



Monday, January 12, 2026

4:00 pm CST

In-Person - Willie Hinton Neighborhood Resource Center Rm TBD

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Minutes Approval**
[Link](#) to Minutes (10-15-2024)
[Link](#) to Minutes (11-20-2024)
- III. Update from Creative Economy and Special Projects Manager Melissa Mitchell**
 - a. Commission**
 - i. Quorum Establishment
 1. [Commission Bylaws](#) (Article 7, Section 6)
 - ii. Boards and Commissions Orientation
 - iii. Meeting Records Management
 - b. [iCREATE](#) Initiative**
- IV. Review of Commission Membership and Officers:**
 - i. Current Commission Members
 - ii. Commission Vacancies
 - iii. Commission Officer Nominations Chair/Vice-Chair/Secretary
 1. Chair:
 2. Vice Chair:
 3. Secretary:
- V. Arkansas Freedom of Information Act Update:**
[Act 505 of 2025](#)
- VI. Committee Initiative Assignments (As of 2024)**
 - i. Art Directory - Creative and Cultural Directory [Form](#)
 1. Asya Webster/Sean Whitaker
 - ii. Art Destinations
 1. Mariah/Laura Sanders
 - iii. Art Development
 1. Tamra Patterson/Sean Whitaker
 - iv. Marketing/Rebrand
 1. Vacant
- VII. New Business**
 - a. 2026 Meeting Schedule, Attendance and Location**
- VIII. Adjournment**

NEXT MEETING: TBD

Sign-In Sheet

Commission Members	Signature
Cade Bethea	
Arthur (Chip) Broadbent, III	
Tamra Patterson Calamese	
Ashley Godwin	
Mariah Hatta	
Laura Sanders	
Asya Webster	
Sean Whitaker	
Melissa Mitchell, City of Little Rock	
Guests	



October 15, 2024
Agenda
Virtual- Google Meet
12:00 pm

I. Call to Order: Welcome

Attendees: Ron MacAdoo, Sean Whitaker, Asya Webster, Mariah Hatta, Tamra Patterson, Melissa Mitchell, Patrice Bax

Guests:

- a. Welcome new commission members
- b. Introductions

II. Minutes Approval

January 8, 2024 Mariah Motion to Approve Ron 2nd. Approved.

- a. Commission Officers: Chair/Vice-Chair/Secretary
- b. Social media guide via CLR Communications Team
- c. Next Gen(eration) Humanities Conference: "Creative Economy: Who's Involved?"
 - i. Panelists
- d. Funding Opportunities
 - i. Arkansas Arts Council Individual Artist Fellowship Awards \$5k- Due 2/5
 - ii. Catalyze Central Arkansas Grant- Due 1/22
 - iii. Creative Forces Community Engagement Grant Applications- Due 1/17
 - iv. ArtsHERE (statement of interest)- Due 1/19
 - v. NEA Grants for Arts Projects 1, FY2025-Due 2/15
- e. Committee breakout session
 - i. Artist Development: Artist INC (Mid-America Arts Alliance) free professional development virtual workshops

March 11, 2024 Mariah Motion to Approve, Asya 2nd Motion. Approved.

- f. Committees Initiatives Reports
 - i. Art Directory
 - 1. Karena/Jim
 - 2. Add Guy C. (share Karena contact information)
 - ii. Art Destinations
 - 1. Glenn/Karena/Mariah (*Did not meet*)
 - 2. Collaborate with LRCVB on identified destinations;
 - 3. LRCVB local smaller events
 - iii. Art Development (quarterly engagement)
 - 1. Drekkia/Nic/Mariah
 - 2. Assessment of what exists. Work with arts council x artist inc.
 - iv. Marketing/Rebrand

1. Dr. Bax/Drekkia
2. **Identity crisis for commission**; one minute interval interviews (Sarah Strickland);
3. Identify scope

