

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Meeting

October 19, 2023

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND HIS DESIGNEES
SERVING ON BOARDS OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AS SERVING IN
THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITIES**

WHEREAS, The Ohio Ethics Commission and the Ohio Attorney General have opined that a public official may serve as a trustee or executive-director of a nonprofit corporation with which their public entity contracts, provided that certain requirements are met, including requirements that the public official's governing body formally designates the officer as serving the nonprofit in his or her official capacity and that it formally instructs the public official to represent the governmental entity and its interests; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Director and certain other members of the of the Library's Executive Leadership Team serve on the boards of various nonprofit organizations whose interests, missions, and strategic goals are aligned with or complement those of the Library, which organizations are listed in Exhibit "A" to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, Of the organizations, listed in Exhibit "A", the Library currently has contracts or memberships with Campus District, Inc., Cleveland Public Library Foundation, Greater Cleveland Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Greater Cleveland Food Bank, Greater Cleveland Urban Film Festival, Lyrasis, Ohio Library Council, and University Circle Inc.; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Director desires to designate certain Library employees to serve in his place on the boards and committees of certain nonprofit organizations listed in Exhibit "A;" and

WHEREAS, This Board of Trustees desires to adopt this Resolution in compliance with the aforementioned opinions of the Ohio Ethics Commission and Ohio Attorney General; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Public Library approves and formally designates that the Executive Director, CEO and his designees, including those members of the Executive Leadership Team that are identified in Exhibit "A," as long as they serve on the boards and committees of those organizations listed in Exhibit "A" or other nonprofit organizations in the future, provide those services in their official capacities as representatives of the Cleveland Public Library, and further instructs the same individuals to represent the interests of the Cleveland Public Library while so serving.

Felton Thomas, Jr., Executive Director, CEO

Board Memberships

- BorderLight: Festival of International Theatre Cleveland Board of Directors
- Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Board
- Cleveland Museum of Art Board of Trustees
- Cleveland School of the Arts Board of Trustees
- Cleveland Public Library Foundation Board of Directors
- DANCECleveland Board of Directors
- DigitalC Board of Directors
- Digital Public Library of America Board of Directors
- FRONT International Board of Directors
- Greater Cleveland Chinese Chamber of Commerce Advisory Board
- Greater Cleveland Food Bank Real Estate Board
- Group Plan Commission Board of Directors
- Leadership Cleveland Board of Directors
- Lyrasis Board of Directors
- Unify Labs Board of Directors
- United Way of Greater Cleveland Board of Directors
- University Circle Inc. Board of Trustees

Shenise Johnson-Thomas, Chief of External Relations and Development

Board Memberships

- Ginn Family Foundation
- Greater Cleveland Urban Film Festival
- Olivet Housing and Community Development Corporation
- Towards Employment

John Malcolm, Chief Innovation and Technology Officer

Board Memberships

- Cleveland Central Catholic High School
- Fairfax Renaissance Development Corporation

Tana Peckham, Chief Strategy Officer

Board Memberships

- Center for Community Solutions

John Skrtic, Chief of Special Projects and Collections

Board Memberships

- Campus District, Inc.