



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025 | 4:00-6:00 P.M.

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Location:

Jessie Ball duPont Center, Room 318
40 E. Adams Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202

Zoom Meeting Link:

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Meeting ID:

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Phone Number:

1-305-224-1968

Welcome & Call to Order

Lisa Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. In attendance were Lisa Johnson, Ari Jolly, Dr. Timothy Snyder, Joey Greive, Kevin Craig, Dr. Darren Brownlee, Karen Feagins, and Chris Lazzara. Mike Freed and Darrin Eakins participated virtually. Monica Hernandez and Suzanne Pickett were absent.

Staff in attendance included Kat Wright, Angelica Rosas, Janet Bromley, Janet Wesley, April Hartwich, Kristin Livingston, Nan Kreamer and Diana Donovan

Lisa Johnson

Public Comment

There was no public comment made.

Meeting Overview & Approval of Consent Agenda

Lisa Johnson

The board chair kicked off the meeting with a vote to approve last quarter's board and committee meeting minutes. This included minutes from:

- Board meeting on April 24, 2025
- Development Committee minutes from January 13 and April 14, 2025
- Governance Committee minutes from April 15, 2025
- Finance Committee minutes from January 16, April 17, and August 21, 2025
- Art in Public Places Committee minutes from April 23, May 14 and July 16, 2025



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- Cultural Service Grant Program minutes from April 2, June 25, and July 23, 2025

Moved by: Joey Greive

Seconded by: Kevin Craig

All in favor: all

Opposed: none

The minutes for last quarter's board and committee meetings were approved.

The board chair provided an overview of the meeting agenda including votes to approve the fiscal year 2025-2026 Cultural Service Operating Grants budget as approved by the CSGP Committee and the Cultural Council fiscal year 2025-2026 budget.

She also welcomed the special guest speaker, Jennifer Jones, President & CEO of Florida Cultural Alliance and Dr. Rahman Johnson our new City Council Liaison and thanked council member Jimmy Peluso for his service.

Lisa Johnson

And announced that the board retreat would be moved to 2026.

Finance Committee

Finance chair, Joey Greive expressed congratulations to the Cultural Council on a flat budget year. He thanked Mayor Donna Deegan and Councilmember Rahman Johnson for all their hard work throughout the budget process.

Joey Greive
Nan Kreamer, *CFO*
Angelica Rosas,
Director of Grants
Administration

He reminded the board about board dues and the importance of 100% board participation to increase the council's ability to apply for grant funding and secure donations



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Angelica Rosas, Director of Grants Administration, then presented the board with the results from the Cultural Service Grant Hearing, held on October 1. She thanked the members of the board who serve on the CSGP committee and who spent countless hours reviewing and scoring applications alongside the other members of the committee. She called attention to several organizations who moved between the funding tiers due to growth and that the Ritz Chamber Players returned after taking a year off from funding. And finally, she presented the board with the audited scores and funding recommendations for the 32 applicants for operational funding.

Director Greive called for a motion to approve the FY2526 CSG Operating Grants as approved by the CSGP Committee at the hearing on October 1, 2025.

Moved by: Karen Feagins
Seconded by: Ari Jolly
All in favor: all
Opposed: none

The FY2526 CSG Operating Grants were approved.

CFO, Nan Kremer presented the Finance Report for the year ending September 30, 2025, a draft budget and a financial audit timetable.

Chair Greive requested a motion to approve the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville FY2526 budget.

Moved by: Chris Lazzara
Seconded by: Lisa Johnson



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All in favor: all

Opposed: none

The Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville FY2526 budget was approved.

Diana Donovan introduced the guest speaker, Jen Jones from Florida Cultural Alliance. Jen reviewed the budgetary process at the state level for arts and culture funding. She discussed last year's statewide cut to arts and culture funding and how the state grant process is moving forward this fiscal year. She recommended that the board invest time in building relationships with legislators. She also reiterated the Americans for the Arts data which was shared in May 2021 and the fact that Jacksonville outpaces the state and the nation with economic impact of arts and culture organizations.

Diana also took the time to acknowledge the support of Mayor and City Council. Especially the investment in the pilot artist grant for individual artists and professional development sessions. She also thanked PNC for their investment in continuing those professional development sessions through the calendar year.

Development Committee

Development chair, Dr. Timothy Snyder expressed his gratitude for Janet Wesley and the heavy lift she executed in her first 90 days to have one of the most successful Arts Awards yet.

Janet Wesley reviewed Arts Awards 2025 and gave a brief overview of Arts Awards 2026 planning. She also led board

Dr. Timothy Snyder
Janet Wesley



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members through the FY2526 Fundraising Plan which included the new Mosaic campaign and she expressed that the development committee would begin discussing the formation of an Endowment Committee for the organization given the volatility of funding for arts and culture at the national and state levels. In addition we will launch the Mosaic campaign to fill gaps where current city funding can't reach that we hear is a need from the community – ex. innovation, emergency, professional development, individual artist funding, etc. She also discussed relationship mapping exercises that board will complete in advance of the board retreat.

Board of Directors Recognition

Diana Donovan gave brief remarks and gifts to those board members who are rolling off including Karen Feagins, Darrin Eakins, and David Falisek.

Diana Donovan,
Executive Director

In addition, she acknowledged Kat Wright's 3 year anniversary with the Cultural Council. Karen Feagins acknowledged Kat's hard work and ability to complete many projects during her tenure. "It would not have happened without Kat".

Board Chair Lisa Johnson was recognized for her remarkable tenure as Board Chair and then she passed the gavel on to incoming Board Chair, Tim Snyder. Lisa and Tim made brief remarks and other board members also acknowledge their respect and admiration for Lisa's leadership and their excitement for what lies ahead with Dr. Snyder at the helm.



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Board Chair Remarks

Dr. Timothy Snyder

Dr. Snyder informed board members that they would be receiving Board Engagement and recommitment forms in the mail following the meeting. The document outlines various opportunities for how you can serve the mission of the Cultural Council.

He also reviewed the FY2526 Board Meeting and Committee Meeting dates and times, as well as Committee assignments included in their packets.

Adjournment

Dr. Timothy Snyder

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.