May 15, 2024 **Mariah Motion to Approve, Patrice 2nd Motion. Approved**

- a. Commission Vacancies
- b. Commission Officers: Chair/Vice-Chair/Secretary
 - i. Descriptions for positions **MM**
- c. Committees Initiatives Reports
 - i. New commission assignments
 - ii. Art Directory **Not present**
 1. Karena
 2. Guy Choate (share Karena contact information)
 - iii. Art Destinations **Have not met**
 1. Karena/Mariah
 - iv. Art Development (quarterly engagement) **Have not met**
 1. Nic/Mariah
 - v. Marketing/Rebrand
 1. Dr. Bax, former commissioner Drekkia
 2. Social Media guide (**MM**)
 - **Begin to develop content for social media channels**
 - **Link to commission's social media will be placed on the City of Little Rock website**
 - **Remove Open Studios that is currently on website**

July 8, 2024 **Mariah Motion to Approve, Patrice 2nd Motion. Approved by Commission.**

- I. Call to Order: Welcome 4:05pm
 - a. Welcome new commission members
 - b. Introductions
- II. Minutes Approval **NO QUORUM**
 - a. January 8, 2024
 - b. March 11, 2024
 - c. May 15, 2024
- III. Charge for the Commission
 - a. Strategies to connect creatives
 - b. Places that provide Resources to Creatives
 - c. Artist Directory
- III. **New Business**
 - a. Commitment to commission: attendance, meeting time, tenure
 - i. New meeting time:
 1. First Thursday e/month at 12pm
 - a. M. Hatta motion; Ron Mc second; approved

2. Continue to meet bi-monthly and alt. months sub-committee
 - a. T. Patterson-Calamese motion; M. Hatta second; approved
- b. New email address: commissionartsculture@gmail.com
- c. Commission Bylaws: update
 - i. Vote to amend bylaws to include an attendance policy
 1. Three consecutive meetings (unexcused) +
 2. Five or more meetings excused/unexcused dismissed within a year;
 3. Effective next meeting November 12, 2024
 4. T. Patterson-Calamese motion; M. Hatta second; approved
- d. Commission Vacancies: one at-large, one cultural institution
- e. Commission Officers: Chair/Vice-Chair/Secretary
 - i. Descriptions for positions *see bylaws Article VI*
- f. Committees Initiatives Reports
 - i. New commission assignments
 - ii. Art Directory: <https://forms.gle/a9XsperJn9At3oHk6>
 1. Karena/
 2. Guy Choate
 - iii. Art Destinations (Open Studios)
 1. Karena/Mariah
 - iv. Art Development
 1. Nick/Mariah
 - v. Marketing/Rebrand
 1. Dr. Bax, former commissioner
 2. Social Media guide

IV. City of Little Rock Update

- a. iCreate: **Fall Crawl** November 9
 - i. Commission can help with developing the rubric for the submission guidelines for the iCREATE logo contest
 - ii. Field/Review submissions for Vendors who are interested in joining the Fall Crawl
 - iii. Serve the day of the Fall Crawl.
- b. Sales Tax - https://www.littlerock.gov/media/22604/updated-results-in-the-rock-one-pager_english-3.pdf
 - i. 1 penny investment (Nov. 5th voting) covers Public Safety (improved technology, fleet); Public infrastructure (roads, waste management); parks and recreations (making War Memorial a Central Destination); offering more high wage jobs

V. Announcements

- a. Tamra: During Fall Crawl AR Rep supporting Veterans and 1st Responders performance during Fall Crawl
- b. Nov. 15th 4th graders will have stage plays produced at MLK, book seats.

VI. Adjournment:

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, Nov. 12th at 12pm via [Google Meet Link](#)

Sign-In Sheet

Commission Members	Signature
Cade Bethea	
Arthur Broadbent, III	
Nick Harris	
Mariah Hatta	
Laura Sanders	
Asya Webster	
Deshaun Wilkins	
Guests	