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**McMahon Memorial Auditorium** : Arts and Humanities Committee

**Minutes  
 Monthly Meeting  
 Arts and Humanities Committee  
 a committee of the  
 McMahon Auditorium Authority  
 November 5, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.  
 Carnegie Library Town Hall**

Teresa Abram  
 (Chair)

Alison Offield  
 (Vice Chair)

Melissa Beck  
 Leah Chaffins  
 Dr. Natalie McCabe  
 Indie Michaels  
 Darius Monroe  
 Dr. Charles Owens  
 Reginald Ramey  
 Max Sasseen

Jason Poudrier  
 Arts & Humanities  
 Administrator

Andrea Morman  
 Deputy Arts &  
 Humanities  
 Administrator

Michell Rosario  
 Arts & Humanities  
 Community Events &  
 Outreach Coordinator

Haley Moore  
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 Digital Media &  
 Records Specialist

Reagan Phillips  
 Arts & Humanities  
 Administrative  
 Assistant

Jimmy Carswell  
 Arts & Humanities  
 Technical Coordinator

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL – 4:04 pm**

PRESENT: Offield, Monroe

ABSENT: Abram, Beck, Chaffins, McCabe, Micheals, Owens, Ramey, Sasseen

STAFF: Poudrier, Rosario, Moore, Phillips

**VERIFY POSTING OF MEETING**

Action: Verification of posting time, place, and date

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items are considered to be routine by the Arts and Humanities Committee and will be enacted with one motion. Should discussion be desired on an item, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda prior to action and considered separately.

1. Consider approving minutes from October 1, 2025.

2. Consider approving financial report for October 2025.

Poudrier discussed the purchases made for the NEA Big Read events. He reported that they received \$18,000 in grant funds and every financial item that is labeled NEA Big Read FY26 has been budgeted out of those funds.

Motion by Offield to table the minutes from October 1, 2025 and accept the bank reconciliation from October 2025. Second by Monroe.

Offield and Monroe voted yes. Motion carried.

**CHAIR’S REPORT**

3. General announcements and updates  
 none

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Receive reports and take action as necessary.

4. Sub Committees

Poudrier reported that due to the ongoing construction at the McMahon Memorial Auditorium, the Arts and Humanities division is not looking at selecting performers.

Poudrier reported that there is one subgranting application that his office received, but he was unable to prep it for this meeting.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **5. Receive nominations for Cultural Awards and take action as necessary.**

Phillips reported on the six nominations received for the Arts and Humanities Cultural awards. Discussion ensued about considering nominations from previous years for the Cultural awards. The committee decided to include nominations from previous years for the Cultural awards.

### **6. Receive applicants for Art Purchase Competition and take action as necessary.**

Phillips reported that there was one entry for the Art Purchase Competition. Discussion ensued about considering nominations from previous years for the Art Purchase Competition, if they would like to extend the Art Purchase Competition deadline, and about distributing fliers promoting the Art Purchase Competition. The committee decided to not consider art purchase entries from previous years. Instead, they decided to extend the deadline for the Art Purchase Competition to Friday, November 21, 2025.

### **7. Holiday in the Park and other December events and take action as necessary.**

Poudrier reported on the Arts and Humanities division's bigger role in Holiday in the Park celebration and how set up has been going. Poudrier reported on the performance schedule that Rosario created and the attractions that will be involved.

### **8. Discuss cancellation of December Arts and Humanities meeting and take action as necessary.**

Offield introduced this item. She reported that historically, this committee has not met in December. The committee decided not to meet in December 2025.

## **OLD BUSINESS – none**

## **NEW BUSINESS – none**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Monroe announced that the Praise Part in the Park did well this year. He reported that they had about the same amount of patrons attend as they had the year previously.

Poudrier announced that Curiosity Avenue, his new imaginative play place, will be opening on Friday, November 14, at 4pm.

Offield announced that Lawton Community Theatre's production of *Noises Off* will take place the two weekends leading up to Thanksgiving.

Phillips announced that Lawton Ballet Theatre will be holding a bingo fundraiser on November 15, to support their scholarship students. She also announced that Cameron University's production of *Antigone* will take place the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Rosario announced that CLTH art classes begin in March and enrollment should open at the end of this month. She is still trying to get into contact with Mr. Hernandez. Stated that we currently have four classes for the spring.

## **ADJOURNMENT – 4:41 pm**