



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, January 20, 2022
Zoom/Virtual Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Board Chairman Lloyd Dennis
Angie Simon
Susan Brennan
Demond Melancon

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Hon. Leslie Harris
Hon. Freddie King, III

NOTCF STAFF PRESENT: Lisa Alexis (President), Tiffany Jackson (Deputy Director), Linda Jacques (Program Director), Klervae Stinson (Grants Manager)

Chairman Dennis called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. **Chairman Dennis** welcomed new board members to NOTCF. **Chairman Dennis** would like to formally introduce new Council Members in NOTCF's future meeting. **Chairman Dennis** also recognized **Demond Melancon** on his introduction of Mardi Gras Indians in partnership with NOTCF.

Chairman Dennis called for a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. **Susan Brennan** made a motion to accept the December 16, 2021 meeting minutes, and **Demond Melancon** seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Tiffany Jackson presented the finance report covering the full 2021 year. **Tiffany Jackson** presented the Year-to-Date actual of \$3 million dollars which represents January to October Occupancy Privilege Taxes. **Chairman Dennis** called for a motion to accept the finance report. **Susan Brennan** made a motion to accept the finance report, and **Angie Simon** seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion.

At the December board meeting, the board delayed the vote to approve the employer contribution for the 457b retirement plan. **Chairman Dennis** called for a motion for NOTCF to contribute 6 % to the 457b retirement plan. **Demond Melancon** motioned first, and **Angie Simon** seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion

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Linda Jacques gave of the NOTCF grants program performance reports received to date.

Klervae Stinson gave Grants Program Report from May to December 2021.

The following grants were approved by the Grants Committee Board:

- **New Orleans Children’s Chorus for \$10,000**
- **Dancing Grounds \$20,000**
- **Point Productions \$10,000**
- **New Orleans Dance Collective \$15,000**

Additionally, **Klervae Stinson**, introduced and gave an overview of the following grants:

Idea Village \$75,000 – **Susan Brennan** requested a motion to accept the recommendation from the grant review committee. **Chairman Dennis** made a motion to accept to the recommendation. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Island of Algiers Tours \$42,870 – **Susan Brennan** requested a motion to accept the recommendation from the grant review committee. **Chairman Dennis** made a motion to accept to the recommendation. The board unanimously approved the motion.

New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival \$120,000– **Susan Brennan** requested a motion to accept the recommendation from the grant review committee. **Chairman Dennis** made a motion to accept the recommendation. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Lisa Alexis shared the President’s report noting we will support our cultural economy through grants, programing, partnerships, and sponsorships. **Lisa Alexis** also shared with the board preliminary meetings with Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport plans to bring live entertainment to the travelers entering and leaving our airport with cultural artists and musicians. The partnership will be with NOTCF, Office of Cultural Economy, and the Concessions Group. Also noted was the James Beard event that NOTCF would be sponsoring. Another partnership opportunity noted is with NCAA Final Four. Lastly, NOTCF’s office is almost completed and staff will conduct move in February. **Chairman Dennis** requested a motion to accept the President’s report. **Susan Brennan** motioned first to accept the President’s report and **Demond Melancon** motioned second. The board unanimously approved the motion.



Chairman Dennis introduced new business with New Orleans Airport will provide work for musicians to be inclusive of the Mardi Gras Indians. It was noted by **Chairman Dennis** that the conversation has already started by **Lisa Alexis**.

Lisa Alexis noted the progress of Trepwise and the Cultural Stakeholders is moving forward. It was noted by **Chairman Dennis** compensation should be discussed due to the time the stake holders will spend.

Chairman Dennis requested a motion to adjourn. **Susan Brennan** motioned first and seconded by **Demond Melancon**. The board unanimously approved the motion.