

Connecticut Arts Council Meeting
Monday, January 6, 2025
1:00 pm
Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Floyd Green, Jacqui Hubbard, Mary Ellen Kingsland-Eckels, Sarah McKay, Jack Rosenberg, and Elizabeth Shapiro

Guest: Kelly Barsdate, Denise Massingale-Lamb, and CT-N

Absent: Dwayne Harris, Andrew Linde, Judy McElhone, and Brian Walters

Staff: Tamara Dimitri, Mel Díaz, Kolton Harris, Rhonda Olisky, Tekowa Omara-Otunnu, 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 November and December meeting minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 4th and December 2nd meetings.

Motion: M. Kingsland-Eckels | Second: J. Hubbard | Discussion: No additional discussion.

In favor: 5, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0

November and December meeting minutes approved.

Director's Report

Director Elizabeth Shapiro shared that many people have reached out with concern about what 2025 will bring for funding on a national level. NASAA and NEA are watching closely and communicating what they learn. Staff will continue to be aware and pay attention but will continue the important work.

Shapiro reported that staff got through an important deadline for ARPA at the end of 2024 and now will continue contracting the last few awards and then reporting through the end of 2026. Staff is hosting an informational session for the DRSOs and Cultural Districts on the Art Pharmacy partnership. The DRSOs are also working with staff to use Air's Evolve program with the new Empower cohort. Shapiro closed her report by announcing that staff would also be hosting an informational session with theaters at the end of the week to share information on the Midnight Oil Innovations partnership.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Rosenberg thanked everyone for volunteering and participating in the Arts Council. He gave special thanks to Council member Sarah McKay for organizing the visioning session.

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 1:13 pm.

Motion: F. Green | Second: M. Kingsland-Eckels | Discussion: No additional discussion.

In favor: 5, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0

The meeting adjourned at 1:13 pm.