

MINUTES Capitol Art Exhibit Advisory Committee (CAEAC): Aug. 25, 2025 Mtg.

August 25, 2025, 11am - 1pm

[Meeting was held virtually]

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

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

Present (Non-Voting Members): Commissioner Tamar Gronvall (Department of Administration), Brenda Raney (Minnesota Historical Society)

(Not Present: Erik Cedarleaf Dahl (CAAPB), Sue Gens (Minnesota State Arts Board))

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

AGENDA

- Call to order (Ben Owen, Chair)
 - *Chair Owen called the meeting to order at 11:02am*
 - *Roll call for attendance, Rulon-Miller*
- Approval of agenda
 - *Motion: Woods, second: Hanel*
 - *Roll call, motion passed, agenda approved*
- Approval of minutes (May 19, 2025 mtg.)
 - *Motion: Woods, second: LeClair*
 - *Roll call, motion passed, minutes approved*
- Agenda overview
 - *Chair Owen welcomed the committee; provided an overview of the agenda*
- CAEAC officers, overview
 - *Newly elected officers include Ben Owen (Chair), Colin Nelson-Dusek (Vice Chair), and Christina Woods (Past Chair)*
 - *Chair and Vice Chair will work on drafting committee bylaws, with the goal of having a draft to the committee in early 2026*
- Exhibit schedule updates
 - *Mary Corwin has withdrawn Barnabas 22, which means it will not be available for the Public Business Center / Room 318 (as discussed during the May 19 CAEAC meeting), and has been informed she may reapply*
 - *Anne Labovitz, 122 Conversations, is scheduled for Oct. 1, 2025 through Oct. 1, 2026*
 - *Sept. 29-30 - exhibit installation*
 - *Nov. 6 - opening reception, 4-7pm with remarks at 5:30pm*
 - *Ben Owen notes there is opportunity to program in the Mother's Room, suggesting an auxiliary location for Anne Labovitz' exhibition*

