



# Royal Oak

Minutes

## Royal Oak Commission for the Arts Meeting

July 15, 2024, 7:00 p.m.  
City Hall, Room 122  
203 S. Troy Street  
Royal Oak, Michigan 48067

Present: Jason Gittinger  
Melanie Macey  
Jodie Ellison  
Denise Reske  
Laura Bonnell

Absent: Alesha Beistline

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### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

### 2. Public Comment

None.

### 3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Melanie Macey  
Seconded by: Jodie Ellison

Motion Adopted

### 4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by: Denise Reske  
Seconded by: Jodie Ellison

Motion Adopted

### 5. New Business

#### 5.a Discussion of New Artist Laureate Recruitment

Last year's process: Opened up an application with seamless docs; the group got a good variety of submissions; no interview process was utilized.

This year's proposed process: Not to use a subcommittee and instead enable the entire CFA to go over the applicants during a meeting; have the group hold in person interviews; the group prefers to pick someone other than a poet due to this year's current laureate being a poet. Include in the application the two types of laureates we've had in the past (sculptor and poet) and that applicants should differentiate themselves. Do some publicity via WROK filler content. Community engagement requirement - application should perhaps ask artists what their community engagement vision is if selected.

\*Send group last year's application so they can brainstorm interview/application questions

- 6. Old Business**
- 7. Subcommittee/Program Reports**
- 8. General Announcements**
- 9. Social Media**
- 10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Moved by: Denise Reske  
Seconded by: Laura Bonnell

Motion Adopted