



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON ARTS COMMISSION

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?  
Who does not have a voice at the table?  
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Thursday, December 2, 2021

5:30 PM

via Virtual Meeting

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Sheri Carter; Fabu P. Carter; Rae C. Senarighi; Katie H. Ryan; Anna T. January; Yvette M. Pino and Taeli S. T. Reistad  
**Excused:** 3 - Faisal Abdu'Allah; Lance M. Owens and Bethany M. Jurewicz

### APPROVAL OF November 3, 2021 MINUTES

**A motion was made by Pino, seconded by Carter, to Approve the November 3, 2021 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [61239](#) Public Comment  
None

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

2. [68209](#) Confirming the reappointment of Angela Trudell Vasquez to the position of Poet Laureate  
Commissioners agreed that Angela is doing excellent work and should be reappointed. They also looked briefly at the Poet Laureate Guidelines and determined there should be some updates/clarifications made before the next call. Taeli and Karin will update the guidelines to present to MAC prior to the call being issued for the next Poet Laureate.  
**A motion was made by Ryan, seconded by Pino, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
3. [68286](#) Establishing a Youth Poet Laureate Program for the City of Madison and authorizing a noncompetitive contract with Urban Word NYC, Inc to become a member of the National Youth Poet Laureate program, and for annual subscription services.  
Angela Trudell Vasquez, current Madison Poet Laureate, gave a brief overview of some of the work she has been doing with Youth Poets, the support of many community groups, and the benefits that could be achieved by establishing a Youth Poet Laureate Program and joining a national group.

A general discussion of the benefits of this program ensued.

**A motion was made by Ryan, seconded by Carter, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

4. [21297](#)

#### BLINK Proposal Review

Staff gave a brief overview of the Madison Ballet proposal. After discussion, commissioners decided it is a worthy project that will welcome Afghan children at Fort McCoy to Wisconsin and show a bit of Madison's rich cultural offerings and should be supported if monies are available.

**A motion was made by Ryan, seconded by Carter, to Approve \$1,500 to Madison Ballet for Nutcracker Performances at Fort McCoy. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

5. [21625](#)

#### MAC Annual Grant Review

Staff gave an update on possible ways to get some quick input on guidelines for the NEA regrant that we have been granted and some of the overall updates to grant guidelines. Once the Grant Subcommittee meets, changes will be brought to full MAC.

6. [32517](#)

#### Honors Event

Kia Karlin, Friends of MAC Chair, gave an update on the event planned for January 21 @ Garver. She asked commissioners for help to get word out for Award nominations and input on holding this as a live event as currently planned in January.

7. [33162](#)

#### Conference & Meetings Report

Nothing to report

8. [21279](#)

#### MAC Administrative Reports

Yvette Pino announced that after 8 years of serving, she is resigning her appointment to the Commission. She is proud of what has been accomplished by the Commission, but is ready to be a participating artist again. All wished her well.

9. [63647](#)

#### 2021 Press and Publicity

See attached

### ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Pino, seconded by Carter, to Adjourn at 7:05 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**