

**Cultural Executives Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, May 21, 2008**  
**Old Davie School, 6650 Griffin Road, Davie FL**

**Present:** Janet Erlick (Vice Chair), Carmen Ackerman, Raphael Almendros, Toby Archer, Andie, Arthur, Hal Axler, Shabnum Boodan, Niala Boodhoo, Michale Caldwell, Kathie Cox, Pam Dearden, Jan Goodheart, Patti Koch, Helen LaForge, Meredith Lasher, Tama Lead, Jody Horne-Leshinsky, Niki Meyers, Christina Oppelt, Vena Paylo, Joy Rodenberg, Joy Satterlee, Ester Shrago, Nerissa Street

**Absent:** Richard J. Simon (Chair), Arbe Audrye, Edith Gooden-Thompson, Linda Houston Jones, Andrew Martineau, Lisa Maxwell, Joyce Reynolds, Trina Soumare, Ronald Webber Patrick Flynn, Lisa Maxwell, Steven Shulman, Trina Soumare

**Meeting Start Time:** 12:05 PM

**Agenda I: Welcome –Call to Order**

Janet Erlick (JE) called the meeting to order.

**Agenda II: Self Introductions**

JE welcomed the attendees and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

**Agenda III: Director's Report**

Jody Leshinsky (JL) spoke about the recent grand opening of the Artspace Sailboat Bend Lofts, the Museum of Art|Fort Lauderdale merge with Nova Southeastern University, the Call to Cultural Educators and passed a hand-out around, Fund Raising for small non-profits and passed around a hand-out and the Save-the-Date Teaching Arts and accompanying hand-out.

**Agenda IV: 2008 State Budget Review and Update**

A hand-out was passed around regarding the Budget Line-items and amounts. JL informed that the Budget Hearing is 5-27-08, 10 AM, and explained in detail how the hearings are performed. JE gave supplemental info regarding what to expect from attending the Hearings. Attendees discussed with each other which programs might be cut and what could be done to attend the Hearings as a large Arts presence. JE suggested a tag-team approach since the Hearings can run late; she also suggested that most people just attend and not speak or complain, in order to keep message clear and concise. JE said she will hand out buttons to those that want to attend Hearings, also suggested wearing the T-Shirts given out previously so as to show a united front and presence for the Arts. Finally the group discussed sending emails to encourage more Hearing attendees.

**Agenda V: Next Meeting: September 17 – ArtServe, Development and Fundraising:**  
Understanding the Donor Pyramid

**VI: Meeting adjourned:** 1:15 PM

**Meeting Minutes taken by:** Vena Paylo

**Transcribed by:** Vena Paylo