



METRO ARTS

NASHVILLE OFFICE OF ARTS + CULTURE

Minutes

Executive Committee

February 7, 2024

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Metro Southeast Office Building

Green Hill Conference Room

1417 Murfreesboro Pike

Nashville, TN 37217

Executive Committee: Diana Perez (Chair), Leah Dupree Love, Campbell West, Heather Lefkowitz and Daniel Singh (Executive Director, ex-officio, non-voting)

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A. Call to Order

- Commissioner Chair Perez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. Public Comment

- There were no public comments.

C. Budget Committee Request Discussion

- Commissioner Perez introduced the discussion on establishing a Budget Committee to oversee Metro Arts' financial affairs, following up from previous meeting and a memo sent out by the Director of Metro Finance.
- Director Singh outlined concerns and suggested leveraging existing mechanisms like the executive committee.
- Commissioner West emphasized the need for enhanced financial oversight and transparency, proposing both a Finance Committee and an oversight committee.
- Commissioner Lefkowitz supported the establishment of a dedicated Budget Committee based on her experience with nonprofits.
- Commissioner Love emphasized ongoing communication and transparency in financial stewardship.

- Commissioner Perez highlighted considerations for the community impact and staff workload.
- Director Singh and commissioners discussed the roles and necessity of the proposed Budget & Oversight Committee, agreeing to continue the discussion in future meetings.

A motion was made that the Executive Committee establish an ad hoc committee to function as both the Budget and Oversight Committee, integrating equity considerations into its operations, and that the Madam Chair appoint the members of this committee by Commissioner Dupree Love and seconded by Commissioner Lefkowitz.

D. Executive Director's Report

- Director Singh discussed sensitive matters requiring a closed meeting and Ian Myers' transition from a civil service position to a contractor role post-January 2024.
- Discussions ensued regarding Myers' role in ongoing audits and the department's reliance on his institutional knowledge.

A motion was made by retain Ian Myers under contract until March 30, 2024 by Commissioner Dupree Love and seconded by Commissioner Lefkowitz.

E. New/Old Business

- No new or old business was discussed.

F. Adjourn Meeting

- ***Commissioner Chair Perez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Lefkowitz.***