



# City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street  
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## Meeting Minutes

### MILWAUKEE ARTS BOARD

**ALD. MICHAEL J. MURPHY, CHAIR**

**Ald. Nik Kovac, Vice-Chair**

**Daisy Cubias, William DeLind, David Flores, Donald Fraker,  
Marcela Garcia, Mildred Harpole, Vedale Hill, Anne Kingsbury,**

**Tina Klose, Diane Kosarycki, Emilia Layden, Sandra**

**McSweeney, Polly Morris, Tim Murphy, and Paula Phillips**

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**Tuesday, May 14, 2019**

**4:00 PM**

**Room 303, Third Floor, City Hall**

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**Meeting convened at 4:20 p.m.**

**1. Roll call.**

*Present 13 - Phillips, Murphy, Morris, McSweeney, Layden, Kosarzyski, Klose, Harpole,  
Garcia, Fraker, Flores, DeLind, Ald. Murphy*

*Excused 3 - Kingsbury, Cubias, Kovac*

*Absent 1 - Hill*

**Individual also present:**

*Sally Witte, DCD*

**2. Review and approval of the previous meeting minutes.**

*Member Morris moved approval, seconded by member Flores, of the meeting minutes  
from April 9, 2019. There was no objection.*

**3. Public Art Subcommittee report.**

**a. Funding recommendations.**

*Member Morris said that the subcommittee recommended to award \$5,000 in New  
Work Funds to the Near West Side Partners' "Voices of the City" fence tile piece  
project for artist fees and materials, \$5,000 in New Work Funds to the Clarke Square  
Neighborhood Initiative's "Tejiendo Raices" storytelling mural project for artist fees and  
materials, \$1,000 in Conservation Funds to Riverwest Radio's light bulb projection  
installation for the light bulb contingent on the light bulb being functional, and \$5,000  
in New Work Funds to Still Waters Collective's creative communication soap box*

project for visual artist fees. The tile piece project will be located at Wisconsin Avenue School, involves 26 Street Partners, has a total budget of \$11,900, and has funding confirmed. The storytelling mural is an intergenerational project involving families and a young artist in residency. The light bulb installation projects photos of the neighborhood and is situated at a storefront next to Mo's Irish Pub on Wisconsin Avenue downtown. The soap box project will occur at various spots in the City and has visual artists, musicians, disc jockey, a total budget of \$62,900, \$50,000 from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, and civic based sharing of ideas.

Member Morris moved approval, seconded by member Klose, to award \$5,000 in New Work Funds to the Near West Side Partners' "Voices of the City" fence tile piece project for artist fees and materials, \$5,000 in New Work Funds to the Clarke Square Neighborhood Initiative's "Tejiendo Raices" storytelling mural project for artist fees and materials, \$1,000 in Conservation Funds to Riverwest Radio's light bulb projection installation for the light bulb contingent on the light bulb being functional, and \$5,000 in New Work Funds to Still Waters Collective's creative communication soap box project for visual artist fees. There was no objection.

Chair Ald. Murphy welcomed member Phillips as a new member.

Member Phillips stated that she is an elected school board director at Milwaukee Public Schools, a program director at the Medical College of Wisconsin, a new parent, and hopes to advocate for the arts as a member of the board.

#### 4. 2019 Project Grant Review Panel report.

##### a. Funding recommendations.

Member DeLind commented on the review panel's recommendations. There were 50 applications with 47 eligible and 3 ineligible applications. 36 applications were recommended to receive awards for either \$8,000 or \$4,000. Last year's allotment was at either \$7,000 or \$3,500. One awardee was a new applicant, Milwaukee Opera Theater. All projects were good. The panel is to be commended for their preparation and active participation.

