



**MINUTES OF THE TYEHIMBA JESS/CUFAC WOKE NATION TEACH-IN
CHI-FILMMAKERS CAUCUS.
INITIAL ORGANIZING MEETING OF CHICAGO FILM ACTION BOARD**

Northeastern Illinois University, Main Campus, Jul. 21, 2018

The Chi-Filmmakers Caucus of Chicago Urban Fine Arts Commonwealth NFP's Tyehimba Jess/CUFAC Woke Nation Action Community Organizing Teach-In Series launch for 2018 Chicago Hip-Hop Heritage Month and 2018 Cook County Urban Fine Arts Month was called to order with a sufficient quorum duly constituted at 1:15 p.m. in Rm. B152 of Bldg. B of Northeastern Illinois University's main campus in North Park on Chicago's Northwest Side, with CUFAC team leader in the chair and acting also as secretary.

After extensive discussion of the problems involved with pre-production, production and postproduction of motion pictures that address social justice and other social issues—between screenings of a trailers for a 40-percent completed feature film on suicide, two suicide awareness/prevention PSAs, a racial equity docu-short and a music video screened by the Caucus' Tommy Sigmon and promotions of Boston-based Beacon Press's newest book titled *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo, 21st Jim Crow Schools: *The Impact of Charters On Public Education* co-written by David Stovall, Ph.D., and *The War On Neighborhoods* by Ryan Lugalía-Hollon and Dan Cooper—the assembly took the following action by acclamation:

RESOLVED, that a civic action think tank for Chicagoland's urban fine arts filmmaking community, with organizing support under CUFAC, shall be created and named the CHICAGO FILM ACTION BOARD, or CFAB.;

RESOLVED, that CFAB shall seek partnering civic engagement with local, state and federal government to achieve support in the form of partnered funding, grants, &c., for motion picture projects on an unlimited variety of social and social justice issues of concern to elected, appointed and hired public servants and their constituents that promote business and economic development among Chicagoland's local urban fine arts filmmaking community.;

RESOLVED, that following caucus electors are nominated and elected to the following CFAB offices:

*RUJANEE MAHAKAJANA of NEBULA CREATIVES, Chair

*Co-Vice Chairs/Policy Development, filmmaker SARAH FALKINER and TOMMY SIGMON of 21H2 and CHICAGO SCREENWRITERS NETWORK.;

*Co-Secretaries/Project Management, TRUDY LEONG of NEIU representative on Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Committee, IBHE-SAC, and ROGERS PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE and MR. ARMSTRONG.

RESOLVED, that Mr. Armstrong shall petition the Wed., Jul. 25, Cook County Board of Commissioners Business and Economic Development Committee in the Cook County Board Rm. chaired by Cook County Commissioner, U.S. Rep.-elect and 4th Illinois Congressional District Democratic Central State Committeeman Jesus "Chuy" Garcia (Chicago) for CFAB appearance before the Cook County Social Innovation Commission, also chaired by Mr. Garcia, in Conference Rm. B of the George Dunne Cook County Administration Bldg. for a CFAB presentation that leads to creation of uplifting county policy on business and economic development of social justice-minded urban fine arts filmmaking in Cook County along the lines of a civic engaging National Endowment of the Arts and Illinois Arts Council.;

RESOLVED, that after his appearance before Mr. Garcia's committeeman for a follow-up CFAB presentation to the county Social Innovation Commission that Mr. Armstrong shall confer with CFAB's duly elected executive officers to fix a date, time and location for a follow-up CFAB meeting on further organizing around said proposed presentation that would occur at the Dunne Cook County Administration Bldg. and be steered by Mesdames Mahakajana and Leong.

There being no other business before the assembly, the caucus adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

