



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, November 15, 2022
Ashe Powerhouse
1731 Baronne Street

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Board Chair Lloyd Dennis
First Vice Chair Angie Simon
Treasurer Susan Brennan
Demond Melancon
Dow Edwards
Hon. Lesli Harris

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Hon. Freddie King III

NOTCF STAFF PRESENT:

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

Board Chairman Lloyd Dennis called the meeting to order at 4:09 PM

Chairman Dennis called for a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. **Dow Edwards** motioned to accept the September 2022 minutes. **Treasurer Susan Brennan** seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

The finance report was given by **Tiffany Jackson**. **First Vice Chair Angie Simon** motioned to accept the report and **Demond Melancon** seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

Grants Manager Klervae Stinson gave a grant report update. She briefly expressed the mini grants would be closing today. **Klervae Stinson** shared the grant review committee's recommendations. See below.

Culture is our open door



Name	Requested	Recommended for Board Approval	Approved by Committee	Score
Gentilly Festival, Inc. - Gentilly Festival	\$40,000	\$40,000		9.6
Chic Nouvelle Orleans Model Management, Inc. - FAZE Magazine	\$33,500		\$9,975	7
Knightscope Entertainment, LLC. - Phat Phat 'N All That	\$40,000		\$15,000	8.6
Press Street dba Antenna - Seeing Black	\$120,000	\$25,000		9.2
Total	\$233,500	\$ 65,000	\$ 24,975	

Dow Edwards seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved. **Chairman Dennis** recused himself from the vote due to inclusion of his body of work as a photographer with the Press Street dba Antenna – SEEING BLACK Art Exhibition.

Lisa Alexis gave the performance report update. **Dow Edwards** motioned first, and **Treasurer Susan Brennan** motioned second. Motion unanimously approved.

Susan Brennan proposed adding a question to the grant review matrix to rate an entity based on nonprofit and for-profit status. Zero (0) for profit; five (5) for-profit producing community events; ten (10) Nonprofit producing community event.

Lisa Alexis provided the President’s report. Each board member has the 2023 Annual Program in their board packets. Lisa shared the City Council presentation would take place the next day, November 16th, in council chambers. She acknowledged NOTCF is always happy to have board members attend the council meeting budget presentations. Lisa shared the *We’ve Got Your Back* commercial produced by James Agency. **Demond Melancon** motioned to accept the report and **First Vice-Chairwoman Angie Simon** seconded the motion.

Motion to adjourn at 4:27 PM first by **Susan Brennan** and seconded by **Demond Melancon**. Unanimously approved.