



**The Austin Music Commission convened in a special called meeting on July 6, 2020 via videoconference.**

**Board Members in Attendance: Chair – Rick Carney, Vice-chair – Jonathan “Chaka” Mahone, Secretary - Anne-Charlotte Patterson, Parliamentarian - Oren Rosenthal, Al Duarte, Gavin Garcia, Doug Leveton, Patrice Pike, Paul Pinon, Graham Reynolds, Stuart Sullivan**

**Staff in Attendance: Kim McCarson, Stephanie Bergara**

**CALL TO ORDER – 3:15pm**

The Music Commission meeting was held with social distancing modifications due to Coronavirus restrictions. Public comment was allowed on specific item numbers via telephone. The following speakers called in to speak: Amit Motwani, Pat Buchta, Mobley, Pamela Benson Owens and Chas Moore spoke in favor of the Black Live Music Fund.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of Minutes from Special Called Meeting on June 3, 2020. Commissioner Reynolds motions, Commissioner Patterson seconds, motion carries 11-0.

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

- a.** Discussion and Possible Action on creating a working group to recommend actions to take regarding systemic racism following a presentation by Harold MacMillan, Director, DiverseArts Culture Works. Commissioner Reynolds motions and Commissioner Duarte seconds to create a Working Group. Motion carries 11-0.
- b.** Discussion and Possible Action following presentation to set expectations & goals, define equity, and draft racial equity focused distribution plans for Live Music Fund by Margie Reese, MJR Partners. Staff will find out from the Clerk’s office available dates for another special called meeting. Margie Reese and Erica Shamaly, Music Division Manager, will have discussion groups around the Chairs to get process started. No action taken.
- c.** Discussion and Possible Action on a Black Live Music Fund to repair and address historic neglect within the Austin music industry towards the Black Community. Commissioner Mahone motions to table discussion to next meeting. Commissioner Garcia seconds. Commissioner Reynolds motions to create the Systemic Racism Working Group, Commissioner Patterson seconds. Motion carries 11-0. Systemic

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Racism Working Group members include Commissioners Pinon, Pike, Carney, Mahone, and Patterson.

- d. Discussion and Possible Action on Officer, Chair and Vice-chair elections. Commissioner Reynolds motions to re-elect current officers: Rick Carney, Chair; Chaka Mahone, Vice-chair; Anne-Charlotte Patterson, Secretary; and Oren Rosenthal, Parliamentarian. Commissioner Stuart seconds. Motion carries 11-0.

**3. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- a. Update on Music Disaster Relief Fund by Stephanie Bergara, Artist and Industry Development, Music & Entertainment, Economic Development Department.
- b. Update on Creative Space Disaster Relief Program by Kim McCarson, Economic and Business Liaison, Music & Entertainment Division, Economic Development Department. Chair Carney requests report be distributed due to time constraints.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No action taken.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Reynolds motions and Commissioner Pinon seconds to adjourn. Meeting adjourns at 4:53pm.

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