

Board Meeting minutes

Washington State Arts Commission

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 / Virtual

Commissioners Present

Robin Avni, First Vice Chair
Claudia Castro Luna
Lou Oma Durand
Tony Ginn
Jasmine Mahmoud, PhD, Second Vice Chair
Tisa Matheson
Joan McBride
Terry Morgan
Noël Moxley
Catherine Nueva España
Justin Raffa
Charlie Robin, Chair
Star Rush
Representative Sharon Wylie

Commissioners Absent

Senator Matt Boehnke
Dr. Kelvin Frank
Reinaldo Gil Zambrano
Ryan Hardesty
Representative Jacquelin Maycumber
Rosanna Sharpe
Krishna Thiagarajan
Judy Tuohy
Senator Lisa Wellman

ArtsWA Staff Presenters

Bryan Bales, Wellness, Arts & the Military Program
Manager
Todd Clark, Tribal Cultural Affairs Program Coordinator
Karen Hanan, Executive Director
Michael Wallenfels, Communications Manager
Cheryl Wilcox, Tribal Cultural Affairs Program Manager

Guests & Speakers

None

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Call to order / Land acknowledgement / Roll call

Robin, ArtsWA Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Durand 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 McBride, seconded by Moxley, and passed unanimously.

Tribal Cultural Affairs

Wilcox outlined the Tribal Cultural Affairs grants FY 2024 process (packet pp. 2-5). All 29 tribes were contacted and 20 applied. All tribes that applied will receive funding. Reasons for not applying varied. Funding will support various projects including preserving language and teaching regalia making to youth. The tribes that applied are very excited about receiving this funding and making a positive impact within their communities.

A MOTION to approve the panel recommendations for FY24 Tribal Arts Grant totaling \$522,720 as provided in the packet was made by Ginn and seconded by Moxley. The motion passed unanimously with no conflicts of interest.

Castro Luna thanked Wilcox for her excellent work. Raffa said this is an amazing moment for the agency and the board to approve half of a million dollars to these tribes throughout the state.

Wellness, Arts & the Military

Bales reviewed the Service Project Support Grants. It was the goal of this grant to reach military connected individuals and their families in rural areas (packet pp 6-7 and handout).

A MOTION to ratify the Executive Director's decision to approve the Vet Corps Service Project Support Grants as outlined in the handout was made by Morgan and seconded by Moxley. There were no conflicts of interest. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

No members of the public were present to make comment.

Adjourn

Robin adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.