



Maryland State Arts Council Governance Committee

MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2025
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The Governance Committee shall enhance the engagement and participation of Council members, and to ensure the effective operation of the lay leadership structure.

In attendance: Marva Jo Camp, Joel Snyder, Monique Walker Ruby Lopez-Harper
Steven Skerritt-Davis, Chad Buterbaugh, Elizabeth Morales, Leslie Gillard

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. following guiding documents.

Ruby made a motion to approve the November 13, 2024 Governance Council minutes. Joel seconded. All in favor and the motion passed.

Council Authority

- In response to an emailed question from a Councilor, Steven provided the following:
 - an overview of Roles of Maryland's Boards and Commissions from the Governor's office.
 - a legislation review on Statute 4-510, that governs MSAC.
 - reviewed the Role of Councilors, and Activities provided at Councilor orientation.

Discussion

- The Councilors discussed what it means to make recommendations on policy, and what is the balance with how active and engaged the Councilor should be beyond their role.
 - Steven clarified "active" means being active in discussions around policy among the Council, and clarified his role as the administrator of those actions.
 - Steven mentioned his efforts to engage Councilors by having one-to-one meetings, and efforts to increase MSAC staff.



By-Laws Updates

- The Councilors reviewed the track changes in the 2025 By-Laws Revision document.
 - A suggestion was made to determine steps on how the Governance Committee nominates committee members with the Nominating committee.
 - A suggestion was made to have a committee charter to avoid constantly updating the By-Laws.
- The Councilors will continue reviewing track changes at the March 4 Governance Committee meeting.

New Business

The following additional agenda items will be held until the March meeting:

- Ongoing Board Member Engagement
- Status of Term Renewals, New Councilor Recruitment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.