Member DeLind moved approval, seconded by member Harpole, to award \$276,000 in 2019 Project Grant Funds as follows:

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1. Danceworks, Mad Hot Ballroom & tap
2. Milwaukee Art Museum, Scholastic Art Awards: Wisconsin
3. Florentine Opera, Opera in the Schools: Little Red's Most Unusual Day
4. Optimist Theatre, Shakespeare in the Park: The Comedy of Errors
5. Skylight Music Theatre Corp., KidsWrites
6. Present Music, Creation Project
7. Jewish Museum Milwaukee, Exhibit Showcasing the Le Cirque Portfolio
8. Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra, Progressions
9. Artworks for Milwaukee, LGBT Gender Fluidity Photography Exhibition
10. Wild Space Inc., Off the Page
11. Milwaukee Ballet, Ballet Beat
12. Milwaukee Repertory Theater, West Side Story
13. Radio Milwaukee, Backline
14. Quasimondo Physical Theatre, "Mrs. Wrights"
15. Historic Milwaukee, Spaces & Traces: Harambee/Riverwest

16. *Latino Arts, Día de Los Muertos Community Celebration 2019*
17. *First Stage, GRETEL!*
18. *Ex Fabula, Brave Space*
19. *Milwaukee Chamber Theatre, Fires in the Mirror: Crown Heights, Brooklyn & Other Identities*
21. *Express Yourself Milwaukee, Performance Troupe*
22. *Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Lullaby Project*
23. *Walker's Point Center for the Arts, Summer Art Camp & 7th Annual Youth Art Exhibition*
24. *Next Act Theatre, Nine Circles of Remembrance*
25. *Milwaukee Film, Cream City Cinema*
26. *String Academy of Wisconsin, Urban Students in Arts Outreach Program*
27. *Piano Arts, Music Explorers*
28. *Woodland Pattern, Unwriting Borders: Latinx Voices in the U.S.*
29. *Renaissance Theaterworks, Fran Bauer Young Critics Project*
30. *Ruach, Inc., The Composer and Spirituality: A Musical Investigation*
32. *Milwaukee Artist Resource Network, MARNMentors*
33. *Wisconsin Conservatory of Music, We Six Residencies in Milwaukee Schools*
34. *Milwaukee Children's Choir, MCC Holiday Concert Series*
35. *Early Music Now, Les Delices: Myths & Allegories*

\$4,000:

20. *Milwaukee Opera Theater, Utterance*
31. *Girls Rock Milwaukee, 2019 Camp Sessions*
36. *Milwaukee Youth Theatre, The Secret Garden*

*Abstaining were the following members:*

*Flores for First Stage*  
*Layden for Milwaukee Film*  
*Phillips for Radio Milwaukee*  
*Garica for Walker's Point Center for the Arts & Milwaukee Film*

*There was no objection.*

*Chair Ald. Murphy added that the increased allotment was made possible by his and member Ald. Kovac's budget amendment and for the board to practice awarding the next highest ranking applicant who was not selected should a selected awardee's project fail to commence.*

## **5. Old business.**

*Ms. Witte said that the Project Grant awards celebration will be Monday, June 10, 2019 at the Marcus Performing Arts Center with doors open at 4:30 p.m. and a program start of 5 p.m. Also, a subcommittee and full arts board meeting will occur at 3:30 p.m. and 4 p.m., respectively, at MPAC prior to the awards ceremony.*

## **6. New business.**

*Chair Ald. Murphy commented. He will submit a Common Council resolution recognizing a retiring City music and artistic director. He attended the Milwaukee Road unveiling of two silhouettes of workmen on pedestals on the Hank Aaron Trail that had 250 attendees. More money is being raised for the remaining three silhouettes. The Tandem Theater is closing.*

*Ms. Witte said that the arts board had awarded \$7,500 for the Hank Aaron Trail silhouettes, has expressed dissatisfaction over the incomplete silhouettes, and that Kevin Stalheim was an arts board 2002 artist of the year.*

*Member Morris said that the Milwaukee Public Theatre has closed.*

**7. Announcements.**

*Member Morris announced the June 6, 2019 Nohl Fellowship exhibition and reception at Haggarty Museum from 6 to 8 p.m.*

**8. Adjournment.**

*Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.*

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