

**Connecticut Arts Council Meeting**  
**Monday, January 5, 2026 | 1:00 pm**  
**Zoom**

**MINUTES**

Present: Dwayne Harris, Jacqui Hubbard, Cinzi Lavin, Andrew Linde, Denise Massingale-Lamb, Judy McElhone, Sarah McKay, Elizabeth Shapiro, and Brian Walters

Absent: Jack Rosenberg and Dan O’Keefe

Staff: Mel Díaz, Briley Neugebauer, and Kim Parsons-Whitaker

Guest: CT-N

**Call to Order**

Chairman Jack Rosenberg was unable to attend the meeting and asked Council Member Sarah McKay to chair the meeting. McKay called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

**Welcome New Council Member**

Cinzi Lavin was welcomed as a new member and asked to give a brief overview of her background. Council members and staff also introduced themselves.

**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 meeting minutes.

*Motion to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2025 meeting.*

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

In favor: 7, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 1 (C. Lavin was not present at the previous meeting.)

November meeting minutes approved.

**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 announcing that the Collective CT program, the partnership with Midnight Oil and Yale Ventures, had begun the application process for the second year cohort. The partnership will be highlighted in the February issue of *NASAA Notes*. She also reported that the Art Pharmacy program is a little behind schedule to start the prescription part, but will be starting soon.

Shapiro encouraged Council members to attend the [CALC Summit](#) and stated that she and Program Manager Briley Neugebauer would be attending the [Art & Health Conference](#) in Washington DC in February.

### **Chairman's Report**

McKay reminded Council Members that the next meeting is on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1 pm.

### **Other Business**

There was no "other business" to discuss.

### **Adjournment**

McKay asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

*Motion to adjourn the meeting.*

Motion: J. Hubbard | Second: J. McElhone | Discussion: No additional discussion.

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:48 pm.