June 21, 2016 Council Meeting
Chairman Barry Schrenk called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Attendance
Dr. Elizabeth Delancy, David Morrow, Representative Valencia Stovall, Gladys Wyant, Patrick Brennan, Allen Bell, Tina Lilly, Karen Paty, Marva Swanson, (By phone) Stephanie Jones, Gina Jeffords and John White

Chairman’s Remarks
- Minutes approved for the November 2015 meeting. Motion made by Gladys Wyant and seconded by David Morrow.
- Welcomed the newest board member Dr. Elizabeth Delancy.
- FY17 GCA Budget – an increase of $100,000 added to the FY2017 budget
- Review of Council roles and responsibilities as each enter a new term
- Screened GCA Arts Advocacy video

Arts Education Update
- Poetry Out Loud & Poet Laureate Prize winners were announced. Georgia POL representative came in 2nd place in National finals.
- Updates on ALTF recommendation implementation were shared

Grant Program Update
- A brief overview was given of the FY2016 guidelines and grant review process. The Board was given the opportunity to ask questions prior to voting to accept the FY2016 grant awards. A motion was made by John White and seconded by Gladys Wyant to accept the FY17 grant awards as presented.
- Update on partnership and collaborative work between Tourism & GCA

GCA Organizational Updates & Upcoming events
- NEA Update – Council was given list of NEA awards in Georgia, was debriefed on Chairman Chu’s visit in January including the NEA’s Atlanta Creativity Connects Roundtable
- A brief update was given on the Traditional Arts Archive Digitization project. All materials are now digitized and are being added to the Digital Library of Georgia.
- Project updates including new call for work for “Art of Georgia II” exhibit and GCA’s forthcoming publication “Inspired Georgia” which will be released at the Decatur Book Festival
- GCA’s strategic plan will end at the end of calendar year 2017. Council was taken through a comparison of GCA in FY2011 (before joining GDeC and writing the current plan) and now. Each goal and strategy of the current plan was discussed in terms of accomplishments and priorities for upcoming year.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gladys Wyant and seconded by Dr. Elizabeth Delancy at 12:15 pm.