



CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Arts & Humanities Commission

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Virginia Beach Arts and Humanities Commission
Business Meeting
Thursday, September 7, 2023/ 5 pm
Sandler Center –Classroom 1 (2nd Floor)

AGENDA

MISSION STATEMENT: To make Virginia Beach a great city, the Virginia Beach Arts and Humanities Commission is dedicated to integrating the arts and humanities, in their full ethnic and cultural diversity, into the fabric of everyday life. Toward this end, the Commission serves as an advisory and funding entity, stimulating and supporting excellence and accessibility in the arts and humanities for all citizens.

I. WELCOME

- a. Introduction of *Commissioner Mark A. Johnson*
 - Term: 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2027
- b. Introduction of *Commissioner Ashley McLeod*
 - Term: 7/11/2023 – 6/30/2025

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. July 13, 2023

| COMMISSIONER | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|------------------------|-----|----|---------|--------|
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III. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

- a. August Treasurer's Report

| COMMISSIONER | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
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IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ad-Hoc Committee
 - Leadership Organization Development (LOD) Grant Policy Review
- b. FY24 Annual Plan Review (See attached.)
- c. FY24 Liaisons (See attached.)
 - Grantee Liaison-Overview of Duties
 - Liaison-Grantee Responsibilities
 - FY24 Liaison Sign-up Sheet
- d. FY24 Committees (See attached.)
 - FY24 Committee Sign-Up Sheet
- e. October- National Arts & Humanities Month
 - Oct 3rd – 6:00 pm City Council Proclamation
- f. City Council Retreat Update
- g. FY24 Project Grant Discussion
 - Virginia Stage Company

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Advertising & Marketing Committee
 - Committee Chair Sunny Peoples/Staff Liaison- Alex Dye
- b. Advocacy Committee
 - Committee Chair – (VACANT)/ Staff Liaison–Emily Labows
- c. Champion for the Arts Committee
 - Committee Chair- Em Davis / Staff Liaison- Beth Hundley
- d. Cultural Equity Committee
 - Committee Chair – Olga Torres-Baker/ Staff Liaison – Hillary Plate
- e. Public Art Committee
 - Committee Chair Mia Guile/Staff Liaison - Emily Brookover

VI. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VIII. NEXT MEETING

- a. Tuesday, October 3, 2023
 - 4:30 pm: Meet and Greet
Location: Whitehurst Buffington House
Address: 2441 N. Landing Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456
 - 6:00 pm: Proclamation Reading
Location: City Hall/ Council Chambers
Address: Building 1- 2401 Courthouse Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23456

IX. ADJOURNMENT