Chair Jackie Copeland called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

Julie Madden made a motion to approve the August 24, 2021 Executive Committee minutes. Benny Russell seconded the motion. All approved.

Interim Executive Director (ED) Report, Steven Skerritt-Davis

- **Staffing Update**
  - Arts in Education Program Director position currently awaiting HR.
  - Interviews for the Executive Director position to be held in the upcoming week.
  - New temp Jeremy Thomson has joined the grants office to assist with processing payments

- **Office Move Update**
  - Moving out of Ostend street office to World Trade Center
    - Access to conference rooms on all floors available for meetings
    - If needed access to gallery space managed by Baltimore Office of Promotion & the Arts is possible and gallery space in the lobby; other partnerships could be explored
  - Office furniture moving October 27, 2021
  - Public announcement in December newsletter
    - Executive Committee will vet and approve announcement before distribution
  - Staff and council discussion about future plans on hold until post ED hire

- **Arts Capital Grant Update**
  - Legislation passed in session 2021
  - Working on hiring a coordinator in 2023 to build the program
  - Grant program will start in FY24 - $3 million/year

- **Councilor Roles and Responsibilities Review**
  - Section 4. Responsibilities (b) Councilors are responsible for:
(i) attending meetings of the Council; serving on at least one Council Committee; serving ex officio as a member of at least one Advisory Panel and acting as liaison between that panel and the Council;
(ii) serving as liaison with the General Assembly acting as spokespersons and advocates for the arts; attending Council-sponsored events throughout the State and especially in their region of the State; representing diverse geographic areas of the state and exhibiting involvement and/or affiliation with art

Represent the Council, supporting and advocating for its work publicly and privately (Leverage Connections, Bolster Maryland Arts)

- Attend exhibits, performances, and events of grantee organizations
- Become an active member/participant of your county arts agency and/or attend your county arts agency’s meetings and events
- Become a member of a professional organization (Maryland Citizens for the Arts, National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, etc.)

- Coffee with the Council Co-Hosts
  - Volunteers Jackie and Zoe - Thank you.
  - Format - alternating weeks
    - Open discussion
    - Who are we as artists?
    - Open discussion
    - Connecting mission and communities

- Americans for the Arts (AFTA) Membership Update
  - Staff recommendation to continue to withhold AFTA membership
  - Creative States Coalition created out of the State Arts Advocacy Network as a result of inequitable structure and leadership
  - Public Art Network have created the Public Art X-change to provide artists with more equitable representation
  - Report to full council in November

- Staff Team Building October 6, 2021
  - Stoop Storytelling Session with Laura Wexler held to boost staff morale
  - Staff debrief and survey informing future team building exercises
  - Created a fun committee as a result, possible revisiting of annual staff and council retreat

- GFO Grantee Session October 14, 2021
  - Approximately 120 participants, received lots of great feedback
Dana Parsons provided broad overview of responses and welcomed questions directly
Spreadsheets created to ask what future grants could look like
Maryland Citizens for the Arts released very supportive Eblast

- Collaborators Meeting Update October 19, 2021
  - Meeting with all staff of four collaborating organizations to determine path forward
    - MSAC
    - Maryland Citizens for the Arts
    - Department of Education Fine Arts Office
    - Arts Education in Maryland Schools
  - Leadership Follow-up, collaborators to come back together
  - MSAC debrief with staff at 10.20.21 staff meeting, survey follow up
    - collaborate as needed (Summit, First Lady’s Gallery, etc.)
  - make collaboration agreements and include accountability measures
  - Quanice Floyd stepping down from AEMS
- Staff involvement during council meetings
  - Staff input and interaction valued and welcomed
  - Chair to attend future staff meeting to encourage staff participation

State Uniform Grants System (Skerritt-Davis)
- Universal grant application
- MSAC will work with legislators to ensure the council’s needs are at the forefront
- Exemption from the legislators also an option

New Business
- By-laws amendment expanding the executive committee from 5 to 7 has been approved
- The ED position has been narrowed down to 6 candidates; interviews to take place October 28, 2021. MSAC will make a recommendation to the Secretary of Commerce after interviews are complete. Final decision will be made by the Secretary.

Meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.