

Board Members Present: Jannet Walker Ford, Ari Jolly, Lisa Moore, Ann Carey, David Faliszek, Chris Lazzara, Kemal Gasper, Karen Feagins, Kirsten Doolittle, Lisa Johnson, Ryan Ali, Sandra Hull-Richardson

City Council Liaison Absent: Michael Boylan

Legislative Liaisons Absent: Audrey Gibson

Staff Members Present: Amy Palmer, Ellen Cottrill, Joy Young, Megan Reid, Glenn Weiss, Hilda Etedgui, Ashanta Williamson

Guests: Tucker Hall, Lauren Steif, John Finotti, Rachel Zimmer, Sel Buyuksurac, Shawana Brooks, Jordan Elsbury, Diana Donovan, Darren Dailey, Kimberly Hyatt

A. Call to Order

Jannet Walker Ford called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM and called the role.

B. Announcement of Resignation of Executive Director

Board Chairwoman Walker-Ford announced the resignation of the executive director, Dr. Joy Young, effective immediately and thanked her for her service. She is asked to sign the agreement in 7 days. They ask that she be available for 30 days to allow for a proper transition and she will receive any unpaid leave. She has left a transition plan and a fiscally sound organization.

The board of directors discussed qualities to search for in a director. Ann Carey referenced the Succession Plan document created by the board two years before and provided to Jannet for helping to guide the committee during this transition and the search process.

C. Interim Director

Additionally, Jannet Walker-Ford has announced the resignation of Diana Donovan from the board of directors and the mayor's committee. Jannet Walker Ford recommended Diana Donovan as the interim director of the organization.

Kirsten Doolittle made a motion for Diana Donovan to serve as the interim executive director of the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville. Kemal Gasper seconded the motion. The board discussed the job description and salary of the interim director. A roll call vote was called, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

D. Communications Strategy

Jannet Walker Ford thanked the staff for their hard work and dedication. She introduced John Finotti who is in charge of the communications strategy of the announcement. John Finotti will be the point of contact for any media.

E. Search Committee

Jannet Walker Ford announced the search committee and asked Lisa Johnson, Kirsten Doolittle, Ari Jolly, Kemal Gasper, Council Member Michael

Boylan to serve on the committee. She gave further information on the role of the search committee for the executive director.

F. Public Comment

Glenn Weiss spoke to the excellence of the resigning director and thanked her for her hard work. Joy Young thanked the staff and the board of directors for their service to the arts and culture community.

G. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 AM.