



# METRO ARTS

NASHVILLE OFFICE OF ARTS + CULTURE

## **Metro Arts Commission**

Minutes of the Specially Called Commission Meeting  
December 23, 2020

**This meeting took place via teleconference.**

A recording of the meeting can be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QpOytsITBJU>

Attending Commissioners: Jim Schmidt (Chair), Matia Powell (Vice Chair), Will Cheek (Sec. /Treasurer), Jane Alvis, Marianne Byrd, Bonnie Dow, Marielena Ramos, Paula Roberts, Campbell West

Absent Commissioners: Jackie Daniel, Sheri Nichols Bucy, Hope Stringer

Staff: Caroline Vincent, Janine Christiano, Grace Wright

Guests: Derrick Smith (Metro Legal), Dontrai Buchanan (Metro ITS)

## **METRO ARTS MISSION:**

**Drive an Equitable and Vibrant Community through the Arts**

### **A. Call to Order & Welcome**

Chair Jim Schmidt called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

### **B. Vote on Governor's Executive Order No. 65**

***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 65 was offered by Commissioner Cheek and Commissioner Dow seconded the motion.***

Chair Schmidt asked for any additional comments.

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

### **C. Action Item**

#### **1. CARES Act Funding Allocations**

Caroline Vincent gave an update on previously approved CARES Act applications in process and introduced the final round of applications for approval.

Chair Schmidt asked Staff if there was any public comment.

CM VanReece thanked the Commission for their work in getting the CARES Act funding out to arts organizations. Chair Schmidt thanked CM VanReece for your advocacy and support.

Chair Schmidt closed public comment for the agenda item.

Chair Schmidt confirmed that there were no conflicts of interest and opened the request to discussion among the Commissioners.

Staff gave clarification on why an application was declined.

***A motion to approve the proposed CARES Act funding allocations. was offered by Commissioner Alvis and Commissioner Roberts seconded.***

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

A. Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.