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# STAMFORD ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION

FOSTERING THE PERFORMING, VISUAL, & CULTURAL ARTS

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## Arts and Culture Commission Special Meeting Minutes Stamford Government Center, Stamford Connecticut Monday, April 15, 2019

### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Ursone called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM.

### 2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Lou Ursone, Valerie Cooper, Angie Durrell, Jennifer McIntosh, Michael Moran,  
Staff: John Varamo, Program Manager of Stamford Arts & Culture  
Guest: Angelica Gorrio

### 3. CAPP Application Adjustments/Review

The committee discussed the following **potential** changes that could be made to the CAPP Grant application:

- requiring nonprofits to be a registered 501(c)(3)
- reviewing 990 tax forms from all applicants
- opening the application up to individual artists
- removing the minimum grant value (allows for grants under \$3,500 to be given out)
- Adding maximum word lengths for review questions
- having the application translated into other languages including Spanish to allow for greater equity
- asking if the organization has to have their office in Stamford, or would an outside organization that wants to do arts programming in Stamford qualify for CAPP

### 4. Adjournment

Chairman Ursone asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM. Ms. Cooper made a motion, which was second by Mr. Moran. The motion passed unanimously. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ursone  
Chair  
Stamford Arts and Culture Commission