

SEATTLE ARTS COMMISSION
Minutes
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, September 14th, 2021
Remote – Zoom Conference

Commissioners present: Quinton Morris (Co-Chair), Sarah Wilke (Co-Chair), Cassie Chinn, Chieko Phillips, Kayla DeMonte, Holly Jacobson, James Miles, Steve Galatro, Vivian Hua, Rick Araluce, Vanessa Villalobos, Dawn Chirwa, Mikhael Williams

Staff in attendance: Calandra Childers, Allie Lee, Ashraf Hasham, Erika Lindsay, Matthew Richter, Alex Rose, Tina LaPadula

Call to Order, Introduction, Land Acknowledgement (4:05)

Approval of Minutes:
Postponed to October.

Public Comment:

- Sharon Williams (Executive Director, CD Forum) addressed concerns regarding the Mayor’s new interim ARTS director appointment and requested the Arts Commission to help surface answers to why this change is happening now without a community-led process.
- Tim Lennon (Executive Director, Langston) addressed concerns regarding the Mayor’s new interim ARTS director appointment and requested the Arts Commission to help surface answers to why this change is happening now, what the rationale and vision for ARTS is, and how the new director will advance the work around the Cultural Space Agency and partnership with OPCD.

Executive Session

Briefing: Quinton Morris

Quinton announced that the Arts Commission goes to Executive Session for the remaining duration of the meeting to evaluate complaints brought against the Mayor. All attendees on the call, except for the Arts Commissioners were asked to exit the meeting.