

MINUTES of the quarterly meeting of the  
**WeGOJA Foundation Board of Directors**

2:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, 2022

Via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85028979185>

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Watson at 2:36 p.m.
- II. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Robert China, seconded by Vice Chair Rick Devoe and approved by unanimous vote.
- III. A motion to approve minutes of the Jan. 27, 2022, board meeting was introduced by Director Meg Hunt, seconded by Director Timika Wilson and approved by unanimous vote.
- IV. The Financial report (attached pages 3-4) was accepted as information.
- V. PROJECT UPDATES
  - a. Printed Green Book of South Carolina
    - i. Pre-sales still going on
    - ii. Book will be available in early July
    - iii. Book signings currently being scheduled
    - iv. Wilson said she would like to add several locations in Union County that would be interested in a book signing
  - b. PODCAST series
    - i. Should be launched in early May
    - ii. Features leading historians in South Carolina
    - iii. There was a suggestion to reach out to James Felder for an interview
  - c. Gullah Geechee Seafood Trail
    - i. Continuing to seek interviews
  - d. Arts in Education
    - i. All teacher events completed
    - ii. Project team is working on a film to be screened in the summer
  - e. Black Carolinians Speak: Portraits of a Pandemic
    - i. The project has closed out
    - ii. Potential remains for other topics in this oral history program (i.e., environmental justice)
  - f. Cultural and Historic Preservation Conference April 20-21
    - i. Reception at African American Monument on State House Grounds, 5:30 p.m. April 20
    - ii. Full conference at Archives and History Center, April 21
    - iii. Plenary by Brent Leggs, National Trust for Historic Preservation

- iv. Panel discussions by prominent historians in South Carolina
- v. Awards ceremony (state Senator Kelvin Johnson is Legislator of the Year)
- vi. BIG THANKS to Cory and Marc for their public relations outreach assistance for the conference

VI. New Business

- a. The National Park Service has asked the WeGOJA Foundation to host a webinar on the agency's Underserved Communities grants, including the African American Civil Rights Grants. They've identified June 2 as the webinar date, and time of 2 p.m., 3 p.m. or 4 p.m. Devoe asked to find out if WeGOJA is eligible for these grants.
- b. Guest Bernie Wright asked the status of historical marker project that we managed with a grant from the USDA.
- c. Devoe reported that the historic hotel at Mosquito Beach was partially destroyed by fire as it was in the middle of a restoration. A lot of the historic material already has been removed and restored, and the project will move forward.
- d. Wilson reported that Union County hosted travel counselors from the state's welcome centers during a familiarization tour. She also reported that Union County Community Remembrance Project is looking into getting into the preservation community, leveraging the story of the LW Long Union Community Hospital as a draw.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Dawson-House  
Executive Director  
WeGOJA Foundation

# WeGOJA Foundation

## Financial Report (Oct. 1, 2021-April 17, 2022)

Checking balance Oct. 1, 2021                      \$9,499.51

### INCOME

|                                    |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Grants                             | \$147,550.00 |
| Reimbursements                     | \$7,824.28   |
| Donations                          | \$2,803.27   |
| USC Football NonProfit Fundraising | \$2,287.99   |
| POPIH Sponsorships                 | \$21,965.00  |

**TOTAL income**                                      \$182,430.54

Income + Oct. balance                              \$191,930.05

### EXPENSES

|                                       |                       |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Monthly Operations                    | \$(1,867.66)          |
| Arts in Education                     | \$(69,646.71)         |
| Seafood Trail                         | \$(17,516.32)         |
| Family Reunion Toolkit Advertisements | \$(741.53)            |
| NC Black Carolinians Speak            | \$(7,500.00)          |
| Community Foundation payouts          | \$(13,500.00)         |
| Genesis payouts                       | \$(800.00)            |
| POPIH                                 | \$(25,015.15)         |
| BCS                                   | \$(3,229.02)          |
| UCCRP                                 | \$(177.12)            |
| 3 months Office space rental          | \$(1,050.00)          |
| Duke Energy payout                    | \$(500.00)            |
| <b>TOTAL expenses</b>                 | <b>\$(141,543.51)</b> |

Minus expenses                                      \$50,386.54

### Commitments

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Arts in Education | \$(8,873.29) |
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| UCCRP                                    | \$ (1,414.00)         |                                   |            |
| Monthly Operations for the next 8 months | \$ (1,272.48)         |                                   |            |
| Seafood Trail                            | \$ (28,713.68)        |                                   |            |
| Upcoming conference expenses             | \$ (3,400.00)         |                                   |            |
| <b>TOTAL Commitments</b>                 | <b>\$ (43,673.45)</b> |                                   |            |
|  |                       | Minus obligations = final balance | \$6,713.09 |