**2:00-4:00 p.m.**

**Nebraska arts Council Offices**

**1004 Farnam Street, Lower Level**

**Omaha, NE 68102**

**I. Call to Order, Candy Henning, Chair**

*A copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act is available for audience members. Additionally, there is a copy of all reproducible written material that will be discussed available for examination and copying by members of the public pursuant to the provisions of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act.*

Ms. Henning called the meeting to order at 2:00p.m. She invited anyone present to peruse the agenda and other materials furnished under the provisions of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act.

**II. Roll Call, Mike Markey**

Present: Candy Henning, Melissa Marvin, Alec Gorynski, Ellen Hornady, Darrel Huenergardt, Sarah Peetz, Amy Haddad, Heather Schneider

Absent: Steve Anderson, Stephen Bader, Joyce Hasselbalch, Paula Pflueger, Sue Roush, Walter Seiler, Reven Wright

Also attending: Anne Alston, Meagan Dion, Jennifer Dreibelbis, Hannah Gill, Linda Hilliar, Mike Markey, Stephanie Plummer, Robin Richards, Suzanne Wise

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Henning asked council members to review the agenda for any additions or corrections.

MOTION: Melissa Marvin moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Alec Gorynski.

VOTE: The agenda for the February 4, 2019 meeting was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**IV. Introduction of Guests & Oral Communications – Candy Henning**

1. Kyle Cartwright, Nebraska Cultural Endowment

Mr. Cartwright reminded the council member how the Cultural Endowment works, explaining the public/private partnership that exists in our state. The cultural endowment has given 11.8 million dollars back into funding art projects in our state.

1. Doug Zbylut, Nebraskans for the Arts

Mr. Zbylut gave an update on the plans for Arts Advocacy Day that took place on September 7. He also informed the council of the two arts related bills that are on the floor at this time. LB224 would give arts organizations the ability to resource bond financing in the capital campaign projects. The second is to allow art therapists to be licensed in the state of Nebraska.

**V. Introduction of New Council Members -- Candy Henning**

Ms. Henning introduced the new council members, Amy Haddad of Omaha and Sarah Peetz of Lincoln.

**VI. Oath of Office**

New council members, Amy Haddad, Sarah Peetz, were asked to take the oath of office. Ms. Henning asked all council members to recite the oath along with Dr. Haddad and Ms. Peetz. The oath was given and signed; copies were distributed to the new members.

**V. Approval of Minutes: September 4, 2018**

Mrs. Henning asked council members to review the Minutes of the September 4, 2018 Council meeting for any additions or corrections.

MOTION: Mr. Huenergardt moved to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2018 council meeting.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Marvin.

VOTE: The minutes for the September 4, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**VI. Financial Report**

Mr. Gorynski reported that when the Finance Committee met on January 29, 2019, when they reviewed the materials behind Tab 2 in the Council Book concerning Fiscal Year 2018. These materials come forward to the Council with the full approval of the Finance Committee. He then asked Mr. Markey to present the financial report for Fiscal Year for FY 2018, the period July 1, 2018 through January 31, 2018.

1. **Agency Finances**

NAC internal accounting must reconcile with the State’s accounting, published in the Allotment Status Report. Mr. Markey reported that the totals for all three programs coincide with the Allotment Status Report.

Mr. Markey reviewed the detailed breakdown for each of the programs, found in the Council Packet on pages on pages 2.4 to 2.13. As a point of comparison between the budget and the actual expenditures, the Administration expenditures detail (Programs 326 & 329) shows that the agency has thus far this fiscal year expended $300,488.49 or 49% of the budgeted amount. Mr. Markey noted that the Professional Development fund are higher than usual because of the entire staff attending the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies national conference.

The Grants & Initiatives detail (Program 327) shows that the agency expended $785,053 or 51% of the annual budget.

The Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund (CPEF) detail (Program 329) shows that, to date, expenses and drawdowns of earnings from the CPEF and that because of the market there have been no drawdowns. Mr. Markey mentioned, $30,000 of the current fund would be used for administrative expenses.

