



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Wednesday, September 21, 2022**

**Zoom/Virtual Meeting**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairman Lloyd Dennis

Vice Chairwoman Angie Simon

Treasurer Susan Brennan

Demond Melancon

Dow Edwards

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Hon. Lesli Harris

Hon. Freddie King III

**NOTCF STAFF PRESENT:**

Lisa Alexis (CEO/President), Tiffany Jackson (Deputy Director), Klervae Stinson (Grants Manager), Linda Jacques (Program Director) and Kissie Matthews (Office Manager)

**Chairman Lloyd Dennis** called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM

**Chairman Lloyd Dennis** called for a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. **Demond Melancon** motioned to accept the July 2022 minutes. **Vice Chairwoman Angie Simon** seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

During the Chairman's Report, **Chairman Dennis** suggested NOTCF hire additional staff to cover the mini grants. He is anticipating a surge in mini grant applications when the applications reopen and he recognizes the impact this may have on the NOTCF team.

**Tiffany Jackson**, presented the finance report for January – September 2022. **Susan Brennan** motioned to accept the finance report. **Vice Chairwoman Angie Simon** motioned second. Motion unanimously approved.

**Tiffany Jackson** presented the 2023 budget. The board expressed concerns on the proposed 2023 budgeted amounts for the three dedicated expenditure. These line items include the Mayor's Office of Tourism and Arts, Film Commission and Music Commission. **President and CEO Lisa Alexis** offered to provide a report detailing the purpose for the funding increase

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requests. **Chairman Dennis** asked that we hold a special board meeting Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> to further discuss and to receive a report regarding the increase for those line items from \$100,000 in 2022 to \$250,000 for 2023. **Chairman Dennis** asked to hold the motion to accept the 2023 Budget until special board meeting is held. **Treasurer Susan Brennan** motioned first and **Dow Edwards** seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

**Klervae Stinson** gave an overview of the grants awarded year to date. **Susan Brennan** motioned first to accept the grants awarded report. **Vice Chairman Angie Simon** seconded the motion. Motion unanimously accepted.

**Susan Brennan** provided a summary of the recommendations from the September 2022 grant review committee meeting. **Vice Chairman Angie Simon** seconded the motion from the grant review committee. Motion unanimously approved.

The board discussed the Music Museum's grant application. **Dow Edwards** motioned for the board to table the Music Museum's request for funding until the museum representatives confirmed receipt of other funding sources. **Demond Melancon** seconded that motion. Motion unanimously approved to table the Music Museum's grant application.

**Chairman Lloyd Dennis** adjourned board meeting at 5:30