



**Connecticut Arts Council Meeting**

**Monday January 10, 2022**

**1:00 pm**

[Via Zoom](#)

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes from December meeting
3. Chairman's Report – Jack Rosenberg
  - a. Governors' Arts Award
  - b. Governors' Arts Patron Award
  - c. Motion to Approve Mission & Functions of the Arts Council (*Appendix A*)
  - d. Motion to Approve Roles & Responsibilities of Arts Council Members (*Appendix. B*)
  - e. Motion to Approve new entity: Friends of the Arts Council (*Appendix. C*)
4. Director's Report – Liz Shapiro
5. Office of the Arts Action Items: Approval of items from Office of the Arts
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

***The next Connecticut Arts Council meeting is February 7, 2022 at 1:00pm via Zoom.***

## Appendix A.

### **Mission & Functions of the CT Arts Council:**

#### *Statutory Language of the CT Arts Council:*

Sec. 244. (a) There is established a Connecticut Arts Council within the Department of Economic and Community Development to foster and support the arts.

To advise or supervise the Office of the Arts (NEA).

#### *Purposes of the CT Arts Council:*

Increase visibility of the Arts & Arts Organizations  
Review Policy, operational and program guidelines for Council  
Interpret Statutes applicable to Council  
Financial Oversight (NEA)  
Approve Council program structures & delegate authority  
Advocacy & Education about the Council and Office of the Arts  
To Create the Governor's Arts & Arts Patrons Awards annual events  
To be flexible and nimble as to the needs and requirements of the Council and participating organizations.

#### Advocacy:

To Advocate on behalf of Arts in CT.  
To Advocate on behalf of the Office of the Arts  
To Advocate alongside CAA in alignment with State-wide goals.  
To Advocate for Increased funding and visibility for Office of the Arts

#### Support and Adjunctive Activities

To ensure all elements of the CT Arts ecosystem are in alignment and pro-actively integrating Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in all structures & activities.  
To Support and interact with the Office of the Arts and participate in Strategic Planning  
To Support and interact with the Designated Regional Service Organizations (DRSOs)  
To Support and interact with local, regional, and statewide Arts Organizations  
To Support, Advocate for, and interact with Artists state-wide  
To Support, Advocate for and participate in Arts Education

## **Roles & Responsibilities of Arts Council Members**

*Thirteen (13) Members with the shared purpose to foster and support the arts, and to serve as an advisory or policy-making council to the Office of the Arts*

Council Members are selected based on the following criteria: their leadership abilities; experience in management, the arts, business, government, non-profit organizations; and/or civic involvement in the community.

Creating a balanced Council with regard to gender identity, race, sexual orientation, geographic residence and profession is also taken into consideration when nominating Members. <sup>[Appendix C]</sup>

Pro-actively integrate Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in all structures & activities

Members are expected to become well versed in the Councils' mission, goals, policies, programs and history. Members are expected to attend all Council meetings, including regularly scheduled quarterly meetings and any additional meetings the Council deems necessary. Members are expected to attend these meetings well prepared and informed about the issues on the agenda. Members are also expected to serve on at least one Council Committee and attend meetings of that Committee(s) as well. Additionally, Members are expected to bring new opportunities and insights for Council consideration. Service on the Council is without remuneration to Members.

### *Advocacy:*

Interacting with the Office of the Arts in support of its mission and purpose.

Participation/Observation of Review Panels

Partner with each of the staff of the Office of the Arts, in rotation.

Networking and establishing a relationship with the Designated Regional Service Organization of the Members' region.

Acting as Ambassador of Artists and Arts Organizations throughout the State.

Meeting regularly with the Members' State & Federal Legislators, as well as relevant

Committee Chairs & Caucuses, for the purpose of education, advocacy, and funding in alignment with the goals of the Office of the Arts

Coordinating Lobbying Activities with the Connecticut Arts Alliance as informed by the Office of the Arts

Advocating for increased funding & visibility for the Office of the Arts

Reviewing arts and demographic data provided by the NEFA, NASAA, the NEA and others to inform advocacy strategy and to support the arts ecosystem in the state.

### *Visibility:*

Marketing and publicity of the Arts Council and its activities.

Attendance at Events and Meetings.

*Coordination & Cooperation with other State Agencies, Boards & Councils in further support of the arts.*

**Friends of the Arts Council**  
(A New Advisory Group)

**Purpose:**

To provide an official relationship between the Council and individuals who are supportive of the Council and its activities. Primarily for adjunctive support and connections to the community of Arts and Arts organizations.

**Requirements of Membership**

Support of the Arts in CT, Support of the Council Activities and Priorities

Participation in a local or state-wide Arts Organization, or

Artistic participation in one of the supported Arts

Attend at least 2 Council Meetings, plus attend required number of Friends of the Arts Council Independent meetings.

**Nomination to Friends Council**

Nominations by Council Members, Governor, Legislators or COA Staff

**Election to Friends Council**

Majority of quorum at Council Meeting

**Length of Term:** 4 years, with one renewal.

**Removal from Council**

Majority of quorum at Council Meeting.