

## Alachua County Arts Council

December 2, 2019

### **Members Present**

Deborah Douglas  
Jennifer Garrett  
Tom McKercher  
Queenchiku Ngozi  
Carol Velasques Richardson – Chair  
David Ruiz

### **Members Absent**

Judy Skinner – Vice Chair

### **Staff Present**

Gina Peebles  
Darryl Kite  
Leira Cruz Caliz

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

**MOTION:** David Ruiz made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Queenchiku Ngozi seconded; unanimous approval.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

**MOTION:** Tom McKercher made a motion to approve the November 4 minutes as presented; Queenchiku Ngozi seconded; unanimous approval.

### **Jack Durrance Art – Samm Wehman Epstein**

**MOTION:** Tom McKercher made a motion to recommend the artwork of Samm Wehman Epstein to the Board of County Commissioners to be on display in the Jack Durrance Auditorium; David Ruiz seconded; unanimous approval.

### **Poet Laureate Oral Presentations**

Leira Cruz Caliz provided instructions to the evaluators. Madison Jones withdrew due to moving out of county. **MOTION:** Tom McKercher made a motion to rank E. Stanley Richardson #1; Terri Bailey #2; and Michelle Heidenrich Barnes #3 and provide them in ranked order for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners; Jennifer Garrett seconded; unanimous approval.

### **Artists Conference Discussion**

Gina Peebles reported the Jack Durrance Auditorium (free), Grace Knight Conference Room (free) and Thomas Center (approximately \$300) are currently available on Sept. 12 and Oct. 2, 2020. Kanapaha Botanical Gardens and the Sr. Rec. Center are both available on Oct. 2 (free). **MOTION:** Tom McKercher made a motion to confirm Kanapaha Botanical Gardens on Friday, Oct. 2; Deborah Douglas seconded; unanimous approval.

### **Major / Matching Grants Discussion**

**MOTION:** Deborah Douglas made a motion to accept the Major Grant for Artists and Matching Grants for Cities applications as presented and refer them to the County Commission for approval; Tom McKercher seconded; unanimous approval.

### **Sculpture Walk Update**

Mr. McKercher contacted Eric Seagle with the Harn who responded that they would participate by providing pictures and information for a Sculpture Walk. Mr. McKercher suggested that we consider an online, rather than printed, Sculpture Walk brochure. **MOTION:** Tom McKercher made a motion to table this topic until the January meeting; David Ruiz seconded; unanimous approval.

### **Other Business**

*Call to Artists: West Lawn Statue* – No submittals were received so staff is exploring additional funding options. This is anticipated to be on the Dec. 10 Commission agenda for approval.

*Trashformations* – Mr. McKercher reported that this was a rewarding experience.

Dec. 12 – *Nutcracker Under the Stars* at Legacy Park in Alachua. This event is free and open to the public.

The First Annual African American Cultural Festival is being held in the City of Newberry.

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

The Alachua County Arts Council will meet next on January 6, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in the Grace Knight Conference Room.

# **FORM 8B MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS**

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME <i>Velasquez Richardson, Carol</i>		NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE <i>Arts Council of Alachua Co.</i>	
MAILING ADDRESS <i>14437 NW 143 Place</i>		THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF:	
CITY <i>Alachua FL</i>	COUNTY <i>Alachua</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> CITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY	
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED		NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION: <i>NA</i>	
MY POSITION IS: <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPOINTEE			

## **WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B**

This form is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, or committee. It applies to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing and filing the form.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES**

A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office **MUST ABSTAIN** from voting on a measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss. Each elected or appointed local officer also **MUST ABSTAIN** from knowingly voting on a measure which would inure to the special gain or loss of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he or she is retained (including the parent, subsidiary, or sibling organization of a principal by which he or she is retained); to the special private gain or loss of a relative; or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. Commissioners of community redevelopment agencies (CRAs) under Sec. 163.356 or 163.357, F.S., and officers of independent special tax districts elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not prohibited from voting in that capacity.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only the officer's father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

### **ELECTED OFFICERS:**

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

**PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN** by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; and

**WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS** by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

### **APPOINTED OFFICERS:**

Although you must abstain from voting in the situations described above, you are not prohibited by Section 112.3143 from otherwise participating in these matters. However, you must disclose the nature of the conflict before making any attempt to influence the decision, whether orally or in writing and whether made by you or at your direction.

**IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:**

- You must complete and file this form (before making any attempt to influence the decision) with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who will incorporate the form in the minutes. (Continued on page 2)

### APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

### DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, Carol Velasques Richardson, hereby disclose that on November 4, 20 19:

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more)

- ☐ inured to my special private gain or loss;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, \_\_\_\_\_;
- ☒ inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, Erroll S. Richardson;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_, by whom I am retained; or
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_, which is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

My spouse, Erroll S. Richardson has applied for the position of "Poet Laureate" for Alachua County.

If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a public officer, who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of this section by disclosing the nature of the interest in such a way as to provide the public with notice of the conflict.

Oct. 31, 2019  
Date Filed

Carol V. Richardson  
Signature

NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.