



**The Austin Music Commission convened in a special called meeting on September 18, 2020 via videoconference.**

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chair – Rick Carney, Vice-chair – Jonathan “Chaka” Mahone, Secretary - Anne-Charlotte Patterson, Parliamentarian - Oren Rosenthal, Gavin Garcia, Doug Leveton, Paul Pinon, Graham Reynolds

**Staff in Attendance:** Kim McCarson, Erica Shamaly

**CALL TO ORDER** 1:08pm

**Speakers:** Nakia Reynoso, President, Austin Texas Musicians, speaks in support of item 3.a. and applying fairness and equity to the Live Music Fund. BettySoo speaks in support of item 3.a. and equity advocacy groups requesting funding from the Live Music Fund.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Approval of minutes from the September 2, 2020 Music Commission meeting and September 11, 2020 Joint Arts and Music Commission meetings. Commissioner Reynolds motions and Commissioner Pinon seconds approving both minutes. Motion carries 8-0.

**2. STAFF UPDATE**

a. Update by Sylvania Holt-Rabb, Deputy Director, Economic Development Department, regarding Inter-Divisional process for aligning Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funded programs within EDD to prioritize Equity:

- i. Systemic Evaluation & Improvement Plan in coordination with Equity Office and Office for Design and Delivery
- ii. Prioritizing Racial Equity across all programs in coordination with MJR Partners and Equity Office
- iii. Timeline and requested deliverables from Working Groups

No action taken.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

a. Discussion and possible action regarding Live Music Fund Working Group: Determine and direct updated deliverables related to the Live Music Fund, considering inter-divisional process led by EDD in coordination with the Equity Office. Commissioner Reynolds motions and Commissioner Leveton seconds to establish a Venue Preservation Working Group. Commissioners Garcia, Rosenthal, Leveton, and Reynolds volunteer to be in the Venue Preservation Working Group. Motion carries 8-0.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and possible action on nominating a Music Commissioner to the Downtown Commission. Commissioner Leveton has volunteered to serve on Downtown Commission. Commissioner Reynolds motions and Commissioner Rosenthal seconds to nominate Commissioner Leveton. Motion carries 8-0.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Discussion and Possible Action on Venue Preservation Working Group. Commissioner Reynolds motions and Commissioner Leveton seconds.

Discussion and Possible Action following update from Systemic Racism Working Group and Live Music Fund Working Group. Commissioner Mahone motions and Commissioner Reynolds seconds.

**ADJOURNMENT 2:30pm**

Commissioner Leveton motions and Commissioner Patterson seconds.

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