

Connecticut Arts Council Meeting**Monday, June 2, 2025****1:00 pm****Zoom****DRAFT MINUTES**

Present: Floyd Green, Jacqui Hubbard, Mary Ellen Kingsland-Eckels, Andrew Linde, Jack Rosenberg, Elizabeth Shapiro, and Brian Walters

Absent: Dwayne Harris, Judy McElhone, and Sarah McKay,

Staff: Tamara Dimitri, Briley Neugebauer, and Kim Parsons-Whitaker

Call to Order

Chairman Jack Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Rosenberg asked for this agenda item to be moved to the following meeting.

Community Input and Advocacy Updates

Council Members shared their individual and organizational advocacy and community outreach efforts.

Director's Report

Director Elizabeth Shapiro started her report by sharing that there have been a lot of funding cuts to arts education. COA was able to provide additional funding to Arts for Learning. Arts Education is a high priority, and staff are working on multiple fronts with partners to continue providing support. Innovation Summit was very interesting – discussed elevating the arts and creatives in all industries. Supporting Arts grants will be launching as are all planned programs. Staff is proceeding as if we will be receiving our NEA funding and have plans in place in case the NEA funding does not happen.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Rosenberg thanked everyone for their participation and volunteering.

Other Business

There was no “other business” to discuss.

Adjournment

Rosenberg asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1.39 pm.

Motion: S. McKay | Second: B. Walters | Discussion: No additional discussion.

In favor: 8, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0

The meeting adjourned at 1.39 pm.