January 7, 2020

**Teleconference**

**Commission Members Present:** Anne Taylor, Chair; Jenny Green, Vice Chair; Michael Dalton; Michael Greer; Harlen Springer; Matt Stringer

**Board Members Absent:** Christopher Acebo; Avantika Bawa

**Staff Present:** Brian Rogers, Executive Director; Kat Bell, Grants & Office Coordinator; Eleanor Sandys, Registrar & Research Specialist; Deb Vaughn, Arts Education Coordinator

**Others Present:** Brenda Bateman, Assistant Director for Operations, Business Oregon

**Welcome and Call to Order**
Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

**Minutes from November 11, 2019 Commission Meeting**
Springer said he attended that meeting.

*Motion:* Green moved approval of November 11, 2019 minutes with the correction that Springer was in attendance. Seconded by Greer. *Motion passed unanimously.*

**Arts Access Program Update**
Vaughn presented report. She said we have now allocated two-thirds of the budget. She said the program is oversubscribed and encouraged the Commission to think about increased funding in this category.

**Arts Learning Guideline Changes**
Vaughn presented report. She said this is a follow up from the November 11, 2019 meeting and is based on that discussion and input.

*Motion:* Taylor moved approval of the changes to the Arts Learning guidelines as presented. Seconded by Springer. *Motion passed unanimously.*

**Arts Build Communities Awards**
Green presented report. She said the panel had a lot of discussion about ways to improve the program and process.

*Action:* Rogers will bring together the group of Commissioners on this call to discuss the suggestions made by the Arts Build Communities panel.

*Motion:* Springer moved approval of Arts Build Communities awards as presented with the exception of the Oregon Coast Youth Symphony Festival. Seconded by Greer. *Motion passed unanimously.*

*Motion:* Taylor moved approval of the Arts Build Communities award to the Oregon Coast Youth Symphony Festival. Seconded by Green. Dalton abstained. *Motion passed.*

**Operating Support Program, DEI Questions and Rubric**
Rogers presented report. Discussion followed.

**Motion:** Stringer moved approval of Operating Support questions with the following amendments:

- Organizational Capacity, question 4: Applicants are *required* to explain any significant operation deficit or accumulated debt
- Artistic Merit and Community Impact, question 3: Describe efforts your organization undertakes to reach beyond your specific audience. How do you engage with these populations?

Seconded by Greer. *Motion passed unanimously.*

**Commission and Staff Updates**

Rogers said the Community Development Coordinator positions was posted today. He said Acebo was in ArtsWatch and he will forward the link to Commissioners. He also said he will be going to the Western States Arts Federation Executive Director Forum in Reno next week.

Springer said Commissioners from Travel Oregon went on a public art tour of Florence.

Taylor confirmed the next meeting of the Oregon Arts Commission will be April 10 from 10-12:30. Further, she is holding August 21 in Portland or Salem and October 2 for subsequent meetings.

**Adjourn**

*Motion:* Greer moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Taylor. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.