

New Hampshire State Council on the Arts
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – February 6, 2018
Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Headquarters, Concord, NH

Arts Councilors Present - Chair Dr. Roger Brooks, Angela Brown*, Sara Germain, R.P. Hale, Mary McLaughlin, Elizabeth Morgan, William Stelling, Jason Tors*, Peter Warburton, and Leah Woods

* - via phone

Arts Councilors Absent - Vivian Beer, Tim Sink and Sarah Stewart

Staff Present

Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) Commissioner Jeffrey Rose; DNCR Arts Division: Ginnie Lupi, Director; Cassandra Mason, Chief Grants Officer (CGO); Julianne Gadoury, Arts Education Coordinator (AE); Kayla Schweitzer, Heritage and Traditional Arts Coordinator (HTA); and Emily Killinger, Visual Arts Associate (VAA)

Motions (carried)

- Accept the minutes of the November 20, 2017 Council meeting
- Accept expenditure of up to \$56,500 for the Percent for Art projects at the NH Women’s Prison

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dr. Roger Brooks called the meeting of the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts to order at 9:38 a.m. on February 6, 2018. Roger followed with a quick welcome to recently-appointed Councilor Leah Woods.

II. MINUTES

Chair Brooks called for a motion to accept the minutes from the November 20, 2017 meeting. Councilor Elizabeth Morgan moved to approve, seconded by Councilor R.P. Hale. The minutes from November 20, 2017 were unanimously approved.

III. BUSINESS

Percent for Arts Approvals - CGO Cassandra Mason presented a memo and request to approve the expenditure of up to \$56,500 of the \$60,000 total budget for Percent for Art works at the new Women’s Prison. Cassie presented a PowerPoint to review the artworks selected by the committee. Chair Brooks spoke briefly of the history of the Percent for Art program. Councilor R.P. Hale moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Mary McLaughlin. The expenditure of funds was unanimously approved.

IV. STAFF REPORTS

AE Julianne Gadoury distributed a memo summarizing her activities since the last Council meeting. She reported that Poetry Out Loud (POL) is her big focus currently, along with Youth Arts Month (YAM) which happens in March. All POL semi-finals and final dates were given and Councilors were strongly encouraged to attend. Julianne reported new efforts to create a more unified approach across the arts fields for Youth Arts Month, including art exhibits scheduled for the State Library and inside the State House tunnel as well as a variety of other activities that can be found on the [NH Arts Learning Network website](#). She mentioned that the Poetry Society is still accepting submissions for the NH Youth Poet Laureate. She also discussed her site visit to Avenue A, a recent Youth Arts Project (YAP) grant recipient in Antrim.

CGO Cassandra Mason reported that the grant season is underway and the updated guidelines will be posted soon. She and the grants team have scheduled four informational grant workshops across the state. Cassie also reported attending the Creative Communities Network steering committee meeting on January 29. The next full meeting is scheduled for March 23; discussion will include the Network's future. She encouraged Councilors to attend the NH Theatre Project's [Elephant-in-the-Room series](#) as it relates to Arts in Health programming.

HTA Kayla Schweitzer reported that she has attended several meetings since the last Council meeting, including the Welcoming Concord Committee, the NH Native American Affairs Commission and others. She has been working on updating the Contra Dance brochure, scheduling site visits, attending a community presentation of an apprenticeship grant and working on archiving decades of field work.

VAA Emily Killinger handed out copies of the newly updated grant deadline flyer as well as recently-created promotional materials. She offered assistance to Councilors with promotional materials for events they may be attending.

Director Ginnie Lupi reported that the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) approved a match waiver for the Council's Federal FY16 award. She reported that the Council's website will be updated in the coming months as part of a larger Departmental project. She announced that the Council will host *Creativity Connects* on April 16 at Capitol Center for the Arts. The convening will explore entrepreneurial and small business training needs for creative workers. Additionally her work on strategic planning is continuing with surveys for the public.

DNCR Commissioner Jeffrey Rose reported on his field visits, including a day in Portsmouth. He reported on meeting with Senator Marth Fuller Clark to discuss the creation of a Cultural Caucus, attending the NH Professional Theatre Association meeting, and visiting with representatives from Opera North. The Commissioner stated that he is involved in interagency discussions and planning related to New Hampshire's scenic vistas, will speak at the Governor's Travel and Tourism Conference in May, and mentioned that it appears that the Memorial Day weekend Lilac Festival will be re-established.

V. STRATEGIC PLANNING ACTIVITY

Staff guided the Council through a series of questions related to strategic planning. Notes from the activity will be available at the March 19 Council meeting.

VI. COUNCIL ARTS ACTIVITIES ROUND ROBIN

Councilors reported on a wide variety of arts activities in which they are each involved.

VII. ADJOURN

- Motion to adjourn from the business meeting: Councilor Leah Woods
- Second: Councilor Sara Germain
- Nays: None
- Recusals: None

Chair Brooks adjourned the meeting at 12:05 PM.