

From: Jonah Zeiger <Jonah.Zeiger@cityofchicago.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 11:34 AM
To: Steve Berlin <Steve.Berlin@cityofchicago.org>
Subject: Re: Request for Board of Ethics approval for Third Party-funded travel

Hi Steve,

I am writing with the requested follow-up email to confirm that I traveled in my official capacity as Deputy Commissioner, Chicago Film Office to attend, participate and take meetings at the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah between January 18-23, 2024. As mentioned previously, my airfare, hotel, registration, and some ground transportation and meals were covered by Choose Chicago. I traveled with Jason Lesniewicz of Choose Chicago. We are working on a partnership between Sundance and Chicago + Choose.

During the trip we had two meetings with Sundance Institute officials including the CEO, Board Chair, Vice Board Chair, Partnerships Head and Festival Director. I also spoke at the Association of Film Commissioners International, met with colleagues from Bloomberg and Associates, and attended screenings and celebrations of the Chicago projects that were selected for the Festival.

Please let me know if you need any additional information or if this suffices for Board of Ethics transparency.

Best,
Jonah

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From: Jonah Zeiger <Jonah.Zeiger@cityofchicago.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 5:09 PM
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Hi Steve,

Choose Chicago has offered to fund city business-related work travel for me to attend the Sundance Film Festival in January.

I am working with Choose on a special partnership to help bring an activation of Sundance to Chicago next year and attending the Festival in Park City, UT will help build those relationships and give a sense of the kind of programming and activities we are looking tailor for Chicago audiences, filmmakers, residents, and visitors.

Approximate travel dates are January 18-23, 2024.

Please let me know if you need any additional information from me – or if we should discuss anything by phone – in order to confirm that I have Ethics Clearance prior to Choose booking the travel arrangements.

Thanks,
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