



**Capitol Preservation Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2023; 3:00 p.m.
State Capitol Building,
Senate Conference Room 4S.9
2300 N. Lincoln Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73105**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nancy Leonard	Bruce Fisher	Janet Morrow
Cliff Branan	Brent Gibson	Victor Pozadas, Sr.
C.J. Cavin	Keith Jones	Duke Ligon
Tracie Chapman	Lou Kerr	
Aaron Cooper	Duane Mass	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None.

GUESTS:

Beverly Hicks, OMES	Christina Naruszewicz, OAC
Karl Kramer, OAG	Emily Haan, Mass Architects
Amber Sharples, OAC	Steven Birkes, OMES
Jarica Walsh, OAC	

Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) ♦ Oklahoma Arts Council (OAC) ♦ Oklahoma Attorney General Office (OAG)

1. Announcement of filing of the meeting notice and posting of the agenda in accordance with the Open Meeting Act: [Nancy Leonard, Chair]

Chair Nancy Leonard was advised that notice for this meeting was filed with the Secretary of State, and an agenda was posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

2. Call to order, Roll Call, and Determination of Quorum: [Chair]

Ms. Leonard called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

3. Welcome/Introductions:

Ms. Leonard welcomed members and guests to the meeting. She introduced new member Tracie Chapman, the current Chair of the Oklahoma Arts Council.

4. Discussion and possible action on the approval of special meeting minutes from May 2, 2023:

Lou Kerr moved to approve the special meeting minutes for May. C.J. Cavin seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Mr. Branan, yes; Mr. Cavin, yes; Ms. Chapman, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes;
Mr. Jones, yes; Ms. Kerr, yes; Ms. Leonard, yes; Mr. Mass, abstain; Ms. Morrow, yes;
Mr. Pozadas, yes; Mr. Ligon, yes.

5. Discussion and possible action to accept the painting commissioned by the Art in Public Places project of the Oklahoma State Capitol, *Labor Omnia Vincit* (Southwest) by Lucas

Simmons, into the Capitol Art Collection and the Oklahoma Public Art Collection: [Jarica Walsh, Director of Visual and Public Art]

Ms. Walsh reported that the Oklahoma Arts Council requests accessioning the painting by Lucas Simmons, *Labor Omnia Vincit* (Southwest panel; ground floor rotunda). The project was approved in March 2021, the artist selection was approved in October 2021, and the final design concept was approved in December 2021.

The Art Standards Committee met prior to the commission meeting and recommended approval of the accessioning of the said painting by Lucas Simmons, commissioned by the Art in Public Places project of the Oklahoma State Capitol.

Duane Mass moved approval of the accessioning of the artwork into the Capitol Art Collection and the Oklahoma Public Art Collection. C.J. Cavin seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Mr. Branan, yes; Mr. Cavin, yes; Ms. Chapman, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes;
Mr. Jones, yes; Ms. Kerr, yes; Ms. Leonard, yes; Mr. Mass, yes; Ms. Morrow, yes;
Mr. Pozadas, yes; Mr. Ligon, yes.

6. Discussion and possible action to accept the installation artwork commissioned by the Art in Public Places project of the Oklahoma State Capitol, *People of the Great Sky, Constellations of the Land* by Jessica Moore Harjo, into the Capitol Art Collection and the Oklahoma Public Art Collection. [Jarica Walsh, Director of Visual and Public Art]

Ms. Walsh reported that the Oklahoma Arts Council requests accessioning the brass installation artwork by Jessica Moore Harjo, *People of the Great Sky, Constellations of the Land*, located in the lobby of the Visitor Entrance. The project was approved on December 17, 2021, the artist selection was approved on June 17, 2021, and the design concept was approved on August 19, 2021.

The Art Standards Committee met prior to the commission meeting and recommended approval of the accessioning of the said video commissioned by the Art in Public Places project of the Oklahoma State Capitol.

Lou Kerr moved to approve the artwork's accession into the Capitol Art Collection and the Oklahoma Public Art Collection. Duane Mass seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Mr. Branan, yes; Mr. Cavin, yes; Ms. Chapman, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes;
Mr. Jones, yes; Ms. Kerr, yes; Ms. Leonard, yes; Mr. Mass, yes; Ms. Morrow, yes;
Mr. Pozadas, yes; Mr. Ligon, yes.

