



Maryland State Arts Council Council Meeting MEETING Minutes

April 27, 2023
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Staff and councilors present: Amelia Evans, Keyonna Penick, Chad Buterbaugh, Emily Sollenberger, Kirk Snow, Laura Weiss, Ryan Koons, Derrick Quevedo, Steven Skerritt-Davis, Tammy Oppel, Elizabeth Morales, Ryan Patterson, Secretary Tom Riford, Catherine Teixeira
Councilors Present: Chris Sloan, John Schratwieser, Julie Madden, Lily Bengfort, Carole Alexander, Molly Jackson, David Fakunle

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:09 pm, followed by guiding documents.

Program Policy Evaluation Committee

ARGOS Creativity - minimum grant amount

Proposal: minimum award for Round 2 ARGOS Creativity Grants is \$1,000

Justification: A minimum grant amount would support organizations stabilizing and returning to pre-pandemic production and programming, which aligns with the intent of the ARGOS and Arts Relief funding.

Chris made a motion to approve the recommendation for Secretary's approval. Julie seconded. Motion passed.

Finance Committee presented the Arts Relief reallocation recommendations for review.

Available to reallocate: \$614K

Steven advised that this is the final reallocation for vote and expressed his appreciation of the councilors' time and thanked the staff. He went on to thank the Department of Budget and Management and the Department of Commerce for working out the Preservation of Cultural Arts fund.



Lily made a motion to approve the Arts Relief reallocation recommendations for Secretary approval. Julie seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Full Council

Program Policy Evaluation Committee Recommendations

Steven again thanked Laura, Emily, Chad, and all the staff for identifying and organizing this information for the council.

Lily made a motion to approve the PPE recommendations for Secretary's approval. David seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Finance Committee Recommendations

Lily made a motion to approve the Finance Committee recommendations for Secretary approval. David and Carole seconded. All in favor. The motion was approved.

New Business

- Maryland Arts Place Triennial exhibition, in Baltimore, featuring artists participating in the online arts directory, received a record number of applicants for the exhibition. The exhibition opening coincides with the Bromo Arts walk on May 18.
- Wishing Jackie all the best
- Thank you to the staff.
- Tom expressed his undying applause for the board and the exceptional staff.

Carole moved to adjourn the meeting, and Chris seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.