

Charitable Trust Committee

**Meeting of Thursday, December 5, 2019
James R. Thompson Center
100 West Randolph, Room 2-025, Chicago, Illinois**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Catherine Shannon, Co-Chair
Designee for State Treasurer

Erica Spangler Raz, Co-Chair
Designee for Attorney General

José Sanchez Molina
Designee for Illinois Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton

Jared Walkowitz
Designee for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

Andreason Brown

Emila DiMenco

Dale Morrissey (via teleconference)

Sheila Simon (via teleconference)

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Dorri McWhorter

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Hunter Wiggins
Designee for the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

TREASURER'S STAFF

Alex Armour, Policy and Program Coordinator
Illinois State Treasurer's Office

Jennifer Olaya, Deputy General Counsel (via teleconference)

Illinois State Treasurer's Office

Janira Clark, Senior Staff Executive Assistant
Illinois State Treasurer's Office

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Geri Kerger
NAMI DuPage.

Maureen McGuire
Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry

Hope Pavich
Care for Friends

MINUTES

1) Call to Order

Catherine Shannon called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

Alex Armour took roll.

A quorum was present.

2) Welcome and Introductions

Catherine Shannon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3) Approval of Minutes from September 6, 2019

Meeting minutes from September 6, 2019 were approved.

4) Report on Application Scoring/Recommendation on Grant Awards

Alex Armour gave an overview of the scoring process and presented the top scoring applicants from the Fall 2019 Application cycle.

Emilia DiMenco commented on the large number of food programs that had applied.

Dorri McWhorter commented on the strength of the applicants.

Andreason Brown moved to approve the top 20 applicants as finalists for grant awards.

Dorri McWhorter seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

5) Charitable Trust Program & Budget Update

Alex Armour provided a summary of the FY 2020 budget outlook and expenditures.

6) Grant Cycle Changes

Alex Armour discussed the need to reduce the number of awards offered in calendar year 2020. The number of awards will be reduced from 40 annually to 30 annually.

Erica Spangler Raz raised concerns about the time needed to score all applications. The Treasurer's office expressed openness to adjusting the scoring process in the event of many applicants eligible for committee review.

Jared Walkowitz made a motion to adopt the change in the number of awards.

Andreason Brown seconded.

The motion passed.

7) Legislative Changes

Alex Armour presented proposed changes to the Charitable Trust statute, increasing the size of eligible organizations from \$1M to \$2M, and pursuing other minor changes. The committee reached a consensus that this change was agreeable.

8) Committee Member Training

Alex Armour provided a reminder to complete all ethics and sexual harassment prevention training by the end of the year.

9) New Business

No new business.

10) Public Comment

Geri Kerger of NAMI DuPage thanked the committee for being considered.

Maureen McGuire of Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry also thanked the committee for being considered.

Hope Pavich of Care for Friends inquired about the next steps for finalists.

Alex Armour responded that finalists would be e-mailed more details.

11) Adjournment

Catherine Shannon adjourned the meeting at 3:40 PM.