

The Arts Council, Inc. (d.b.a. MartinArts)

**Board Meeting Agenda**

Thursday, July 24, 2025 @ 5:30 PM

Location: Court House Cultural Center Gallery

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Board Members: Andrew Hammond, Suzy Hutcheson, Chandler Josie, Leslie Judd, Nerissa Okiye, Nicki van Vonno

Ex-Officio Members: Laura Giobbi, Nancy Johnson, Stacey Hetherington, Ed Ciampi, Amy Pritchett, Liz Bonan

1. Welcome & Attendance van Vonno
2. Approve Minutes from April 2025 (*enc. p 3*)
3. New Business
  - a. Presentation of Quarterly Metrics Report Staff
  - b. Review Planning Meeting Notes Turrell
4. Financial Report Hammond
5. Committee & Partner Reports
  - a. Court House Cultural Center Gallery Hearn
    - i. Season Calendar Review
  - b. Arts Education Updates Turrell
    - i. Teacher Vacancies & Status
6. Executive Director's & Staff Updates Nancy Turrell
  - a. Grants Update
  - b. Membership Outreach Tori Hill
  - c. MartinArts Magazine Kailene Chua
  - d. Foundation News & Updates
    - i. Stuart High School Update
    - ii. MartinArts Awards
    - iii. ArtsFest
7. Chairman's Comments & Updates
  - a. Review Events & Meetings Dates (page 2)
8. Comments from the Public
9. Adjourn

## Event & Meeting Dates

<b>Board Meetings</b>	October 23, 2025	January 22, 2026	April 23, 2026	July 23, 2026
<b>Event Calendar</b>				
<b>Centennial Plaque Dedication</b>	Fri., Aug 1, 10AM	Martin County to unveil new commemorative plaque on historic courthouse		
<b>Annual Membership Meeting</b>	Fri., Sept 12, 4:30PM	Exhibit preview, presentation of annual report and election of board members		
<b>Exhibit Opening</b>	Fri., Sept 12 5:30-7PM	Uncommon Threads, a national juried contemporary fiber and wearable art exhibition		
<b>Exhibit Opening</b>	Thurs., Nov 13 5:30-7PM	Will it Go Round in Circles, featured artists Maria Miele, Linda Reymore and Tom Prestopnik		
<b>MartinArts Awards</b>	Sun., Nov 16 6PM	Lyric Theatre, tickets on sale in September		
<b>Recurring Events</b>				
<b>Sunset Concert at the Gallery</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues., 5:30PM)	August 12 Mike Faurot, southern blues	September 9 Young Artists Spotlight Concert	October 14 "A Halloween Spooktacular" at St Mary's with Murray Middle School Chorus	November 11 Annual Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving Concert
<b>Artist Talk</b> (Even Months)		August: Brooklyn Jones (Author)	October TBD (National Arts & Humanities Month)	December TBD

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Present: Ed Ciampi, Laura Giobbi, Andrew Hammond, Stacey Hetherington, Suzy Hutcheson, Chandler Josie, Leslie Judd, Nerissa Okiye, Nicki van Vonno

Absent: Liz Bonan, Nancy Johnson, Amy Pritchett

Staff: Kailene Chua, Jennifer Hearn, Tori Hill, Nancy Turrell

- I. Welcome/Attendance – Nicki van Vonno called the meeting to order at 5:32PM. A quorum was established.
- II. Approve Minutes from January 2025 – Suzy Hutcheson motioned to approve the previous meeting's minutes and Nerissa Okiye seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- III. New Business
  - a. Nancy Turrell presented the Quarterly Metrics Report.
  - b. Suzy Hutcheson motioned to renew the Seacoast line of credit at \$15,000, and Nerissa Okiye seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
  - c. Andrew Hammond motioned to terminate the Mutual of America retirement plan and Leslie Judd seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Financial Report – Andrew Hammond presented the financial report. The board discussed the organization's financial standing, partially as a result of no state funding for the second consecutive year. The board strategized ways to increase income for the organization.
- V. Committee & Partner Reports
  - a. Jennifer Hearn reported that the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Marvin S Cone High School Juried Art Show had been fully installed in the Court House Cultural Center Galleries, and opens to the public Tuesday, April 29.
  - b. The board discussed the retirement of the SFHS art teacher and the uncertain future of arts programming in county schools.
- VI. Executive Director's & Staff Updates
  - a. Nancy Turrell reported that the organization is awaiting grant decisions from various organizations and foundations, including the Cornelia T Bailey Foundation for the High School Juried Art Show. For the second consecutive year, the organization is not expecting state grant funding.
  - b. Tori Hill reported that membership outreach will be a priority through the summer, with a focus on increasing business/organizational memberships.
  - c. Kailene Chua reported that the Summer/Fall 2025 edition of the MartinArts Magazine is in progress and staff are working to sell ads for the edition.
  - d. Foundation News & Updates – Kailene Chua presented a brief report of the Rhapsody in Blue Gala. Nancy Turrell updated the board on the Stuart High School Arts Campus project.
- VII. Adjourn – The general meeting adjourned at 6:30PM and moved into an executive session which concluded at 7:30PM.