

**New York State Council on the Arts
Council Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2020 1:00 PM- 1:30PM
Held via Teleconference**

Present:

Katherine Nicholls (Chair), Laura Aswad, Scott Eberle, Joan Hornig, Hildy Kuryk, Eric Latzky, Laudelina Martinez, Elsie McCabe-Thompson, Richard Mittenenthal, John Morning, Hal Payne, Deborah Ronnen

Quorum present: Yes

Others in attendance:

Mara Manus, Executive Director, NYSCA

Megan White, Deputy Director of Programs, NYSCA

Abigail Young, Deputy Director of Operations and General Counsel, NYSCA

Abby Adler, Executive Assistant, NYSCA

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Roll call conducted by Abby Adler. Meeting called to order by Chair Katherine Nicholls at approximately 1:05 PM.

CHAIR'S WELCOME

KATHERINE NICHOLLS: Good afternoon and welcome to the convening of the Council of the New York State Council on the Arts on May 8th, 2020. I am KATHERINE NICHOLLS, the Chair of NYSCA.

Thank you to our Council Members joining us today. Due to public health concerns and as authorized by Executive Order of the Governor, this meeting will be conducted by teleconference.

I ask that all attendees remain muted unless they need to speak, and anyone wishing to speak to please state your name before you begin. Additionally, if at any point you must leave this call, please inform us.

To remind all in attendance; this is a public meeting that is being recorded.

At today's meeting, we will review the NYSCA-NEA CARES Grant Opportunity and we will vote on the NYFA Artist Project Fund regrant recommendation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NYSCA has determined that the Council has a basis to enter into executive session to review the recommendation put forth by NYSCA staff and Executive Leadership for the NYFA Artist Fund regrant. Section 105(1)(f) of the Open Meetings Law permits a public body to enter into an executive session to discuss: "...the ... financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation."

We will now go into executive session and return to an open meeting at approximately 1:25PM to vote on the recommendation.

[The meeting continues in Executive Session for Committee members and invited guests.]

KATHERINE NICHOLLS: Welcome back to the public portion of the Council meeting for the New York State Council on the Arts. I am Katherine Nicholls, Chair of the New York State Council on the Arts. Thank you all for joining us.

Recommendations for the CARES funding will be brought to before the council in June. The Council will now vote on the NYFA Artist Fund regrant recommendation.

At the request of Chair Katherine Nicholls, a motion of the Council to approve the New York Foundation for the Arts Artist Fund regrant recommendation is made and seconded. The motion carries unanimously with the Council members joining via teleconference.

KATHERINE NICHOLLS: Thank you all for your ongoing service and commitment to NYSCA.

As we continue to navigate the rapidly changing landscape of COVID-19, we will update Council members on any changes to the NYSCA Council Meeting schedule when we have them.

At the request of Chair Katherine Nicholls, a motion of the Council to adjourn is also made and seconded. The motion to adjourn carries unanimously with the Council members joining via teleconference with no oppositions or abstentions.

Thank you, Council members. Sincere thanks to everyone for coming together so quickly, and thanks to the NYSCA staff for expediting this important funding for the field. I wish everybody good health and we will talk again soon.

Meeting adjourns at approximately 1:30 pm.

Note: Information on the NYSCA NEA CARES Grant opportunity is available at <https://arts.ny.gov/grants/NYSCA-NEA-Cares>