7. Discussion and possible action to authorize the installation of artwork of the portrait of *Wanda Jackson* by Tracey Harris commissioned by the Oklahoma Arts Council in collaboration with The Friends and Family of Wanda Jackson. [Lou Kerr, Jarica Walsh, Director of Visual and Public Art]

Ms. Walsh reported that the Oklahoma Arts Council, in collaboration with the friends and family of Wanda Jackson, is requesting authorization to install the portrait of Wanda Jackson by artist Tracey Harris in the Capitol. The project was approved on April 15, 2021, the artist selection was approved on February 17, 2022, and the design concept was approved on September 29, 2022.

Ms. Walsh informed Commission members that the frame of the finished painting is near completion and expected to arrive soon. Due to time constraints, she is requesting approval for the installation of the artwork and for it to be accessioned at the next regular meeting. The portrait will be placed with the other Oklahoma Cultural Treasures on the second floor outside the entrance of the Governor's Large Conference Room.

The Art Standards Committee met prior to the commission meeting and recommended approval of the installation of the artwork by Tracey Harris in the Capitol.

Lou Kerr moved to authorize the installation of the artwork. Duane Mass seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Mr. Branan, yes; Mr. Cavin, yes; Ms. Chapman, yes; Mr. Cooper, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mr. Jones, yes; Ms. Kerr, yes; Ms. Leonard, yes; Mr. Mass, yes; Ms. Morrow, yes; Mr. Pozadas, yes; Mr. Ligon, yes.

Mr. Cooper entered the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

8. Discussion and possible action on election of a chairperson of the Capitol Preservation Commission. [Jarica Walsh, Director of Visual and Public Art]

Duane Mass moved to elect Nancy Leonard as chairperson of the CPC. Lou Kerr seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Mr. Branan, yes; Mr. Cavin, yes; Ms. Chapman, yes; Mr. Cooper, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mr. Jones, yes; Ms. Kerr, yes; Ms. Leonard, abstain; Mr. Mass, yes; Ms. Morrow, yes; Mr. Pozadas, yes; Mr. Ligon, yes.

9. Discussion and possible action on election of a vice-chairperson of the Capitol Preservation Commission. [Jarica Walsh, Director of Art in Public Places]

Duane Mass moved to elect C.J. Cavin as vice-chairperson of the CPC. Cliff Branan seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Mr. Branan, yes; Mr. Cavin, abstain; Ms. Chapman, yes; Mr. Cooper, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mr. Jones, yes; Ms. Kerr, yes; Ms. Leonard, yes; Mr. Mass, yes; Ms. Morrow, yes; Mr. Pozadas, yes; Mr. Ligon, yes.

10. Collections Manager Report: [Jarica Walsh, Director of Visual and Public Art]

a. Update on the Capitol Re/Installation Project:

Ms. Walsh reported that the Aerospace and Aviation corridor on the Capitol's fourth floor, which the Commission approved as a new territorial area, will be completed by the end of August 2023.

Ms. Walsh reported that now that the artwork is back in the building and restoration has been completed, the Oklahoma Arts Council is continuing to evaluate events taking place in the Capitol. She informed members of a recent incident of an event on the second floor rotunda documented by OMES, where a screen was placed over an artwork, and command strips were used to secure the screen. Fortunately, the command strips caused no damage to the frame. In collaboration with the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES), both agencies will work together to mitigate potential risks of damage to the artwork during events at the Capitol.

Ms. Walsh informed members that the Oklahoma Arts Council presented their request to the State Capitol Repair Expenditure Oversight Committee for additional funds to complete the Capitol artwork reinstallation that the Committee approved. The additional funds approved are for art signage for private and public spaces, Capitol artwork protection that includes museum-grade custom made permanent stanchions, friction tape for walkways where stanchions are not possible, and professional art handling.

Ms. Walsh informed the members of a special dedication ceremony on September 13th for the Wanda Jackson portrait unveiling on the second floor rotunda to be installed in the Cultural Treasurer area on the second floor. She also informed members of another event scheduled for October 9th at the Capitol, in collaboration with Oklahoma City Indigenous Peoples Day, a celebration of the artwork in the visitor entrance and other new commissions for the collection by Native American artists, including guest speakers and special artwork tours scheduled that day.

Report only. No action was taken.

11. Chair Updates and Discussion:

a. Possible presentation and/or discussion on the ongoing state Capitol Building construction and Governor's mansion construction:

- a. Discussion on service recognition of a former member for service on the Arts Standard Committee.

The Commission members discussed doing something special for long-serving member James Pickel, whose term recently expired, to honor him.

- b. Possible presentation and/or discussion on the ongoing state capitol building construction and Governor's mansion construction.

Mr. Mass updated the members on the current upkeep of the buildings.

Update only. No action was taken.

12. Adjournment:

There being no further business, C.J. Cavin made the motion to adjourn. Duane Mass seconded the motion. Seeing no opposition, the meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.