



METRO ARTS

NASHVILLE OFFICE OF ARTS + CULTURE

Equity Committee Meeting Notes

May 6, 2020, 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

This meeting took place via teleconference. A recording of the proceedings has been posted at: <https://www.nashville.gov/Government/Boards-and-Committees/Committee-Information/ID/49/Arts-Commission.aspx>.

There was public access at the Metro Southeast Building, 1417 Murfreesboro Pike
Nashville, TN 37217.

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

Staff: Janine Christiano, Lauren Fitzgerald, Tré Hardin, Caroline Vincent

A) CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

Co-Chair Paula Roberts called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Commissioner Roberts did a verbal roll call of all Committee members present:

- Commissioner Will Cheek
- Sarah Bounse
- Alandis Brassel
- Aaron Hoke Doenges
- Ellen Gilbert
- Meagan Kelley
- Jonathan Marx
- Teree McCormick
- Jon Royal

Metro Arts staff explained that a Metro Arts staff member was available at the Metro Southeast Building for public access.

Commissioner Roberts asked Metro Staff if there was any public comment. There was not.

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

Commissioner Roberts called for 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."

A motion to permit the meeting of the Metro Arts Commission under Governor's Executive Order No.16 was offered by Commissioner Cheek and seconded by Teree McCormick.

Commissioner Roberts asked for any additional comments.

Roll call vote was taken, all members present voted, and all votes were affirmative.

C) UPDATES REGARDING METRO ARTS' STRATEGY FOR CENTERING EQUITY IN CRISIS RESPONSE

Janine Christiano presented Metro Arts' crisis response, equity priorities, and steps taken to support those priorities with specific updates on the THRIVE April 2020 Project, Grants & Funding Programs, and the Diversity in Arts Leadership (DIAL) Fellowship Program.

D) ESSENTIAL BUSINESS: COMMITTEE ROSTER AND TITLE

1. Confirm Committee Roster

Metro Arts staff verified that Committee members may resign from the Committee at any time.

A motion to confirm the current Committee roster to present at the May 21 Arts Commission Meeting was offered by Sarah Bounse and seconded by Aaron Hoke Doenges.

Commissioner Roberts asked for any additional comments.

Roll call vote was taken, all members present voted, and all votes were affirmative.

2. Confirm Official Committee Title

Committee discussed the importance of retaining use of "antiracism," communicating general as well as racial equity, maintaining continuity with the work done by the ART team, appropriately representing the goals and priorities of the Committee to the public/various communities, and considering transformation.

Commissioner Roberts asked for any additional comments.

A motion to confirm the Committee title as the "Committee for Antiracism and Equity" was offered by Jon Royal and seconded by Teree McCormick.

Roll call vote was taken, all members present voted, and all votes were affirmative.

E) SET NEXT MEETING AND ACTION STEPS

Action Items for next meeting:

- Send Grace Wright 3-5 goals/priorities for CARE this year by Friday, May 29th.
- In addition to goals/priorities, the Committee will also plan to continue discussion on the CARE charter and scope and potentially ways that the Committee could inform the grants and funding process.

Next Meeting: June 3, 2020 @ 4:00pm as a telephonic meeting

F) ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.