MOTION: Ms. Peetz moved to approve the financial statements for FY2018.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Schneider.

VOTE: The approval of the financial statements as of December 31, 2018 was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

1. **Projected Budget for Cultural Endowment Funds**

Mr. Markey presented a projection of anticipated funds in the Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund and their distribution over the next two fiscal years.

1. **Election of new members to the Board of NAC Development Corp.**

The NAC Board was asked to vote on the new NAC DC Board members Sarah Peetz and Wally Seiler.

MOTION: Mr. Gorynski moved to approve the new NAC DC Board members.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Marvin.

VOTE: The approval of the new NAC DC board members was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**VII. Review of Grant and Artist Panels**

Results from the following panels was presented to the Council for review and comment.

1. Annual Series & Events

B. Artist in Schools/Communities (set deadline)

C. Arts Learning Project Grants

1. Panel 1, November 15, 2018 -- Paula Pflueger, Chair

2. Panel 2, November 16, 2018 -- Alec Gorynski, Chair

D. Arts Project Grants

E. Nebraska Touring Program

F. Artists in Schools/Communities -- Heather Schneider, Chair

**Floating Deadline Report**

The board was reminded how the floating deadline grants, such as Mini Grants, work. A full listing of the floating deadline grants is available in the current packet under section 3.

**Spring 2019 Panel Dates**

The board was asked to check their calendars and sign up for grant panels that they might be available for in the spring. The dates will be as follows.

Arts Learning Grants 5/14

Basic Support Grants (Tier 3) 5/16

Arts Project Grants Panel 1 5/22

Arts Project Grants Panel 2 5/23

**VIII. Reports and Discussion Items**

1. NAC Chair Report – Candy Henning

The summer Council meeting will be hosted by Steve Anderson and Ellen Hornady in Grand Island. A planned events schedule was presented and agreed to by the Council.

1. NAC Executive Director Report – Suzanne Wise
2. Ms. Wise introduced new staff members, Hannah Gill (Communications Manager) and Stephanie Plummer (Program Coordinator) to the board.
3. Ms. Wise reported on the recent National Assembly of State Arts Agencies held in Baltimore where she was honored with the Gary Young award for outstanding work in her field. The entire staff was on hand to see her accept her award in Baltimore. She thanked the board for their support and for the two receptions held in her honor.
4. Ms. Wise reported that Mid-America Arts Alliance is helping the NAC staff come up with ideas for professional development called Artist Inc.
5. Ms. Wise reported on her work as a Board member of NCAPR (Nat’l Coalition for Arts’ Preparedness & Emergency Response), a group that helps arts groups after catastrophes.
6. Ms. Wise gave a brief update on the progress of Blueprint Nebraska.
7. Ms. Wise reported that the staff has started to work on the Strategic Plan for 2019-2021. The proposed survey for constituents was shared with the Council, and their feedback was requested.
8. Ms. Wise reported that NAC Staff is working away at planning the State Wide Arts Conference. The drive is to make sure that it draws organizations and artists from across the state.

**IX. Programs**

1. Rachel Morgan talked the board through the strategic planning that she has been working on with Tier 3 Basic Support Grant recipients.
2. Meagan Dion gave an update of the 1% for Art and Hall of Fame project updates.
3. Anne Alston gave an update on the project: Mastering the Arts & Integrating the Arts being conducted in collaboration with ESU2 with a grant from the NEA.

**X. Other Business**

Matt Mason has been named our new Nebraska State Poet.

**XI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 pm

**CALENDAR**

**2019 Council Meetings**

February 4 Omaha

June 11 Grand Island

October 15 TBA

*The next quarterly meeting of the Nebraska Arts Council will be June 11th in Grand Island. The meeting time and location will be posted on the State of Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar,* [*http://www.nebraska.gov/calendar*](http://www.nebraska.gov/calendar)*on May 11th.*