



# Maryland State Arts Council Program Policy Evaluation Committee

MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, May 16, 2025  
2:00 – 3:30pm  
Google Meet

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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.

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In attendance: Albita Rivera, Paige Hernandez, Shelley Morhaim, Chad Buterbaugh, Emily Sollenberger, Laura Weiss, Cathy Teixeira, Steven Skerritt-Davis, David Mitchell, Kirk Amaral Snow, Leslie Gillard, Elizabeth Morales, Ryan Koons

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:05 p.m. following guiding documents.

**Shelley made a motion to approve the February 28, 2025 meeting minutes. Paige seconded. All in favor and the motion passed.**

## **FY27 GFO Revision Policies**

- Emily provided a Grants for Organizations (GFO) program overview.
- Laura provided the GFO program revision process, including:
  - Editing Process
    - Topics editors were asked to consider
    - What was learned from the public
    - Consultation with National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA)
- Emily and Laura provided GFO policies to be voted on, and a timeline for implementation.

Discussion



- Councilors inquired if Creativity Grants would be eligible for projects.
  - Yes, they would fall under the current guidelines.
- Councilors inquired if panelists would just do artistic visits every 4 years, instead of having panel meetings.
  - Yes.

**Shelley made a motion to send the GFO Revision Policy Proposals to the full council for a vote. Paige seconded. All in favor and the motion passed.**

- Emily provided the FY26 GFO Formula Proposal to be voted on.

**Paige made a motion to send the FY26 GFO Formula Proposal to the full council for a vote. Shelley seconded. All in favor and the motion passed.**

### **FY27 Line Items Policy**

- Cathy provided context for the line items.
- Cathy provided line items deductions policy overview.
- Cathy provided the line item policy proposal to be voted on.

### **Discussion**

- Councilors and staff discussed what percentage should be used for deductions.
- Councilors discussed whether to suggest a broader discussion with the Full Council, or move forward with amending the policy.

**Shelley made a motion to amend to 10% beginning in FY27, council reconsideration for the FY29 grant cycle and to send to full council for a vote. Paige seconded. All in favor and the motion passed.**

### **FY26 Arts in Education Grant Policies**

- Lizzie provided the Arts in Education (AiE) policies to be voted on.



#### Discussion

- Councilors and staff discussed the possibility of having to respond to this policy if questioned.

**Paige made a motion to send the AiE Policy Proposals to full council for a vote. Shelley seconded. All in favor and the motion passed.**

- Lizzie provided an update on the Teaching Artist Roster.

#### **Other Updates**

- Cathy provided updates on grants for Indirect Costs.
- Laura provided updates on the Touring Grant and Roster Applications.
- Emily provided updates on the Professional Development Opportunity Grant.
- Laura provided updates on the Creativity Grant.
- Laura provided the Review Schedule for the Creativity, Professional Development, and Touring Grants.

#### **Discussion - Folklife Apprenticeships Policy**

- Ryan K. discussed the Folklife Apprenticeship Proposals on Eligibility and LLCs.

#### Discussion

- Councilors agreed to have a continuation of the full proposal at the next PPE meeting.

#### **New Business**

- Councilors thanked the staff for their amazing work.
- No new business.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.