

Board Meeting Minutes

Washington State Arts Commission

Thursday, March 23, 2023 / Virtual

Commissioners Present

Robin Avni
Senator Matt Boehnke
Andre Bouchard
Lou Oma Durand
Ryan Hardesty
Lee Lyttle
Jasmine Mahmoud, PhD
Tisa Matheson
Terry Morgan
Catherine Nueva España, Second Vice Chair
Justin Raffa, Chair
Charlie Robin
Rosanna Sharpe, First Vice Chair
Krishna Thiagarajan
Senator Lisa Wellman
Representative Sharon Wylie

Commissioners Absent

Claudia Castro Luna
Reinaldo Gil Zambrano
Dr. Kelvin Frank
Representative Jacquelin Maycumber
Joan McBride
Judy Tuohy
Sheree Wen

ArtsWA Staff Present

Bryan Bales, Wellness, Arts and the Military (WAM)
Program Manager
Daniya Baisubanova, WAM Program Coordinator
Miguel Guillén Grants to Organizations (GTO) Program
Manager
Karen Hanan, Executive Director
Adrienne Kerrigan, Community
Ashley Marshall, GTO Administrative Assistant 3
Leslie Pope, Executive Assistant
Annette Roth, Community Development Manager
Gabiella Smith, VetCorps Intern
Cindy Xu, Fiscal Technician 2

Guests & Speakers

None in attendance

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[Washington state Arts Commission - YouTube](#)

Call to Order / Land Acknowledgement / Roll Call

Raffa, ArtsWA Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Avni gave the land acknowledgement. Roll call was conducted, and a quorum was verified. The public comment rules were shared.

A MOTION to approve the agenda was made by Lyttle, seconded by Thiagarajan and passed unanimously.

Wellness, Arts & the Military (WAM)

Bryan Bales, WAM Program Manager, reviewed the grants before the Board for consideration.

A MOTION to ratify the Executive Director's decision to approve the panel's recommendation for FY 2023 Self-directed Art Practice Grants as provided in the packet was made by Senator Boehnke and seconded by Senator Wellman. There were no conflicts of interest. The motion passed unanimously.

A MOTION to approve the panel's recommendation for FY 2023 WAM General Operating Support Grants as provided in the packet was made by Senator Boehnke and seconded by Robin. There was one declared conflict of interest: Thiagarajan (Seattle Opera). The motion passed unanimously with one recusal.

Public Comment

No members of the public were present to make comment.

Adjourn

Raffa adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m.