



METRO ARTS

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MINUTES

Metro Arts Board of Commissioners

September 15, 2022 12 p.m.

Metro Southeast Building

Antioch Room

1417 Murfreesboro Pk.

Nashville, TN 37217

Commissioners: Matia Powell (Chair), Will Cheek (Secretary), Jane Alvis, Dexter Brewer, Clarence Edward, Paul Polycarpou, Jim Schmidt, and Campbell West

Commissioners Absent: Ellen Angelico, Marianne Byrd, Sheri Nichols Bucy, Diana Perez, La’Kishia Harris, Clay Haynes

Metro Staff: Daniel Singh, Ian Myers, Anne-Leslie Owens, Mollie Berliss, Chuck Beard, Vivian Foxx, Marysa LaRowe, Macy Amos (Metro Legal)

Guests: Monserrat Escobar Arteaga and Julian Ray Vaca

METRO ARTS MISSION:

Drive an Equitable and Vibrant Community through the Arts

A. Call to Order & Welcome

Chair Powell called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm.

Featured Artist Performance: Monserrat Escobar Arteaga

B. Approval of Minutes: August 18, 2022; September 16, 2021; August 29, 2022; September 14, 2022

Chair Powell asked if there were any questions or proposed changes to the minutes. There were none.

A motion to approve Art Commission minutes for August 18, 2022 was offered by Commissioner Cheek. Commissioner Brewer seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.

A motion to approve Nominating Committee minutes for September 16, 2021 was offered by Commissioner Schmidt. Commissioner Campbell seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.

A motion to approve Nominating Committee minutes for August 29, 2022 was offered by Commissioner Powell. Commissioner Cheek seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.

A motion to approve Nominating Committee minutes for September 14, 2022 was offered by Commissioner Brewer. Commissioner Schmidt seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.

C. Arts In Action

Communications Manager Mollie Berliss highlighted several media mentions. DIAL artist TC was featured as artist of the week by *Nashville Scene*. Metro Arts Lending Library, including works by local artists Valentina Harper and Nadine Shilling, were included in the September issue of *Nashville Lifestyles*. The Public Art Archive celebrated their 10th anniversary with a new “Have You Seen My Public Art?” map which includes Stix by Christian Moeller. We have received lots of media hits related to executive director hiring. Hispanic Heritage Month launches today. Commissioners are encouraged to stay in touch with Metro Arts on our socials.

D. Action Items:

1. Officers and Committee Chairs Slate

The Nominating Committee proposed the following slate of officers:

Chair	Matia Powell
Vice Chair	Ellen Angelico
Secretary	Dexter Brewer

A motion to approve Matia Powell as Commission Chair was offered by Commissioner Schmidt. Commissioner Alvis seconded, all and motion passed.

A motion to approve Vice Chair as Ellen Angelico by Commissioner Schmidt and second by Commissioner Cheek and motion passed.

A motion to approve Secretary Dexter Brewer by Commissioner Schmidt and second by Commissioner Powell and motion passed.

Commissioner Powell shared the initial Commissioner appointments to committees:

Committee for Anti-Racism and Equity	Ellen Angelico, Chair La’Kishia Harris
Grants and Funding Committee	Sheri Nichols Bucy, Co-Chair

Public Art Committee
Advocacy Committee

Campbell West
Paul Polycarpou
Will Cheek

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2. Proposed Joint Commission and CARE Meeting. Saturday, October 22, Pruitt Library, 10:30am – 1:45pm

This will be noticed as a special called meeting. A count of hands indicated that 8 commissioners plan to attend. No actions will be taken at the meeting. Metro Legal's attendance will not be required.

A motion to approve the Joint Commission/CARE/Staff/Community meeting on Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 10:30am – 1:45pm, at the Pruitt Branch Library was offered by Commissioner Schmidt. Commissioner West seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.

3. Donelson Library Exterior Public Art Project Design Proposal

Due to scheduling difficulties, the design has not yet been reviewed by the project stakeholders and is not yet ready for PAC consideration. Staff will bring the design to the October meeting.

4. Nolensville Pike Transit Shelter Final Designs

Public Art Project Manager Anne-Leslie Owens provided a recap of the Nolensville Pike Public Art Projects. All five artists chose to modify their design as a vinyl bus shelter wrap. Two artists have submitted final designs: Tess Davies' "My People Collection" and LeXander Bryant's "Clearly, Public Art – 2022."

A motion to approve bus shelter designs by artist Tess Davies and LeXander Bryant was offered by Commissioner Schmidt. Commissioner Brewer seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.

E. Project and Program Updates:

1. Public Art Projects in Progress

Public Art Project Manager Anne-Leslie Owens reported on the Community Canvas, a public art project for Kossie Gardner Sr. Park in North Nashville on Jefferson St. For this newly developed pocket park, Metro Arts has installed a permanent canvas. Every two years, a different artist's work will be installed there. The first artist is Elisheba Israel Mrozik. Her mural depicts the five elements of art. Through artist-led programming, community member will be able to add to the artwork. A dedication is expected for November.

F. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Daniel Singh thanked staff for pulling data to so we can review how grants and public art are distributed across the county and particularly which council districts currently do not have public art or current grant awards. Staff are working with Metro HR on a HR complaint. Singh read a land acknowledgement which we will use to begin future meetings.

Singh acknowledged that monthly meetings may not be necessary and require significant commissioner time commitment and staff preparation. He proposed that we streamline the meeting schedule and remove meetings in months when there are routine conflicts with holiday/MNPS breaks. Moving forward we will attempt to avoid December (holidays) and March (spring break) and possibly June or July and September.

G. New/Old Business

Finance Director Ian Myers and Grants Manager Jonathan Saad presented the FY24 Grant changes and FY24 Thrive changes. These have been approved by the Grants and Funding Committee.

H. Adjourn Meeting

Chair Powell adjourned the meeting at 1:28 p.m.