



## Connecticut Arts Council Meeting

Monday, March 4, 2024

1:00 pm

Zoom

### MINUTES

Present: Floyd Green, Jacqui Hubbard, Andrew Linde, Judy McElhone, Sarah McKay, Jack Rosenberg, Elizabeth Shapiro, and Brian Walters

Absent: Mary Ellen Kingsland-Eckels and Daniel O’Keefe,

Staff: Mel Díaz and Tamara Dimitri

Guest: Denise Massingale-Lamb

#### **Call to Order**

Chairman Jack Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.

#### **Introduction & Welcome to New Members**

Sarah McKay and Brian Walters were welcomed as new members and asked to give a brief overview of their background. Council members and staff also introduced themselves.

#### **Committee for the Governor’s Arts Awards**

Council member Andre Linde reported that the awards would take place at Five Points on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. The next steps include compiling the first email list to send *save the dates*. The council discussed the available budget and the ability to have sponsors for the events. The discussion then turned to considering a statewide call for award design and fabrication. Council discussed having sculptures versus printed awards and the Committee members said they would continue working on this topic.

#### **Director’s Report**

Director Elizabeth Shapiro reported on the work of the Office of the Arts. Staff continues working on data strategic planning and work with the Groundwater approach for racial equity. She is participating in a webinar with Senator Murphy’s team, CT Humanities, NEA, and NEH to show how programs overlap. She announced that the 2025 Art Awards would take place on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm and welcomed the Council to attend. COA hosted an Air training for 12 new facilitators and the

Manchester Cultural District will be announced on the 7<sup>th</sup>. She closed her report by stating that Randy Cohen will be presenting the results of the AEP6 report in the first week of April.

**Chairman's Report**

Chairman Rosenberg thanked the newest members for joining the Council and welcomed them both again. He thanked the Office of the Arts staff for all of their work.

**Other Business**

Council members reported on events they had attended recently.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Rosenberg adjourned the meeting at 1:56 pm after reminding everyone the next meeting would take place on April 1<sup>st</sup>.