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# STAMFORD ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION

FOSTERING THE PERFORMING, VISUAL, & CULTURAL ARTS

Lou Ursone  
Chair  
Jennifer McIntosh  
Vice-Chair  
Marti Etter  
Secretary

## Members

Valerie Cooper  
Lynne Colatrella  
Lisa Cuscuna  
Angie Durrell  
Michael Moran  
Bonnie Wattles

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## Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes Stamford Government Center, Stamford Connecticut Wednesday, January 23, 2019

### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Ursone called the meeting to order at 8:05 am.

### 2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Lou Ursone, Marti Etter, Valerie Cooper, Lynne Colatrella, Angie Durrell, Jennifer McIntosh, Michael Moran,

Commissioners Absent: Lisa Cuscuna, Bonnie Wattles

Staff: John Varamo, Program Manager of Stamford Arts & Culture

Guest: Randy Skigen

### 3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

Chairman Ursone asked if all commissioners have read the minutes from the meeting held on November 14, 2019. He then asked for a motion to accept these minutes. A motion was made by Ms. Colatrella and was seconded by Ms. Etter. The motion passed unanimously.

### 4. 2019 Officer Elections

Ms. Colatrella made a motion to nominate Lou Ursone for the position of Chair, which he accepted. With no other nominations, Ms. McIntosh seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Ms. Colatrella made a motion to nominate Jennifer McIntosh for the position of Vice-Chair, which she accepted. With no other nominations, Mr. Moran seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Ms. McIntosh made a motion to nominate Marti Etter for the position of Secretary, which she accepted. With no other nominations, Ms. Cooper seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### 5. 2019 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Varamo presented the 2019 Regular Meeting Schedule to the commission. After discussion, the commission moved to change the meeting start time to 8:30 AM. The final schedule was accepted and will be furnished to the Town Clerk's Office and posted on the city website.

**6. Art Acceptance Policy**

The commissioners worked together the City of Stamford Arts Acceptance Policy as drafted by Mr. Varamo. The commissioners will find a time in the next two weeks to hold a special meeting to continue working on the Art Acceptance Policy.

**7. Core Values**

Ms. Durrell proposed bringing the newly revised core values to a Harvard Business group that could help develop a strategic plan around those goals.

**8. SCORE Partnership**

Chairman Ursone proposed connecting with SCORE Association, a nonprofit that provides free business mentoring services. The commissioners were very open to partnering with SCORE to help establish a strategic plan for the Arts & Culture Commission. Chairman Ursone will reach out to SCORE on behalf of the commission.

**9. Next Meeting**

- a. Discussion – Next Meeting Agenda
- b. Confirmation
  - i. Next Meeting – Wednesday, March 20, 2019

**10. Adjournment**

Chairman Ursone asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 AM. Ms. Etter made a motion, which was second by Ms. McIntosh. The motion passed unanimously. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,



Marti Etter  
Secretary  
Stamford Arts and Culture Commission