

**New Hampshire State Council on the Arts**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – May 20, 2024**  
**At Canterbury Shaker Village**

**Arts Councilors Present**

Chair Dr. Roger Brooks, Catherine Sununu, Juliana Bergeron, Mary McLaughlin, Cecilia Ulibarri, Jason Tors, Amanda Whitworth, and Vivian Beer

**Arts Councilors Absent**

Angela Brown, José Lezcano, R.P. Hale, and Bill Stelling

**Staff Present**

Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR): Sarah Stewart, Commissioner; Arts Division: Adele Bauman, Director; Cassandra Mason, Chief Grants Officer (CGO); Carey Johnson, Curatorial Specialist (CS); Allison Hawkins, Arts Education Coordinator (AE); Emily Killinger, Arts in Health Coordinator (AH); and Christina Hoppe, Grant Programs Associate

**Staff Absent**

Kayla Schweitzer, Heritage and Traditional Arts Coordinator (HTA) and Lisa Burk-McCoy, Creative Communities Coordinator (CC)

**Motions (carried)**

- Accept the minutes of March 18, 2024 Council meeting

**I. INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Director Bauman led the Council in a Land Acknowledgement. All are encouraged to visit <https://native-land.ca/> for an interactive map and to learn more about the indigenous peoples that lived/live in New Hampshire.

**II. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Dr. Roger Brooks called the meeting of the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts to order at 11:05 AM.

**III. CHAIR BROOKS SPEECH**

Chair Brooks gave a moving speech regarding his retirement from the Council.

**IV. MINUTES**

Chair Brooks called for a motion to accept the minutes from the March 18, 2024 meeting, Councilor Juliana Bergeron moved, and Councilor Mary McLaughlin seconded. The minutes from March 18, 2024 were unanimously approved.

**V. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Stewart gave an update on DNCR current events and issues including the ongoing State Library project and her recent visit to MacDowell in Peterborough.

## **VI.DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Bauman updated the Council on the Travel & Tourism Summit, which took place about one month ago, and asked for suggestions regarding an "Art/Culture Tour" of the state. She also reported on the NEFA Celebration of Leadership she attended and is looking forward to being a panelist for an upcoming NEA grant panel.

Director Bauman went on to note that staff is currently in the midst of grant season for FY25, so if any Councilors would like to observe a panel, to please let her know.

Additionally, the [Strategic Plan is on the website](#) and is being printed, so Councilors are encouraged to contact staff for copies if they'd like any.

CGO Cassie Mason and Director Bauman attended the NH Business Committee for the Arts' "Purple Reign" Arts Awards Gala, which featured a successful collaboration with artists from Positive Street Art. Director Bauman also attended a noteworthy circus performance at Claremont Opera House.

Councilor Cathy Sununu requested grant panel dates, which Director Bauman said she would share with all Councilors via email after the meeting.

Director Bauman also let the Council know that a designer has been selected for the new NH State Council on the Arts (NHSCA) logo. NH also has a new Poet Laureate, Jennifer Militello. The Artist Laureate is still in progress.

Finally, the NHSCA website is starting to be worked on by the Department of Information Technology. Event: Director Bauman encouraged Councilors to attend Magnify Voices at 5PM at New England College on Wednesday.

## **VII.COUNCILOR ROUND ROBIN**

Chair Brooks asked each Councilor to tell the Council how they've been faring and to provide updates on what they've been doing. Councilors reported on a wide range of arts activities.

## **VIII.ADJOURN**

Chair Brooks adjourned the meeting at 12:08 PM. Councilor Juliana Bergeron moved to approve, while Councilor Mary McLaughlin seconded.

### **Upcoming Council Meetings:**

July 8, September 9, November 4