

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF THE ARTS**

**Connecticut Arts Council Meeting
November 18, 2019
2:00 pm
450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT 06103**

MINUTES

Present: Mary Ellen Eckells, Pedro Bermudez, Helen During

Call in: Chris Bruhl, Ted Yudain, Min Jung Kim, Bonnie Koba

Absent: Jan Dilenschneider, Fritz Jellinghaus

Guest: Jack Rosenberg

Staff: Liz Shapiro, Tamara Dimitri, Jane Schneider, Rhonda Olisky

Absent: Adriane Jefferson, Lourdes Rivera

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of September 9, 2019.

Motion: Chris Bruhl

Second: Ted Yudain

(Y – 5; N-0; Recuse: 1)

Liz Shapiro introduced Min Jung Kim – Min thanked the council for her appointment.

III. Chairman’s Report – Liz Shapiro

- Task Force: Governor’s Arts Award Update – Pedro Bermudez
Pedro Bermudez provided an update on the Governor’s Arts Awards, they are scheduled for June 11, 2020 at the Wadsworth Atheneum. Pedro reviewed the candidates nominated for the award. Awards will be presented in the categories of Visual Artist, Writer, Actor and Lifetime Achievement. Pedro will be creating video vignettes for each individual receiving an award.
- Task Force: Governor’s Patron of the Arts Award Action Item – Liz Shapiro
Nominations were discussed in the categories of Individual, Corporations and Foundation.
- CT Arts Alliance Update – Chris Bruhl reported on the CAA.

IV. Director’s Report – Liz Shapiro

Liz discussed the conference she attended in October in Denver – Grantmakers in the Arts. The conference focused on DEI, climate change and Equity in the Arts. Participants included public/private funders, members of every major foundation and municipalities.

COA staff updates:

- DRSO's are interested in decentralizing REGI Grants.
- Cultural District Program;
- CAA changes for a strong creative ecosystem;
- Arts at the Capitol in partnership with CAA – to be held in April; need outreach to legislators
- Social Justice Initiatives

Update – Jack Rosenberg

- Report & presentation – The 5000 artist program
- How to attract artists –could bring 100-150M to CT economy
- Will work on Strategic Plan/Proposal for Governor

a. Approval of Grant to CAA

A request for approval of the final distribution of a grant to CAA was made in the amount of \$4,000.00.

Motion: Jan Dilenschneider

Second: Chris Bruhl

V. Action items

- *ARTE-Accessible*
Motion: Mary Ellen Eckells
Second: Ted Yudain
(Y – 5; N-0)
- Arts Learning – HOT Approach Grants
Motion: Ted Yudain
Second: Mary Ellen Eckells
(Y – 5; N-0)

VI. Other Business

- 2020 Arts Council and Foundation Meeting Schedule – proposed new start time of 1:00 pm; will be discussed with the Chairman.

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ted Yudain, second by Helen During, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jane Schneider
Administrative Assistant