



CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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Virginia Beach Arts and Humanities Commission Business Meeting

Thursday, November 2, 2023 / 5 pm
Sandler Center for the Performing Arts–Wood Room (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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. September 7, 2023

COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Michael Cloud-Butler				
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III. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

a. October Treasurer's Report

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IV. OLD BUSINESS

- a. National Arts & Humanities Month Update
- b. Ad-Hoc Committee (Em Davis)
 - Leadership Organization Development (LOD) Grant Policy Review
- c. Final Copies
 - FY24 Adopted Annual Plan
 - FY24 Liaison Sheet
 - FY24 Committees

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. FYI: City of Virginia Beach FY24-25 Focused Action Plan
- b. FYI: City of Virginia Beach Comprehensive Plan 2040
- c. FYI: Community Cultural Arts Grant Deadlines
 - Round 1: No applications received on Aug. 31, 2023 deadline for Sept. 7 Presentation
 - Round 2: Applications due Nov. 30, 2023 for Dec. 7th Presentation
 - Round 3: Applications due Feb. 6, 2024 for March 21st Presentation
- d. 2023 AHC Holiday Social
- e. Organization Thank You Letters

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Advertising & Marketing Committee
 - Committee Chair Sunny Peoples/Staff Liaison- Alex Dye
- b. Advocacy Committee
 - Committee Chair – Sue Grube/ 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
 - Adoption of Cultural Equity Commitment

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- e. Public Art Committee
 - Committee Chair Mia Guile/Staff Liaison - Emily Brookover

VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IX. NEXT MEETING - Thursday, December 7, 2023

- a. 4 pm: Executive Committee Meeting
 - Sandler Center for the Performing Arts
 - 2nd Floor / Cultural Affairs Conference Room
- b. 5 pm: Business Meeting
 - Sandler Center for the Performing Arts
 - 2nd Floor / Classroom 1

X. ADJOURNMENT

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