



Maryland State Arts Council Executive Committee

MEETING MINUTES
February 27, 2024
Google Meet

The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Council, make recommendations to the Council, and shall perform other duties as specified...

In attendance:

Councilors: Albita Rivera, Lily Bengfort, Shelley Morhaim, Carole Alexander, Chris Sloan, David Fakunle

Staff: Derrick Quevedo, Emily Sollenberger, Laura Weiss, Chad Buterbaugh, Steven Skerritt-Davis, Cathy Teixeira, Alysha Suryah

The meeting was called to order at approximately 11:01 am by Chris, Councilors reviewed MSAC's guiding documents

Approval of 11/14/23 minutes: **Shelley moved**; **Carole** seconded, all in favor. The minutes were approved

Executive Director's Report (Skerritt-Davis)

- Staffing Report - Steven reviewed progress on hiring several positions
- Strategic planning update - Steven reviewed the plan for the March strategic planning retreat
- Legislative session update - Steven gave an update about hearings and reviewed the Arts Incubator bill; responded to Chris' question about motivation for the incubator bill, explaining that Senator Hayes is responding to constituents who have asked about support for artists
- Budget updates - Steven reviewed reallocations; Responded to Chris' question about administration, confirming that we are not spending as much in general administration as projected; responded to Albita's question about FY25 budget, explaining that we will know more at the end of the legislative session; Chris suggested explaining nominating committee procedure at the March meeting, Steven made note; Steven explained the green bag nomination process; Lily volunteered for the nominating committee



- Other Updates: Chris voiced that Inside the Council emails are appreciated

Governance Committee Report/Councilor Engagement Discussion (Chris)

- Councilors discussed work of the Governance Committee; Chris suggested a name change to “councilor development”; discussion of by-laws; discussion of councilor engagement in hybrid settings

Review 3/14/24 Council Meeting Agenda (Annapolis)

New Business

- Chris asked about fiscal sponsorship policies; Steven shared that it’s on the list for the May PPE committee - piloting/supporting small (1 person) LLCs
- Carole asked for details about the retreat; expressed interest in making space for voices of experienced councilors; all agreed

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:12 pm