



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission Executive Committee

*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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Friday, January 6, 2023

8:00 AM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the City County  
Building in Room 421; attend virtually via Zoom.

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See below for additional instructions on how to attend the meeting and provide public  
testimony.

#### A. Call To Order

*Call to order at 8:02 a.m.*

*Staff: Mark Fraire, Augusta Brulla*

*In Person: Ritcherson, Fraire, Brulla*

*Virtual: Klehr, Miquelon, Puleo Moyer, Xistris-Songpanya*

**Present** 5 - Chair RODERICK RITCHERSON, MARY KLEHR, MARCIA MIQUELON, FRAN  
PULEO MOYER, and OLIVIA XISTRIS-SONGPANYA

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2022](#) [MINUTES FROM THE 11/04/2022 ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS  
[MIN-493](#) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING]

Attachments: [2022 MIN-493](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Miquelon to approve the November  
Executive Committee minutes, seconded by Vice Chair Klehr.

The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

2. Approve November commission minutes for recommendation to full commission

A motion was made by Commissioner Miquelon to approve the November  
Commission minutes for recommendation by the full commission, seconded by  
Puleo Moyer.

The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

#### C. Action Items

**1. Discuss/Approve Supervisor Xistris-Songpanya's Youth Grant Proposal**

*- Dane Arts will implement the distribution of a \$40,000 youth equity fund allocated from the County Board of Supervisors*

*- Director Fraire, Chair Ritcherson, and Supervisor Xistris-Songpanya discussed adding youth art equity funds to the existing grant cycle*

*- A question on the existing grant application will determine eligibility of applicants for the youth equity fund similar to the Blockstein award process*

*- The question states: "Is your project providing equitable opportunities for youth to participate?"*

*- The details of how to divide and award the \$40,000 in each cycle will be discussed at a future meeting*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Miquelon to advance the youth equity fund discussion to the January full commission meeting, seconded by Commissioner Puleo Moyer.**

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

**2. Review Discussion Topics and Prioritize for January-March**

*- January discussion topics include Dane Arts supporting admission-free events, led by Chair Ritcherson and a discussion of the \$40,000 youth equity fund, led by Supervisor Xistris-Songpanya*

*- Vice Chair Klehr suggested discussing the grant process in March and commissioner attendance of Dane Arts funded events in April*

**This resolution was not acted on**

**D. Review Areas of Focus-Discuss General Goals for 2023**

*Areas of focus will be reviewed and discussed by each commissioner in February*

**E. Review 2023 Commissioner Term Expiration Dates**

**1. Current Commissioners**

*- The terms of Commissioner Curet and Commissioner Parks Snider expire in June 2023*

*- Chair Ritcherson will meet with Commissioner Curet and Commissioner Parks Snider to discuss future plans*

## 2. Status of two pending commissioners

- Jay Handy and Kelsey Yudice are awaiting confirmation
- Once Handy and Yudice are onboarded, the commission will be fully staffed with 11 members

## F. Review 2023 County Directives for Hybrid Meetings

- The new directive from the county is that meetings must be conducted in hybrid format (both in person and virtual)
- The Chair or Vice Chair of the Dane Arts Commission must attend in person
- Chair Ritcherson plans on attending future meetings in-person but does not expect other commissioners to attend in person unless specifically discussed
- Dane Arts grant panel review meetings will continue to be held virtually

## G. Executive Director Report

- Official name badges are available for all commissioners
- A full-time Cultural Affairs Specialist position will be opened and posted publicly with a start date of June 1, 2023
- Dane Arts has collected over 870 surveys for the Arts & Economic Prosperity Survey and will continue to collect until April 2023
- 2023 calendar sales have been great and calendars are almost sold out with top vendors being Orange Tree Imports and University Bookstore
- Dane Arts received \$30,000 from the Evjue Foundation which will go toward Dane Arts Buy Local, Behind Creative, and more
- The second Dane Arts Buy Local Business of Art Conference will take place March 31-April 1
- High level Business of Art speakers have been secured for the conference, including a keynote from Torrie Allen, the new CEO of Arts Midwest
- There is potential for a summer Dane Arts Buy Local art market event at the Farley Center in Verona
- The 2023 Cycle 1 grant application is open with a due date of February 1
- Director Fraire has begun to recruit panelists to review 2023 cycle 1 grant applications

## H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

**1. Develop January 11, 2023, Commission Meeting Agenda**

- roll call, establish quorum,*
- approve November 2022 meeting minutes (action item)*
- presentation group – Maria Amalia Wood*
- Supervisor/Commissioner Xistris-Songpanya proposal(action item)*
- January discussion item-the merits of sponsoring “free events” (action item)*
- Chair/executive committee report; Areas of Focus discussion/reports*
- Executive Director’s report*
  
- Vice Chair Klehr requested that future meeting dates and the county directive about hybrid meeting are reviewed during the January full commission meeting*

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

*None.*

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

*None.*

**K. Adjourn**

*Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.*

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

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