

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

MINUTES

Present: Dwayne Harris, Jacqui Hubbard, Andrew Linde, Denise Massingale-Lamb, Judy McElhone, Jack Rosenberg, and Elizabeth Shapiro

Guest: CT-N

Absent: Sarah McKay, Mary Ellen Kingsland-Eckels, Dan O’Keefe, and Brian Walters

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

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 June and September meeting minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 2nd and September 8th meetings.

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

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

June and September meeting minutes approved.

Updates for 1% Art

Program Specialist Tamara Dimitri presented a PowerPoint slideshow on several projects, and she shared the link to the artwork database ([Artwork Archive](#)), two current projects ([Litchfield County Judicial Court](#) & [Southern CT State University School of Business](#)), and the Public Spaces webpage ([Art in Public Spaces Program](#)). Dimitri explained the selection process and how she is notified when a new project is starting.

Updates from Council Members

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

Director’s Report

Director Elizabeth Shapiro started her report by sharing updates on current grant programs. She stated that staff is working with new processes for general fund grants, which include assistance agreements that other divisions within DECD use. She also shared the approximately 230 recipients of SAP grants ([Supporting Arts Grant](#)) with awards totalling \$950,000. Shapiro then shared that at the upcoming NASAA leadership conference, directors

would focus on the Poetry Out Loud program and the sustainability of the arts and culture community.

Director Shapiro announced that the Collective CT program, the partnership with Midnight Oil and Yale Ventures, began on September 22nd. She invited Council Members to an upcoming webinar on November 17th, which will cover the second year of the five-year pilot and explain the application process. She also reported that the Art Pharmacy program has about 130 organizations registered as providers, and the State should be able to happen at the beginning of 2026.

Chairman's Report

The Council's next meeting will be on January 5th, and meetings will then take place every other month. Chiaman Rosenberg thanked everyone for volunteering their time.

Other Business

There was no "other business" to discuss.

Adjournment

Rosenberg asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: J. Hubbard | Second: D. Massingale-Lamb | Discussion: No additional discussion.

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

The meeting adjourned at 1.43 pm.