



# 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, February 24, 2021

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## A. Call To Order

Welcome new Commissioner: Walter Jankowski

## B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020](#)  
[MIN-465](#)

**Attachments:** [1.20.21 Cultural Affairs Commission Minutes](#)

A motion was made to approve the January 20th Commission Meeting Minutes by Supervisor Chawla, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos.

## C. Action Items

Approve 2021 Cycle 1 Grants Budget

For 2021, \$185,000 is available for grant distribution instead of \$250,000 due the loss of funding from the Evjue Foundation. The Executive Committee recommended that the Cycle 1 grant budget remain between \$90,000-95,000.

A motion was made by Supervisor Chawla, seconded by Commissioner Miquelon, that the Dane Arts Grant Cycle 1 budget ranging from \$90,000-95,000 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

## D. Presentations

Madison Youth Art Center - Michael Ross, Allen Ebert, Lynn Hembel, Roseann Sheridan

- The Madison Youth Art Center aims at providing local arts organizations an affordable building space to host artistic programming and experiences for children. MYAC is located on the corner of North Ingersoll and East Mifflin St. and has rehearsal spaces intentionally designed to support all types of arts including music, dance, theater, and visual arts. Additionally, the building has community gathering spaces for the interaction and intersection of the Madison arts community.
- There is an opportunity for Commissioners to participate in socially distanced, masked tours of the facility.

## E. Reports to Committee

Chair Report

- The Executive Committee had a discussion on establishing a student representative seat providing a youth perspective. There was a consensus that the Commission will make a concentrated effort to look for citizens representing a younger demographic in the future.
- Commissioner Morgan will provide grant review tips at the March Commission meeting.
- Supervisor Chawla will attend the Executive Committee meeting in March and Commissioner Jankowski will attend the Executive Committee meeting in April.
- There are 16 Blockstein Award applications that will be discussed at the March Executive Committee Meeting. A formal recommendation will be presented in April.
- In May, Director Fraire will recommend how to proceed with the calendar and poster production for 2022.

## 2021 Work Group Goals

### Community Outreach Work Group

- Commissioner Miquelon plans to reach out to the Wisconsin Arts Board for a foundational list of arts organization contacts and build an updated contact list with emphasis on rural artists in Dane County. A letter will be drafted alerting these identified organizations of the grant and professional development opportunities that Dane Arts provides.

### Chair

- Chair Ritcherson's goals include ensuring each Commissioner position is filled, the Commission is fiscally responsible, and that the Commission continues enhancing its position in Dane County.
- The goal of approving the Commission's diversity, equity and inclusion statement was completed last month and the statement will be added to the Dane Arts website, commission portal and handbook.

### Grant Review Work Group

- Dane Arts is initiating a new panel review process starting in April 2021 to optimize the quality of the grant review process and ensure an equitable grant allocation.

### Policy and Handbook Work Group

- This group will keep the Commissioner Handbook up to date with term dates and policy clarity and invite questions from current Commissioners.

### Blockstein Work Group

- This group will review Blockstein Award applications and make a recommendation for which applicants should be funded.

### Fund Advisory Group

- Director Fraire will seek input from the Advisory group when reviewing funding requests of \$5,000 or more.

### Executive Director Report

- Agendas for the two Cycle 1 panel review sessions will be available on March 8 via the Dane Arts website (<http://www.danearts.com/>). Each panelist will be paid \$150 for their time. The Commission will determine the final grant allocation on Wednesday, April 7th.
- DABL continues presenting its virtual workshop series featuring professional arts leaders and local musicians. DABL intends on hosting an in-person art market on October 1-2 at Garver Feed Mill.
- Dane Arts continues to support Greater Madison Music City (GMMC) on its study of equity in the Dane County music industry.

## **F. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

March 17, 5:15pm; April 14, 4:30pm

## **G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**

## **H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

## **I. Adjourn**

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