

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2025-353

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President White at the request of the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville

Date of Introduction: May 13, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: May 13, 2025

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation and one cycle emergency passage

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Cultural Council's appointment of Darren Eakins to the Cultural Service Grant Program Committee, replacing Lisa V. Johnson, as one of the three board members, for a first full-term expiring December 31, 2027. One cycle emergency passage is requested to align with the Cultural Service Grant Program Committee's orientation which is currently scheduled for Wednesday, June 4, 2025.

Background Information: The Cultural Service Grant Program Committee is established pursuant to Chapter 118, Part 6, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to recommend to the Cultural Council Board of Directors the organizations to be funded through the Cultural Service Grant Program and the allocation of the lump sum appropriation to applicant organizations.

Section 118.605(a), *Ordinance Code*, provides that the Cultural Service Grant Program Committee is composed of one non-voting and ten voting members: a CSGP Committee chairperson (non-voting), appointed by the President of the Cultural Council Board of Directors; three other Cultural Council Board members selected by the Board President and Committee Chairperson; and seven individuals selected by the above group (Cultural Council Board President, CSGP Committee chairperson, and three selected Cultural Council Board members), confirmed by the City Council.

Mr. Eakins holds a bachelor's degree from FAMU. He is the Project Safety Assurance Manager for Alstom, and also has ownership of several businesses including DuBlasé Whiskey, Golden Age Innovations, the Nassau Pride basketball team and Savannah Ghost Pirates ice hockey team. Mr. Eakins resides in Duval County in council district 12.

Policy Impact Area: Cultural Service Grant Program Committee operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey