

Metro Arts Commission Minutes of the Committee for Anti-Racism and Equity Meeting

July 8, 2020

This meeting took place via teleconference.

A recording of the meeting can be found here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D0ERW-fpKGQ

It is recommended to view this recording for the full context of the meeting

Attending Members: Will Cheek (Co-chair, Commissioner), Paula Roberts (Co-chair, Commissioner), Sarah Bounse, Alandis Brassel, Aaron Doenges, Ellen Gilbert, Megan Kelley, Jonathan Marx (ART Co-Chair), Teree McCormick (ARTt Co-Chair), Jon Royal, Marielena Ramos (Ex-Officio, Commissioner)

Staff: Janine Christiano, Tré Hardin, Caroline Vincent, Grace Wright

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A. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m.

Staff started the meeting at the request of Commissioner Roberts who was present but experiencing technical difficulties.

B. VOTE ON GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.16

A motion that the meeting agenda constitutes essential business of this body and meeting electronically is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Tennesseans considering the COVID-19 outbreak and is permitted under the Governor's Executive Order number 16 was offered by Sarah Bounse, Teree McCormick seconded and the motion passed.

Roll call vote was taken, all members present voted, and all votes were affirmative with the exception of Will Cheek who was experiencing technical difficulties.

C. METRO ARTS STAFF UPDATE ON ANTIRACISM TRANSFORMATION TEAM BOARD REPORT

Staff reported out on current updates to the ART team report and equity environmental scan presented to the Arts Commission in 2019. The report covered Scope, Progress, Updates, and Environmental Scan updates – which included Personnel, Programs, Products, Services, Grants, Public Art, Constituency, and Institutional/Organizational Structure.

D. SET NEXT MEETING AND ACTION STEPS

It was decided to hold an additional meeting in July since the Committee did not get a chance to discuss Committee priorities after the staff report was given.

There was additional discussion of caucusing processes and forms.

E. ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.