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LSAC Minutes for Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Members Present: Chair Mary Lee, Margie Camardelle, Conni Castille, Darden Gladney, Dirk Guidry, Gene Meneray, Patti Nelson, Joy Pace, Sheela Plater, Henry Price, Christian Vigé, Kyle Wedberg, Patrick Widhalm

Absent: Ellen Anthony, Virginia Berthelot, Adam Holland, Olivia Regard, Kristin Sanders (ex-officio), Sen. Kirk Talbot

OCD Staff Present: Erica Anderson, April Baham, Danny Belanger, Carrie Broussard, Scott Finch, Kelsea McCrary, Maida Owens

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Meeting was called to order at 11:07 am by Chair Mary Lee.

The LSAC held a moment of silent thoughts to the loss of Cheryl Castille.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Camardelle to approve the August 25, 2020 minutes, seconded by Nelson.

Motion carried, 13-0.

III. Reports

Chair Report by Mary Lee. Chair Lee is working on a project in honor of Cheryl. She will update the LSAC as details are available.

Assistant Secretary Report by Deputy Assistant Secretary Carrie Broussard. A Special session underway until October 27. There were small mid-year budget cuts to OCD, but no impact on programming. At this time, no legislation has been filed that will impact the Division of the Arts. OCD staff will continue to monitor special session for the next week until adjournment. Kristin Sanders and Carrie Broussard will jointly share the Arts Executive Director role through search and hiring of new ED.

IV. Business

Program Updates by all Arts staff. The draft LDOA Strategic Plan was distributed to the LSAC via email for review. Kelsea McCrary gave a summary of the process and requested feedback by October 23.

Arts Executive Director Search Process reviewed by Deputy Assistant Secretary Broussard:

- Finalize job description and complete internal approval process
- Advertise for one month
- OCD reviews applicants and narrow the candidates to a manageable list

- Executive Committee reviews short list and jointly identify 3 – 5 candidates to interview via Zoom
- Executive Committee makes recommendation on top 2 candidates
- OCD conduct reference checks
- Top candidates presented to Lieutenant Governor – he may elect to interview himself or may accept recommendation
- Offer made, internal HR paperwork, drug testing, etc.
- Most aggressive time frame would be for interviews to occur just before or just after Christmas/New Year, a decision and offer made in Late Jan and a new ED to start work in mid-Feb/early March

V. Public Comment

No comment.

VI. Meeting Adjournment

Price motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:13 pm.

Next LSAC Meeting: TBD