

Board Meeting Minutes

Washington State Arts Commission

Thursday, September 7, 2023 / Virtual

Commissioners Present

Robin Avni
Claudia Castro Luna
Tony Ginn
Ryan Hardesty
Jasmine Mahmoud, PhD
Tisa Matheson
Noël Moxley
Catherine Nueva España, Second Vice Chair
Justin Raffa, Chair
Charlie Robin
Star Rush
Krishna Thiagarajan
Senator Lisa Wellman

ArtsWA Staff Presenters

Miguel Guillén Grants to Organizations (GTO) Program
Manager
Karen Hanan, Executive Director
Linnea Ingalls, GTO Program Coordinator
Annette Roth, Community Development Manager
Michael Wallenfels, Communications Manager

Guests & Speakers

Dinah LeDuc, Legislative Assistant to Senator Boehnke

Commissioners Absent

Senator Matt Boehnke
Lou Oma Durand
Reinaldo Gil Zambrano
Dr. Kelvin Frank
Representative Jacquelin Maycumber
Joan McBride
Terry Morgan
Rosanna Sharpe, First Vice Chair
Judy Tuohy
Representative Sharon Wylie

For a full transcript of the meeting, please view recording at: https://youtu.be/raZfmSF_ils

Call to Order / Land Acknowledgement / Roll Call

Robin, ArtsWA Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and 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 Senator Wellman, seconded by Castro Luna, and passed unanimously.

Governor's Arts & Heritage Awards

Roth reviewed the list of panel recommended honorees (*packet pp. 1-4*). Castro Luna stated she was impressed and inspired by the choices for this year's awards. She feels a rush of pride to be a constituent of a state and supports the arts in this way and thanked the selection committee for their work to select these nominees. Roth agreed that all the finalists were very strong, and it took deep discussion to select the final honorees.

A MOTION to approve the panel recommendations for the Governor's Arts & Heritage Awards was made by Ginn and seconded by Senator Wellman. There no conflicts of interest. The motion passed unanimously.

Only after Governor Inslee has approved the recommendations are they made official, and the results made public.

Grants to Organizations

Guillén explained that additional funds of \$300,000 were found during the close of the fiscal year budget. Ingalls, Grants to Organizations Program Coordinator, reviewed the funding guidelines to disperse these additional funds.

A MOTION to approve the panel's recommendation for an increase of \$10,000 to FY24 Art Service Organization grants as provided in the packet was made by Ginn and seconded by Castro Luna second. One conflict of interest: Thiagarajan (Inspire WA). The motion passed with one recusal.

A MOTION to ratify the Executive Director's decision to approve the panel's recommendation for FY24 General Operation Support: Sustaining for Small and Midsize Organizations totaling \$166,000 as provided in the packet was made by Avni and seconded by Mahmoud. There were no conflicts of interest. The motion passed unanimously.

A MOTION to ratify the Executive Director's decision to approve the panel's recommendation for FY24 General Operation Support: Sustaining for Large Organizations totaling \$112,000 as provided in the packet was made by Ginn and seconded by Mahmoud. There were two conflicts of interest: Thiagarajan (Music of Remembrance), Robin (Capitol Theatre Committee) and Nueva España (Centrum). The motion passed with two recusals.

Hanan explained that at the end of the fiscal year, the budget is closed out. There were monies saved on federal monies that can be rolled forward to the next fiscal year. We cannot spend that roll over money until all bills are paid several months after June 30, 2023.

Public Comment

No members of the public were present to make comment.

Adjourn

Robin adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.