



Governance Committee Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 4-5 p.m.

IN-PERSON: The Jessie, 40 E Adams St. Suite 300 (DuPont Conference Room) Jacksonville, FL 32202
VIRTUAL: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81595121215> Meeting ID: 815 9512 1215

IN-PERSON QUORUM REQUIRED FOR VOTING ITEMS

MEMBERS:

- ☐ Kevin Craig, Chair
- ☐ Chris Lazzara
- ☐ Ari Jolly
- ☐ Dr. Timothy Snyder

STAFF:

- ☐ Diana Donovan, Executive Director
- ☐ Kristin Livingston, Director of Operations

AGENDA

A. Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call Kevin Craig

- Chair Craig called the meeting to order at 4:16pm.
- Kevin Craig, Chris Lazzara, Ari Jolly, Diana Donovan, Janet Wesley, Kristin Livingston and member of the public, Ernest was in attendance. Tim Snyder was absent

Thank you for a great board retreat especially to staff and Dr. Snyder

B. Public Comment Kevin Craig

- No public comment was made.

C. Approve minutes for October Meeting Kevin Craig

- i. *Motion to approve the minutes as written: Chris Lazzara*
- ii. *Second: Ari*
- iii. *All in favor: All*
- iv. *All opposed: N/A*

D. Board Recruitment (Elected Positions) Kevin Craig

Introduction to board candidates. Governance chair and Executive Director met with each candidate.

Ari recommended Paula Carlisle. New transplant. A lot of great energy and great contributor, Three notes for consideration to the board – intentionality about PR and Paula has SME in this arena. She has an artistic background. Such an easy fit. Brings an element of development to the table.

- i. Motion to nominate **Paula Carlisle** for recommendation to fill a vacant elected Board member position.
 - 1. *Motion: Chris*
 - 2. *Second: Ari*
 - 3. *All in favor: all*
 - 4. *All opposed: none*

Leon Kally is great people. He is so intentional in what he does. He will be a great asset to fill vacant finance chair. He has a lot of development experience as well.

- ii. Motion to nominate **Leon Kally** for recommendation to fill a vacant elected Board member position.

- 1. *Motion: Ari*
- 2. *Second: Chris*
- 3. *All in favor: All*
- 4. *All opposed: none*

Michael Strahl recommended by three individuals; new transplant, intentional conversation about the role of the Cultural Council and how we work with the City. Networking and connected despite just moving here. Loves arts and culture. Eager.

- iii. Motion to nominate **Michael Strahl** for recommendation to fill a vacant elected Board member position.

- 1. *Motion: Chris*
- 2. *Second: Ari*
- 3. *All in favor: all*
- 4. *All opposed: none*

Excited for the energy they will bring; one additional community appointed seat; three mayoral seats

- iv. Upon approval, these nominations will be presented to the Board of Directors for a vote at the April Board meeting.

E. Arts Awards 2026 Janet Wesley

Ticket sales & sponsorship focus – we need your support
Diana is presenting to the Jax Chamber Board

F. Other Business

Request for BOD members to thank the Mayor and City Council and remind them of the importance of arts and culture as we are entering budget season. Championing the Cultural Council for sustained funding it the most integral

ROI number updates were shared with the board

The Director of Communications & Marketing position is now open and we welcome recommendations on great talent to fill the role

Michael Munz – Chris Lazarra will make the connect for lunch with Diana

Sporting Jax development – Chris Lazarra ask for a meeting re: signage/branding on the building for CCGJ

Chris will send CCGJ staff details; AI companies connections for philanthropic dollars – not a replacement a tool that is advancing rapidly. For 92 cents on every dollar, with a small staff, etc. Recommend not waiting too long for incorporating these software. 90% discount
Anthropic - \$1200
Open AI

Chris Lazzara was recognized by the State of Georgia in resolutions – offered to make connections to Georgia philanthropic dollars

G. Next meeting date Kevin Craig

- i. *August 11, 2026, from 4-5 p.m.*

H. Adjournment Kevin Craig

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 pm