

Connecticut Arts Council Meeting
Monday, March 3, 2025
1:00 pm
Zoom

MINUTES

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

Guest: Anthony Davidowitz and Denise Massingale-Lamb

Absent: Mary Ellen Kingsland-Eckels, Dwayne Harris, and Andrew Linde

Staff: Tamara Dimitri, Mel Díaz, Rhonda Olisky, and Kim Parsons-Whitaker

Call to Order

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Rosenberg asked if there were any comments, questions, or edits to the minutes. Hearing none, he requested a motion to approve the January meeting minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 6th meetings.

Motion: J. Hubbard | Second: S. McKay | Discussion: No additional discussion.

In favor: 6, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0

January meeting minutes approved.

Director's Report

Director Elizabeth Shapiro shared that the Social Prescription partnership with Art Pharmacy has gotten a lot of traction and there will be a session on NPR's Morning Edition and presenting at the Connecticut Collaborative to End Loneliness. On March 19th, will have a kickoff to the CT art community to tell them how to get involved. Poetry Out Loud finals is taking place at the end of the week. Cultural District and Air programs are moving forward. Shapiro reported that the legislative session has been really busy this year and there was a lot of support for cultural and art funding. Staff is under instruction from the Attorney General's Office to not make any changes to work or wording on the website.

Chairman Rosenberg asked if there were any updates from the field with our federal partners. Shapiro stated that the NEA is not changing any policies, so there is no change in what the Office of the Arts is doing.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Rosenberg asked if it was possible to have a quick summary of how the Council should work with the CT Arts Alliance Advocacy. Director Shapiro stated that it would be possible to have the new Interim Director, Rufus deRham, join the next meeting.

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 1:35 pm.

Motion: S. McKay | Second: J. Hubbard | Discussion: No additional discussion.

In favor: 6, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.

