



# City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
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## Meeting Minutes

### MILWAUKEE ARTS BOARD

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Tuesday, May 10, 2022

4:00 PM

Virtual

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#### 1. Roll Call

*The meeting convened at 4:06 pm*

*Members present: Morris, Flores, Fraker, Heding, Klose, Kosarzycki, Layden, Murphy, Souffrant and Tovar.*

*Members excused: DeLind and McSweeney.*

*Members absent: Hill, Garcia and Phillips.*

*Ms. Grote and Ms. Svetic were present as well.*

*Ms. Morris said that it is not on the agenda but that the previous minutes must be reviewed and approved.*

*Mr. Flores moved approval of the minutes (with clerical corrections made by Ms. Svetic). Seconded by Mr. Fraker. There were no objections.*

*Ms. Morris also gave the Public Arts Subcommittee report:*

*She said that they want to recommend two applications for the Conservation Fund:*

*1. The mural along the beer line trail to be replaced with panels and covered with a coat to last a little longer. Added that Riverworks was asking for \$5,000 with a total cost of \$13,050 and that they will receive a \$3,000 fund.*

*2. The Lake Park Friends requested \$3,000 to restore the lead grout on the Wolcott's statue (which has been well taken care of) and that they will receive a fund of \$2,000.*

*Added that both projects are in areas where a lot of money has been invested.*

*Ms. Morris moved to adopt the recommendations from the Public Art Subcommittee.*

*Mr. Flores seconded. There were no objections.*

#### 2. Grants Update

##### *a. Review and approve grant recommendations*

*Ms. Svetic said that all the board members should have received the grant recommendations from the panel and explained that the panelists submitted scores for all the applications besides those that they had conflict with and calculated an average score. Added that those scores were ranked to the highest rank and awarded as many as they could, leaving the lowest three ranking applications not recommended for funding (Early Music, Above the Clouds and Organic Arts).*

*Ms. Svetic also said that the grant amounts were determined by the budget amount and that organizations below \$100,000 will receive \$3,000 and that organizations above \$100,000 will receive \$6,000 and read the list as follows:*

*\$3,000 Aperi Animam Inc*

*\$6,000 Art Start Inc*

*\$6,000 Arts at Large*

*\$6,000 Artworks for Milwaukee*

*\$6,000 Bembe Drum and Dance*

\$6,000 Black Arts MKE  
\$3,000 Boulevard Ensemble Theatre Inc  
\$6,000 Charles Allis Villa Terrace Art Museums  
\$3,000 DanceCircus Ltd  
\$6,000 Danceworks Inc  
\$6,000 Ex Fabula  
\$6,000 Feast of Crispian  
\$6,000 First Stage  
\$6,000 Florentine Opera  
\$3,000 Girls Rock MKE  
\$6,000 Haggerty Museum of Art  
\$6,000 Historic Milwaukee  
\$6,000 Jewish Museum Milwaukee  
\$6,000 Kids From Wisconsin Ltd  
\$6,000 Latino Arts Inc  
\$6,000 Marcus Performing Arts Center  
\$3,000 Master Singers of Milwaukee Inc  
\$6,000 Milwaukee Art Museum  
\$6,000 Milwaukee Artist Resource Network  
\$6,000 Milwaukee Ballet  
\$6,000 Milwaukee Chamber Theatre  
\$6,000 Milwaukee Children's Choir  
\$6,000 Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design Inc  
\$6,000 Milwaukee Opera Theatre  
\$6,000 Milwaukee Repertory Theater  
\$6,000 Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra  
\$6,000 Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra  
\$3,000 Milwaukee Youth Theatre  
\$6,000 Next Act Theatre Inc  
\$6,000 Optimist Theatre  
\$6,000 PianoArts of Wisconsin Inc  
\$3,000 Pink Umbrella Theater Company  
\$6,000 Quasimondo Physical Theatre  
\$6,000 Radio Milwaukee  
\$6,000 Renaissance Theaterworks  
\$6,000 RUACH Inc  
\$6,000 Signature Dance Company  
\$3,000 Studio K Flamenco Inc  
\$6,000 Summit Players Theatre  
\$6,000 TBEY Arts Center Inc  
\$6,000 Wild Space Dance Company  
\$6,000 Wisconsin Conservatory of Music  
\$6,000 Woodland Pattern Inc

Mr. Morris asked the members to announce the organizations that want to excuse themselves:

Ms. Klose - Jewish Federation

Ms. Souffrant - Milwaukee Art Museum

Mr. Flores - Boulevard Ensemble Theatre

Ms. Layden – Milwaukee Film and Haggerty Museum of Art

Ms. Morris asked Ms. Svetic what was the common factor that ranked the applications high or low.

Ms. Svetic said that the information provided in the application, mainly the community

engagement part.

Ms. Heding agreed and said that the questions on the application were explicit and gave them the idea if the organization is doing it or not.

Mr. Fraker said that the community engagement part made a greatly difference.

Mr. Flores asked regarding the new rewritten ordinance coming up, if by amending that question including all the groups in the ordinance, will help or will make it easier for some organizations to answer the question.

Mr. Fraker said it will give a broader scoop and that he thinks that the question should be amended to track what it has been done with the ordinance.

Ms. Heding said that some organizations are doing work with certain populations that deserve to have programming specific to their identities and that she thinks that it will be more inclusive but that some other organizations may fall off still.

Ms. Kosarzycki asked if the organizations that did not get an award was because their outreach efforts or the lack of.

Ms. Svetic answered that the ranking scores were across the board and fell at the bottom.

Mr. Fraker moved approval of these recommendations. Mr. Flores seconded. There were no objections.

### 3. New Business

#### a. Chair and Vice Chair roles

Ms. Svetic said that this tem must be held since there is no Chair present.

Mr. Tovar said that they have not received Mr. Kovac's resignation yet but that Ald. Coggs has accepted the position.

Ms. Svetic said that there is one spot to be filled in and that there is a place to nominate individuals to any of the boards and commissions on the Mayor's website.

Mr. Tovar said that he could be contacted with bios and resumes of persons interested in a nomination to be considered by the Mayor.

### 4. Old Business

No old business were discussed.

### 5. Announcements

Ms. Heding said that she received the MPS Partnership For the Arts and Humanities Grant Fund Program and that they are busy reviewing 54 applications for out of school programs.

Ms. Morris invited everyone to the Wilson/Fist& Heel Performance Group auditions info session this Thursday at 2 pm and 6 pm.

Ms. Souffrant said that Derek Adams will be in a conversation with Dr. Adrian Brown at the Milwaukee Art Museum about the mural at the museum and particularly about black life and urban landscape and planning on Thursday at 6 pm.

Ms. Svetic said that the June 14 Arts Board meeting will be a celebration at the Marcus Center and that the invite will be send out soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 pm

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*Staff Assistant.*

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