



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Cultural Affairs Commission

*Consider:*

*Who benefits? Who is burdened?*

*Who does not have a voice at the table?*

*How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Monday, November 19, 2018

5:15 PM

CCB, Room 321

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#### A. Call To Order

*Call to order at 5:16pm by Ritcherson. Albouras arrived at 5:50pm.*

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

**Present** 9 - MARY KLEHR, STEVEN MORGAN, CAROLE TRONE, DIANE EVERSON,  
RODERICK RITCHERSON, TRACY WILLIAMS-MACLIN, CHRISTIAN ALBOURAS,  
SAMIE CHAMBERS, and YOGESH CHAWLA

**Excused** 2 - MARCIA MIQUELON, and LUIS MONTOTO

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All in favor.

#### C. Action Items

*Chawla suggests adding action item for December 19th meeting to add OA-O18 to be voted on regarding the Cultural Affairs name change, prior to the December 20th County Board meeting.*

*Chawla asks adding an agenda item in July to discuss the County's budget and adding additional funds for the grant cycle.*

*Overview of 2019 Dane Arts' budget to be added to December 19th meeting.*

#### D. Presentations

N/A

#### E. Reports to Commission

*Chair, Grants, PR, FR, Director*

*Executive Committee – Committee would like to collect data on Dane Arts (Ex. History of assistance to large organizations vs. small organizations; how many specific arts organizations are funded, etc.) Ritcherson asks commissioners to submit feedback on what data can be collected. Morgan and Klehr suggest gathering information on first time grant applicants.*

*Ritcherson asks if a yearlong event schedule and sign-up sheet would be helpful to improve commissioner attendance at events. Fraire will provide this event schedule for the month of December and will figure out a long running event schedule. Chambers states that this will be extremely useful.*

*Klehr suggests discussing what events are happening each month, at each commission meeting, and getting feedback from commissioners that have attended. Fraire will draft a few descriptive lines for commissioners about each upcoming grant funded event - attendance requested.*

*Ritcherson suggests adding a discussion item to the January meeting on how the additional funds that are raised will be utilized.*

*A presentation was given to the County Board Executive Committee by Chawla and Ritcherson regarding the name change approval. The final meeting will take place on December 20th.*

*Grants – The adopted new rubric that will be used by the panels was tested by the Executive Committee. Morgan was comfortable with using it and felt positive about the new rubric. Klehr asks if calculations are whole numbers or in decimal format – Fraire will double check.*

*Ritcherson asks each workgroup to bring forward what they would like to tackle in 2019 at the December 19th meeting.*

*Trone asks if reports and information can be pulled from Webgrants, Fraire shares that this is possible.*

*Handbook – N/A*

*PR – N/A*

*Fundraising – Chambers states that the January fundraiser is moving ahead, and the bios and artwork have been selected for the January 2019 Ho-Chunk Gaming Fundraiser. Exhibitions will take place the last four Thursdays in January from 4pm-8pm. Two artists will exhibit each Thursday. If guests make a donation to Dane Arts, they will be offered a ticket for the Dane Arts drawing where they can enter to receive a piece of artwork from the artists that are showing their work that day. Trone asks if there is anything that commissioners should specifically do for this fundraising event. Chambers suggests attending and greeting guests.*

*Blockstein – The committee has discussed adding an additional question to the grant application that is related to the Blockstein funds, that organizations can choose to answer for an opportunity to receive additional funds. This approach will give organizations the opportunity to learn more about Blockstein and the opportunity for*

*projects/organizations to gain additional funds.*

*Blockstein Committee will reach out to community members, Carousel Bayrd, Community Shares, and Judy Karofsky to gain suggestions and feedback in order to form a motion for approval by the commission.*

*Chawla suggests deciding as a commission if it's important to fundraise to replenish the funds and deciding if promotion to gain more applicants is useful. The award would be granted twice per year. Albours suggests keeping the language broad for the question that will be asked to grant applicants. Williams-Maclin suggest providing Blockstein funding once per year and pairing it with a Dane Arts event that is already scheduled to happen (Ex. Adding the announcement to the calendar event.) Chawla suggests adding Blockstein funded organizations to a page within the Dane Arts calendar.*

*Trone suggests adding the question to the application as well. Morgan suggests having the funds awarded once per year. Klehr likes the idea of the original proposal and combining it with the Calendar/Poster event. Raising the award amount was also discussed.*

*Director – Printed report submitted to commission. Fraire will check on what needs to be done for re-appointments and removing past commissioners' names from County directories.*

## **F. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

*December 19 (off site), January 16, February 20, March 20, April 3 (Commission review)*

*December off-site location will take place at a location TBD in Dane County. First choice is the Madison Club, if available and second choice is the University Club. Everson will call the Madison Club to check on availability.*

*Potential future off-site locations: Mark Weller's artist studio in Waunakee and/or Miquelon's place of business in Mazomanie.*

*Meetings will take place in two alternate locations in 2019, during the months of June and August.*

**All in favor.**

## **H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

*N/A*

## **I. Adjourn**

*Adjourned at 6:36pm.*

**All in favor.**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Taeli Reistad.*