

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017
11:30 AM – 12 PM
PCA CONFERENCE ROOM
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Jeffrey Parks, Chair; Mr. Jeffrey Gabel, Vice Chair; Ms. Jennifer Zaborney, Secretary; Ms. Susan Goldberg; Mr. William Lehr, Jr.; Representative Tina Pickett; and Ms. Paula Vitz.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT via telephone conference: Ms. Jeanne Gleason; Ms. Gayle Isa; Mr. Lee Steadman; and Mr. James A. West.

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Mr. Justin Laing; Senator Charles McIlhinney; Representative Brian Sims; Senator Christine Tartaglione;

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Philip Horn, Executive Director; Mr. Rodney Akers, Legal Counsel; Ms. Heather Doughty, Deputy Executive Director; Ms. Amy Gabriele, Deputy Director for Administration; Ms. Charlotte Flynn Michalski, Acting Executive Assistant; and, Ms. Sarah Merritt, Special Assistant to the Executive Director and the Council.

Call to Order: Chairman Parks called the meeting to order at 11:30.

Roll Call: Secretary Zaborney called the roll. A quorum was established.

Mr. Parks noted that this action is the next step in a process of many years. This process will continue with a new executive director and a new planning process.

He noted that the budget for responsive grants approved by the Council in July is decreased by 8%. The staff was directed to limit decreases as much as possible except the decreases in the largest grants.

He called on Amy Gabriele to review the proposed parameters for determining the grants for this year.

Ms. Gabriele reviewed the information in the Council book.

Mr. Parks asked for questions of comments.

Ms. Isa said she was disappointed that the Council did not consider the option that

would address the character of the organization and the communities they serve. She hopes the Council will look at strategies that address the level of equity of anchor organizations that serve white and mainstream populations versus other organizations that serve diverse communities.

Ms. Gleason said that this has been under discussion for some time and that this is the best option at this time to help all smaller organizations.

There being no more discussion, Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the recommendation.

**Moved by Lehr. Seconded by Goldberg.

Secretary Zaborney called the roll for a vote.

Nine in favor.

Two opposed.

No abstentions.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by Mr. Parks at 12 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Philip Horn, Executive Director