

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

**Connecticut Arts Council Meeting  
February 10, 2020  
1:00 pm  
450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT 06103**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Fritz Jellinghaus, Chris Bruhl, Ted Yudain, Jack Rosenberg, Mary Ellen Eckels, Helen During, Pedro Bermudez, Min Jung Kim

**Absent:** Jan Dilenschneider

**Staff:** Elizabeth Shapiro, Tamara Dimitri, Bonnie Koba, Rhonda Olisky, Jane Schneider

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:12 pm.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of November 18, 2019

Motion: Jack Rosenberg

Second: Ted Yudain

(Y-8; N-0)

**III. Chairman's Report**

Fritz Jellinghaus indicated his interest in continuing a discussion to clarify what meaningful work the Arts Council can undertake for the coming year and beyond.

Pedro Bermudez shared an update on the Governor's Arts Awards/Patron of the Arts Awards to be held at the Wadsworth Athenaeum on June 11, 2020. The current discussion is to consider a pre-event reception for an hour before the Governor's Awards, where the Patron's awards will be presented. Following that, guests will go into the auditorium and the Governor's awards will be presented. Pedro will create short videos to honor each awardee. It has not been decided whether there should be any reception following the presentation. There was discussion regarding the cost of admission to the events.

Jack Rosenberg presented an overview on a strategic plan that he has created to support an initiative to attract creative businesses and artists to the state. This could be considered as part of the strategic plan for the Council.

#### **IV. Director's Report**

Liz Shapiro reported that staff member, Adriane Jefferson, has resigned and will be serving as the Director of the City of New Haven Department of Cultural Affairs. Transition plan has gone well and COA will be able to refill this position.

Liz also reported that the Americans for the Arts AEP6-Arts & Economic Prosperity Study will begin their data collection process in January 2021. COA will once again be joining as a statewide partner.

Liz stated that in July 2020, COA will begin the research process to contract the consultant/firm to develop COA's new 5-year Strategic Plan that will go into effect in FY21.

Liz also informed that COA is in the process of purchasing a new grants management system that will help in a more efficient internal grant process as well as provide easier access to the arts council.

#### **VI. Action Items**

##### **FY20 Connecticut Arts Endowment Fund**

It is recommended that the Connecticut Arts Council approve one-hundred forty seven (147) Connecticut Arts Endowment Grants for a total of \$803,442.

Motion: Mary Ellen Eckels

Second: Jack Rosenberg

Recuse: Ted Yudain and Min Jung Kim

(Y-6; N-0; Recuse; 2)

##### **FY20 Artist Fellowship**

It is recommended that the Connecticut Arts Council approve fifty-one (51) Artist Fellowship Grants for a total of \$149,000.

Motion: Ted Yudain

Second: Mary Ellen Eckels

(Y-8; N-0)

**FY20 Arts Workforce Initiative Grant**

It is recommended that the Connecticut Arts Council approve twenty (20) Connecticut Arts Workforce Initiatives Grants for a total of \$75,000.

Motion: Chris Bruhl

Second: Ted Yudain

(Y-8; N-0)

**VII. Other Business**

No other business.

**VIII. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Ted Yudain, second by Jack Rosenberg, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lu Rivera

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