

# Board Meeting Minutes

## Washington State Arts Commission

Tuesday, February 7, 2023 / ArtsWA Office -711 Capitol Way S., Olympia, WA 98501 – Main meeting held in the second Floor Conference room of the Evergreen Plaza Building

### Commissioners Present

Robin Avni  
Andre Bouchard  
Claudia Castro Luna  
Lou Oma Durand  
Reinaldo Gil Zambrano  
Ryan Hardesty  
Lee Lyttle  
Jasmine Mahmoud, PhD  
Tisa Matheson  
Terry Morgan  
Catherine Nueva España, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair  
Justin Raffa, Chair  
Charlie Robin  
Rosanna Sharpe, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair  
Judy Tuohy  
Sheree Wen

### Commissioners Absent

Dr. Kelvin Frank  
Representative Jacquelin Maycumber  
Joan McBride  
Krishna Thiagarajan  
Senator Lisa Wellman  
Representative Sharon Wylie

### ArtsWA Staff Present

Adetola Abatan, Art in Public Places (AIPP) Project Manager  
Michelle Avitia, AIPP Program Coordinator  
Bryan Bales, Wellness Arts & the Military (WAM) Program Manager  
Gabriel Brown, Conservation Lead, 3-D and Integrated Artwork  
Judy Cullen, AIE Program Specialist  
Heide Fernandez-Llamazares, My Portal Project Manager  
Jonathan Hickerson, Conservation Lead, Central and E. WA  
Janae Huber, Collections Manager  
Linnea Ingalls, Grants to Organizations (GTO) Program Coordinator  
Desiree Johnson, AIE Administrative Assistant 3  
Adrienne Kerrigan, Community Relations Program Assistant  
Tamar Krames, Arts in Education Program Manager  
Marissa Laubscher, AIPP Senior Project Manager  
Britt Madsen, GTO Program Assistant  
Ashley Marshall, GTO Administrative Assistant 3  
Valerie Peterman, AIPP Project manager  
Leslie Pope, Executive Assistant  
Thomas Grant Richardson, Director, Center for Washington Cultural Traditions  
Annette Roth, Community Development Manager  
Alexis Sarah, Early Learning Project Manager  
Deane Shellman, Deputy Director  
Mike Sweney, AIPP Program Manager  
Michael Wallenfels, Communications Manager  
Cindy Xu, Fiscal Technician 2

### Guests & Speakers

Manny Cawaling, Director, Inspire WA  
David Foster, Foster Government Relations  
Lieutenant Governor Denny Heck

For a full transcript of the meeting, please view recording at:

[Washington State Arts Commission - TVW](#)

## Call to Order / Land Acknowledgement / Roll Call

Raffa, ArtsWA Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Mahmoud read the ArtsWA land acknowledgement. Roll call verified that a quorum was present. Public comment rules were shared.

## Board Chair's Report

Raffa reviewed his report (packet pp. 5-6). He is excited about this time of year, and meeting with legislators. Several members of the Executive Committee presented at a recent ArtsWA staff meeting. They welcomed new staff and provided an overview of Board roles and responsibilities.

## Lieutenant Governor Denny Heck

The Lieutenant Governor approves Senate legislative members of the ArtsWA Board. Hanan has known Lieutenant Governor Heck throughout his career and appreciates his strong connection to arts and culture. He thanked the board for their commitment and passion to serve Washington State.

A MOTION to approve the meeting agenda was made by Sharpe, seconded by Robin, and passed unanimously.

## Executive Director's Report

Hanan reviewed her report (packet pp. 7-11). She is pleased that Senator Boehnke has been appointed as one of the four legislative commissioners, which brings the board to full capacity.

### 2022-23 Biennium 6th Quarter Report

This report (packet pp. 12-22) is for information only; it does not require a motion. The budget is on track for expenditures by program for the fiscal year.

## Consent Agenda

A MOTION to accept the Consent Agenda was made by Robin Avni and seconded by Lyttle. The Consent Agenda included:

- Board Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2022, Board Meeting (packet pp. 23-25)

The MOTION passed unanimously with one change to a staff name in the meeting minutes.

## Poet Laureate 2023-2025

Karen Hanan and Britt Madsen, GTO Program Assistant presented the panel recommendations for the 2023-2025 State Poet Laureate (packet pp. 28-29)

A MOTION to approve the panel recommendation of Arianne True prior to submittal to the Governor for appointment was made by Nueva España and seconded by Castro Luna. While this is a public meeting, the Poet Laureate 2023-25 recommendation must be approved by the Board AND Governor Inslee before the nomination is official.

## Grants to Organizations

Linnea Ingalls and Britt Madsen, GTO Program Coordinators reviewed the grants proposed for Board consideration: COVID Safety Support Grants for Large Organizations (packet pp. 30-33) and ReVive Grants (packet pp. 34-38).

A MOTION to approve the panel's recommendation for COVID Safety Support grants totaling \$4,597,750 as provided in the packet was made by Sharpe and seconded by Tuohy. There were two declared conflicts of interest: Morgan (Seattle Art Museum, Seattle Theater Group, Museum of Flight, and Seattle Aquarium; and Wen (SIFF). The motion passed unanimously with two recusals.

A MOTION to ratify the Executive Director's decision to approve the panel's recommendation for additional funding for ReVive Grants was made by Touhy and seconded by Avni. Two conflicts of interest were declared: Durand (Jack Straw) and Castro Luna (Jack Straw). The MOTION passed unanimously with two recusals.

## ArtsWA Programs Roundtable

Managers and staff provided PechaKucha style presentations of program accomplishments and future endeavors.

## Advocacy Discussion

Robin, Advocacy Chair, introduced Special Guests David Foster, WESTAF Lobbyist, and Manny Cawaling, Inspire WA. Discussion on legislative challenges and opportunities, as well as an overview of the legislative process was held.

## Public Comment

No members of the public were present to make comment.

## Adjourn

Raffa reviewed the upcoming important dates listed on the agenda and adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m.