



Maryland State Arts Council Program Policy Evaluation Committee

MEETING MINUTES
Friday, February 28, 2025
2:30 – 4:00pm
Google Meet

It shall be the duty of the Program Policy Evaluation Committee to review and assess, as necessary, ongoing programs maintained by the Council; to study new program initiatives for Council consideration; to direct the Council's ongoing planning process with respect to policies, programs, and Council operations; to make recommendations for Council action on these matters when appropriate; and to undertake such other duties as the Council may from time to time direct. The committee shall consist of no fewer than three members

In attendance: Albita Rivera, Ruby Lopez Harper, Shelley Morhaim, Chad Buterbaugh, Emily Sollenberger, Laura Weiss, Cathy Teixeira, Steven Skerritt-Davis, Leslie Gillard

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:30 p.m. following guiding documents.

Shelley made a motion to approve the November 22, 2024 meeting minutes. Ruby seconded. All in favor and the motion passed.

Line Items Discussion

- Cathy recapped what was previously discussed in committee and full council meetings.
- Cathy reviewed line item policy options to consider that were previously discussed.
- Cathy reviewed options for deducting the amount of budget line items for operating or non-capital projects from MSAC general operating grant amounts.

Discussion

- Councilors discussed the various suggestions for line item deductions.
- An idea was presented to scale the deduction based on the amount awarded.



- Cathy will take that into consideration, and take a look at that option.
- Steven suggested the staff can work on developing materials to be presented at the May 16, 2025 PPE Committee meeting, to go in effect for the FY27 grant cycle.
 - The Council agreed.

New Business

- Councilors questioned what can be done to support arts organizations and independent artists in the current financial climate.
 - Steven suggested reiterating the statement being drafted with the Executive Committee and focusing on the course we're currently on.
- Councilors questioned if MSAC Staff have any concerns that would affect smaller organizations.
 - Steven mentioned general concerns for Maryland's economy that could impact the arts community.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.