

Capitol Art Exhibit Advisory Committee (CAEAC): May 19 Mtg. [VIRTUAL]

Monday, May 19, 2025

11am - 1pm

VIRTUAL Meeting Access

- Public access: [Zoom link](#)

AGENDA

- Call to order (Christina Woods, Convener)
- Approval of agenda
- Approval of minutes (April 22, 2025 mtg.)
- Agenda overview
- Welcome new committee members:
 - Margaret LeClair Lett, PhD (House Speaker Demuth / new appointment)
 - Dean Urdahl (House Speaker Demuth / new appointment)
- *Portraits of Indigenous Artists and Authors* by John Ratzloff reception update
- CAEAC website update
- 2027 Call for Proposal launch
- *Barnabas 22* by Mary Corwin / Room 318 update
- CAEAC officers
 - Chair opening
 - Discussion of additional officers
- Next steps
 - Next CAEAC meetings:
 - Monday, August 25, 2025: 11am-1pm
 - Monday, November 17, 2025: 11am-1pm
 - Capitol Preservation Commission meeting:
 - TBD December 2025
- Adjourn

Attachments:

- DRAFT_2025_05_19_CAEAC_AGENDA
- DRAFT_2025_04_22_CAEAC_MINUTES
- CAEAC Officer Roles and Responsibilities DRAFT

Resources:

- [CAEAC website](#)
- [CAEAC Statute 15B.36](#)

MINUTES Capitol Art Exhibit Advisory Committee (CAEAC): May 19, 2025 Mtg.

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[Meeting was held virtually]

Present (Voting Members): Beau Bakken, Gita Ghei, Mara Hanel, Seitu Jones, Margaret LeClair, Jimmy Longoria, Colin Nelson-Dusek, Ben Owen, Dean Urdahl, Christina Woods (Convener/Interim Chair)

(Not Present: Lyndon Carlson, Cheyanne St. John, Bryan Thao Worra)

Present (Non-Voting Members): Erik Cedarleaf Dahl (CAAPB), Jessi Held (Department of Administration), Brenda Raney (MNHS)

(Not Present: Sue Gens (Minnesota State Arts Board))

Other attendees: Gretchen Funk (MNHS), David Kelliher (MNHS), Cecily Marcus (MNHS), Lindsey Rulon-Miller (MNHS)

AGENDA

- Call to order (Christina Woods, Convener)
 - *Interim Chair Woods called the meeting to order at 11:01am*
 - *Roll call for attendance*
- Approval of agenda
 - *Motion: Owen, second: Jones*
 - *Roll call: motion passed, agenda approved*
- Approval of minutes (Apr. 22, 2025 Mtg.)
 - *Motion: Bakken, second: Ghei*
 - *Roll call: motion passed, minutes approved*
- Welcome and meeting overview
- Welcome new committee members:
 - Margaret LeClair Lett, PhD (House Speaker Demuth / new appointment)
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 - *Introductions by committee members*
- *Portraits of Indigenous Artists and Authors* by John Ratzloff reception update
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- 2027 Call for Proposal launch
 - *Members discussed places to post the opportunity*
 - *Springboard for the Arts*
 - *Hanel suggested that MNHS host a Q&A session with Regional Arts Councils (and others) to build familiarity with the program*
 - *Rulon-Miller and Hanel will follow up*
 - *MNHS will share social media posts within the week for committee members to share*
- *Barnabas 22* by Mary Corwin / Room 318 update

- *Barnabas 22 was previously scheduled for the approved 3rd Floor Exhibit Gallery roster, then removed due to artist's health issues; artist is now interested in continuing with the exhibit*
- *With the gallery rescheduled for the remainder of other approved exhibits, it is recommended that the Public Business Center (Room 318) be utilized for Corwin's work*
 - *Current exhibit is a student art work that focuses on water quality*
- *Option to discuss future programming of this room (or other CAEAC programmable spaces) in concert with capacity*
 - *Raney and Woods noted there is a constraint of time and financial resources prohibitive to expanding beyond the 3rd Floor Exhibit Gallery - Corwin's exhibit is an exception to accommodate the previous approval and present circumstances*
- **CAEAC officers**
 - Chair opening
 - Discussion of additional officers
 - *CAEAC Officer Roles and Responsibilities DRAFT included explanations and proposals of roles to provide a point of discussions for the committee*
 - *Statute states that we "shall elect a chair from amongst its members" and does not state timeline for term limits*
 - Chair opening
 - *Letter of interest received from committee member Ben Owen*
 - *Interim Chair Woods requested a motion to elect Ben Owen as chair of CAEAC immediately after adjournment of this meeting*
 - ***Motion: To elect Ben Owen as Chair of the Capitol Art Exhibit Advisory Committee***
 - *Motion: Jones, second: Hanel*
 - *Motion was voted on by roll call; motion passed unanimously*
 - *Statute also permits the Committee to establish other officers as it deems necessary; Committee discussed the benefits of establishing Vice Chair and Past Chair officers; committee was favorable*
 - *Interim Chair Woods requested a motion to establish a Vice Chair and Past Chair to the CAEAC's officer positions*
 - ***Motion: To establish Vice Chair and Past Chair as two new officer roles for the Capitol Art Exhibit Advisory Committee***
 - *Motion: Ghej, second: Owen*
 - *Motion was voted on by roll call; motion passed unanimously*
 - *Vice Chair discussion*
 - *Interim Chair Woods gauged interest the newly established Vice Chair position, citing Colin Nelson-Dusek as a potential candidate*
 - *Jones suggested that Nelson-Dusek write a statement of interest, to be submitted retroactively*
 - ***Motion: To elect Colin Nelson-Dusek as Vice Chair of the Capitol Art Exhibit Advisory Committee***

- *Motion: Hanel, second: LeClair*
 - *Motion was voted on by roll call; motion passed unanimously*
- *Past Chair discussion*
 - ***Motion: To elect Christina Woods as Past Chair of the Capitol Art Exhibit Advisory Committee***
 - *Motion: Owen, second: Jones*
 - *Motion was voted on by roll call; motion passed unanimously*
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 - *Motion: Urdahl, second: Ghei*
 - *Interim Chair Woods adjourned the meeting at 12:11pm*

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