



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission

*Consider:*

*Who benefits? Who is burdened?*

*Who does not have a voice at the table?*

*How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Wednesday, November 9, 2022

8:00 AM

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#### A. Call To Order

Call to order at 8:01 a.m.

Staff: Mark Fraire, Augusta Brulla

Present 9 - AMNERIS CURET, LAURA GALLAGHER, JENNIFER GARRETT, MARY KLEHR,  
MARCIA MIQUELON, KELLY PARKS-SNIDER, FRAN PULEO MOYER,  
RODERICK RITCHERSON, and OLIVIA XISTRIS-SONGPANYA

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022](#)  
[MIN-404](#)

[MINUTES FROM THE 10/19/2022 ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS  
COMMISSION MEETING]

Attachments: [2022 MIN-404](#)

A motion was made by Supervisor Xistris-Songpanya to approve the minutes  
from the 10/19/22 Commission meeting, seconded by Vice Chair Klehr.

The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

#### C. Presentations

**1. Pat Dillon, Cultural Connections**

- *The focus of Dillon's work is children affected by mass incarceration, primarily children who have parents that are incarcerated.*
- *Ages range K-middle school and there is potential for high school students also.*
- *The Cultural Connections program provides an important space for students to connect to each other and the community through visual arts.*
- *Upcoming events include an exhibition at Abel Contemporary Gallery in Stoughton, WI on January 13, 2023.*

**D. Action Items**

- **A motion was made by Vice Chair Klehr to approve Capital grant awards of \$1,500 each to Overture Center for the arts and Madison Circus Space, seconded by Parks snider.**

**The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

**1. Cycle 2 Capitol Grants Approval**

*The 2022 Cycle 2 Capital grants are afforded by the Lussier fund, not the 2022 Cycle 2 grant budget.*

- **A motion was made by Vice Chair Klehr to approve Capital grant awards of \$1,500 each to Overture Center for the arts and Madison Circus Space, seconded by Parks snider.**

**The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

**Short Order Grants Approval**

*The 2022 Cycle 2 Short Order grants are afforded by the Lussier fund, not the 2022 Cycle 2 grant budget.*

- **A motion was made by Vice Chair Klehr to approve funding short order projects submitted by Emerson Elementary School (\$850) and Central Midwest Ballet (\$600), seconded by Puleo Moyer.**

**The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

**2. Approve 2023 Meeting Calendar**

*The Commission will meet the second Wednesday of each month, starting at 8 a.m. There will be no meetings in July or December.*

- **A motion was made by Supervisor Xistris-Songpanya to approve the 2023 Commission meeting schedule seconded by Commissioner Gallagher.**

**The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

### 3. Review/approve Areas of Focus

- Executive Committee: Ritcherson, Klehr, Miquelon, Puleo Moyer, Xistris-Songpanya
- Community Engagement/Publicity focus area (publicity, outreach, special events): Parks Snider, Puleo Moyer
- Marketing, including Arts and Economics AEP focus area: Gallagher, Miquelon
- Building our Artist Pool focus area: Parks Snider (see community engagement)
- Friends of Dane Arts/Fund Advisory focus area: Ritcherson
- Grants Review focus area: Curet
- Policy and Handbook focus area: Klehr

Continue to explore:

- Whether a focus area of new Commissioner Prospects is necessary: Puleo Moyer
- Whether to add a Volunteers focus area
- Further discussion of the Resource/Fund Development focus area: Gallagher, Xistris-Songpanya

**A motion was made by Commissioner Puleo Moyer to approve the Areas of Focus as outlined, seconded by Vice Chair Klehr.**

**The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

### 4. Review/Approve Discussion Topics Overall and for January, February, March 2023 Meetings

- January discussion items will include funding admission-free events led by Chair Ritcherson, and parameters for a county-funded \$40,000 a youth in art program, led by Supervisor Xistris-Songpanya.
- The February discussion topic will be engagement of youth in Dane Arts opportunities and events led by Vice Chair Klehr and Commissioner Parks Snider.
- A potential discussion topic for May, is a report on the AEP survey, to be led by Commissioner Miquelon.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Curet to approve the Discussion Topics presented, seconded by Commissioner Miquelon.**

**The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

### E. Reports to Committee

**1. Vacant Positions**

*Chair Ritcherson and Director Fraire are currently in conversation with two prospective commissioners.*

**F. Executive Director Report**

**1. 2023 Calendar and Poster**

*The poster and calendar event was a success.*

**2. 2023 Plan**

- Revamping and simplifying the grant program*
- Increasing fundraising/donor development, stepping back on programming*
- Reassess Dane Arts activities and further promote selected programming*

**G Future Meeting Items and Dates**

*The next Commission meeting is on Wednesday, January 11th at 8 a.m.*

**H. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**

*None.*

**I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

*None.*

**J. Adjourn**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Miquelon to adjourn.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.**

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Augusta Brulla pending Commissioner approval.**