

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF THE ARTS**

Connecticut Arts Council Meeting

Monday, February 4, 2019

2:00 pm

Kaphar Studios, 169 Henry Street, New Haven, CT 06511

MINUTES

Present: Fritz Jellinghaus, Christopher Bruhl, Helen During, Jan Dilenschneider, Mary Ellen Eckels, Titus Kaphar, Ted Yudain

Absent: Pedro Bermudez

Staff: Elizabeth Shapiro, Tamara Dimitri, Adriane Jefferson, Bonnie Koba, Rhonda Olisky, Jane Schneider

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:17 pm

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of November 26, 2018.

Motion: Chris Bruhl

Second: Jan Dilenschneider

(Y-7; N-0)

III. Chairman's Report

Fritz Jellinghaus reviewed the current state of the administration as well as the recommendations of the Arts, Culture and Tourism Committee to the Governor's office. Fritz also reviewed the role of the three councils of DECD: Arts Council; Tourism Council and the Culture & Tourism Advisory Board. The Arts Council currently has three vacancies and hopes that this year we can bring the Arts Council to full capacity.

Fritz presented the Arts Council members with the possibility of creating tasks force where each of them can serve in an area of interest such as Awards; Line Items; CT Artists Collection, etc. He also encouraged the council to share concerns and ideas regarding their roles and how they can support COA with their goals.

IV. Interim Director's Report

Elizabeth Shapiro reported that Mr. David Lehman has been named as Commissioner of DECD. He will report to DECD offices on March 19th, 2019. Mr. Lehman will also serve as economic advisor to the Governor. Meanwhile, David Kooris, deputy commissioner at DECD, will serve as Acting Commissioner.

Liz stated the goal of reenergizing COA's relationship with the Designated Regional Service Organizations as our partners. Chris Bruhl offered to help in this area.

VI. Action Items

FY19 Connecticut Arts Endowment Fund Grants

It is recommended that the Connecticut Arts Council approve one hundred sixty-six (166) Connecticut Arts Endowment grants in the amount of \$786,107.

Motion: Mary Ellen Eckels
Second: Chris Bruhl
Recuse: Ted Yudain

(Y-6; N-0; Recused-1)

FY19 ARTE Accesible Grants

It is recommended that the Connecticut Arts Council approve fifteen (15) ARTE Accesible grants in the amount of \$41,521.

Motion: Jan Dilenschneider
Second: Mary Ellen Eckels

(Y-7; N-0)

VII. Other Business

Ted Yudain expressed concern that the Arts Council has not been involved in the creation of new grant programs. He suggested that opportunity be given to the Council to have discussion before releasing new initiatives.

Helen During suggested that COA partner with hospitals and to explore insurance companies who would fund arts & health initiatives.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Chris Bruhl, second by Jan Dilenschneider, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lu Rivera
Administrative Assistant