



CT Arts Council

Connecticut Arts Council Meeting

Monday, January 9, 2023

1:00 pm

Via Zoom Video Conference Call

MINUTES

Present: Floyd Green, Mary Ellen Kingsland-Eckels, Adriane Jefferson, Calida Jones, and Sofia Lewitt

Absent: Fritz Jellinghaus, *emeritus*, Judy McElhone, Jack Rosenberg, and Ted Yudain

Staff: Mel Díaz, Tamara Dimitri, Kolton Harris, Tekowa Omara-Otunnu, and Elizabeth Shapiro

Absent: Rhonda Olisky and Lu Rivera

Call to Order

Council member Mary Ellen Kingsland-Eckels called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. Chairman Jack Rosenberg is ill and would not be able to run the meeting.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Kingsland-Eckels asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 5th.

Motion to approve the minutes of the December meeting.

Motion: C. Jones | Second: F. Green | Discussion: No additional discussion.

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

December meeting minutes approved.

Office of the Arts Action Item

There were no Arts action items to discuss.

Chairman's Report

There was no Chairman's Report.

Governor's/Patrons of the Arts Update

Council member Sofia Lewitt reported that the Governor's/Patrons of the Arts awardees would be acknowledged at the upcoming Arts Hero Awards. A proclamation from the Governor would be presented if they arrived on time.

Council member Calida Jones volunteered to present the awards on behalf of the Council.

Director's Report

Director Shapiro announced that the Arts, Culture, and Tourism Caucus would be shown the funding roadmap at an upcoming meeting. CT Humanities, CT Arts Alliance, and the Connecticut Tourism Coalition have worked on this for the past six months with insight from the COA office and the Tourism Division in DECD. The overall ask would be split between arts, culture, and tourism organizations.

Shapiro reminded Council members of upcoming events. The Arts Hero Awards will take place on Wednesday the 18th at 5 pm at Infinity Hall. POL finals will be on March 11th at the Bushnell.

Shapiro asked if there were any specific needs or questions the Council wanted Kelly Barsdate from NASAA to answer during the March workshop. Council members provided their questions, including how to strengthen and deepen advocacy work and wanting to see more collaboration between the state and national levels.

Shapiro gave an overview of the legislative session and timeline. She reminded Council members that now through May is a great time to connect with legislators and ask them to support the arts. If COA requires any quick action, Director Shapiro will reach out. She will keep the Council updated on any budgetary news.

Other Business

No other business to discuss.

Adjournment

Council member Mary Ellen Kingsland-Eckels asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting and thanked everyone for their participation.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:36 pm.

Motion: C. Jones | Second: S. Lewitt | Discussion: No additional discussion.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:36 pm.