



Maryland State Arts Council Nominating Committee

MEETING MINUTES
February 5, 2026
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
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The Nominating Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Council, make recommendations to the Council, and shall perform other duties as specified...

In attendance: Albita Rivera, Shelley Morhaim, Janet Stanford, Steven Skerritt-Davis, Chad Buterbaugh, Leslie Gillard

The meeting was called to order at approximately 11:05 a.m. following review of guiding documents.

Shelley moved to approve the April 25, 2025 minutes. Janet seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed.

By-Laws Review

- Steven provided a review of the nominating committee's responsibilities and the process of a closed session.
- The slate of nominees must be finalized by early May.

Shelley moved to close the remainder of the meeting. Janet seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Council Member Appointment Update (Closed Session)

- Steven provided updates for terms and appointments:
 - Four council members' terms will expire on June 30.
 - Second-term recommendations are expected for eligible members.
 - One vacancy (Seat 11) is anticipated due to the Chair's departure.
 - Awaiting confirmation from the Governor's Office regarding new appointments.

Nominations Discussion

- Steven reviewed officer roles to be filled and Councilor eligibility to fill the position.
- Councilors discussed potential candidates for the officer roles.
- Councilors agreed to the following:



- Prioritize outreach to a shortlist of candidates for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer roles.
- Confirm willingness and availability before finalizing the slate.
- Maintain flexibility to consider additional candidates if needed.
- Councilors discussed the following next steps:
 - A designated committee member will contact potential nominees to assess interest.
 - Committee members will communicate informally between meetings as needed.
 - A follow-up meeting will be scheduled to finalize the slate of nominees.
 - The final slate must be approved and submitted prior to early May 4, 2026.

New Business

- Committee members expressed appreciation for the collaborative discussion.
- Steven acknowledged the importance of selecting strong leadership for the Council, and recognized the committee chair's efforts and leadership during the process.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:37 a.m.