed Grants Budget for 2015-2016

Discussion and comments by Amy Gabriele, Deputy Director for Administration

Ms. Gabriele pointed out the \$1 million increase in grants. The proposed grants budget is based on this increase. She noted that the amount LINE ITEM 256 NON PARTNER \$28,443 should be \$44,498. This is because the grant to the School District of Philadelphia will be made to the Philadelphia Arts in Education Partnership, the PCA's AIE partner.

Mr. Horn noted that certain items are marked to indicate that these funds will now be paid out of the PCA administrative budget. Federal funds have been moved from grants to administration to cover the additional cost in the administrative budget. This means that virtually all NEA money is now going to administration. Mr. Horn said that he will ask that any increases in grants funding be provided to administration so federal funds can be moved back to grants.

Mr. Pullo asked about line items marked for administration.

Mr. Horn explained that for example, contractor and consultant fees will now be paid for out of the administrative budget.

Ms. Gleason asked Mr. Horn to explain the funding formula for this year. Mr. Horn explained that after changing the application form last year only half the applicants have been reviewed with the new form.

Mr. Horn recommended that the Council not use the assessment numbers (scores) until the other half of the applicants have been reviewed and scored this year.

Mr. Horn recommended an across the board increase for those receiving annual grants as listed in the council materials.

Mr. Horn advised the Council that the staff is contacting all 600 annual grantees to advise them of the grants process for this year.

Ms. Goldberg asked about line item 66. Budgeted for \$50,000 but a budget of \$200,000.

Mr. Horn said that the \$50,000 is to start the planning, created an advisory committee and develop a full proposal.

** Motion by Ms. Goldberg. Seconded by Ms. Vitz.

A voice vote was taken to approve the motion.

No votes in opposition.

Abstention by Mr. Parks.

Motion carried.

Ms. Gleason reviewed the information about the creation of an executive committee composed of the Chair, Ms. Gleason; the Vice Chair, Mr. Gabel; and council members Ms. Goldberg, Ms. Vitz and Mr. West.

Ms. Gleason asked for any other nominations. Hearing none Gleason asked for the vote.

** Motion by Mr. Parks. Seconded by Mr. Steadman.

A voice vote was taken to approve the motion.

No votes in opposition.

No abstentions.

Motion carried.

Ms. Gleason asked for a motion to empower the Executive Committee should there be a reduction in the grants budget of 20% or less. All council members will be contacted for their advice before the Executive Committee acts.

Gleason asked for discussion. Pullo advised that the Executive Committee be empowered to do the same in case there is an increase. Gleason accepted the amendment to the motion.

** Motion by Ms. Zaborney. Seconded by Mr. Parks.

A voice vote was taken to approve the motion.

No votes in opposition.

No abstentions.

Motion carried.

ITEM 7 ACTION Proposed Funding Formula for 2015-2016

Mr. Horn advised that the Council needs to vote on the approval of the proposed funding formula, including the across the board increase.

Ms. Gleason asked for a motion to approve the recommendation for the grants as presented.

** Motion by Ms. Goldberg. Seconded by Senator Tartaglione.

A voice vote was taken to approve the motion.

No votes in opposition.

No abstentions.

Motion carried.

Ms. Gleason thanked the Council for attending the meeting and reminded them of the upcoming March Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Horn, Executive Director