

Connecticut Arts Council Meeting
Monday, September 9, 2024
1:00 pm
Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Floyd Green, Dwayne Harris, Andrew Linde, Judy McElhone, Jack Rosenberg, and Elizabeth Shapiro

Guest: Denise Massingale-Lamb

Absent: Jacqui Hubbard, Mary Ellen Kingsland-Eckels, Sarah McKay, and Brian Walters

Staff: Mel Díaz

Call to Order

Chairman Jack Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 1:03 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 July meeting minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 1st meeting.

Motion: A. Linde | Second: J. McElhone | Discussion: No additional discussion.

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

June meeting minutes approved.

Director's Report

Director Elizabeth Shapiro started her report with the sad news that Grant & Contract Specialist Lu Rivera's dad passed away due to complications after a car accident. After condolences were expressed, Shapiro continued that staff is working at the Big E and moving at a quick pace to maintain the federal deadlines for ARPA. Staff also continues working on the Data Strategic Plan by implementing a tagging system for SMA (the granting system used), creating a common application for all grantees, and tracking meetings with partnerships. The Social Prescription program she presented at the July meeting is moving forward with the New Haven Symphony Orchestra as COA's partner. Director Shapiro invited the Council to attend Creative U on October 12th at Southern University – a course-like event with partner organizations to help creatives advance in their field.

Committee for the Governor's Arts Awards

Committee members Andrew Linde and Denise Massingale-Lamb reported that awardees have been chosen. They asked for any VIP attendee lists to be sent to them by the end of the week so those individuals could be sent the invitation first. Then a general invitation will go out. They hope to have 250 to 300 at the event. Doors will open at 6:30 on October 17th with a short ceremony around 7 pm and the rest of the time until 9 pm will be the cocktail and

networking time. Linde and Massingale-Lamb thanked Council Member Judy McElhone for all her help.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Rosenberg asked the Council their thoughts on the Council endorsing organizations and/or events. A brief discussion was had regarding whether the policy should endorse what COA has funded, the type of governance needed to align with the Council's mission and ethics, and how the Council could leverage existing systems. Rosenberg asked for Council members to think about it and for the topic to be considered at the next meeting.

Rosenberg then stated he had been sent information about Civic Lift, a calendar platform, and asked for additional information on the platform. Director Shapiro stated that it was currently being used by the DRSOs to have an arts calendar that everyone feeds into and can be sent to their memberships. The platform is working for some and not as robust as others would like. The State has [CT Visits](#) and cannot currently invest in Civic Lift.

Other Business

With no "other business" to discuss, Chairman Rosenberg thanked the Council for volunteering their time.

Adjournment

Chairman Rosenberg asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:57 pm.

Motion: J. McElhone | Second: F. Green | Discussion: No additional discussion.

In favor: 4, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0

The meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm.

