

Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2015
 8:30am, AED Arlington Room

Members Present		Panel Members	Staff Present	Guests Present
J. Kopenhaver	C. Velazquez	B. Tortolano	M. Isabelle-Stark	
L. Lombard	W. Baez	TC Benson	J. Lynch	
R. Goler	M. Semmel	W. MacAdam	C. Richmond	
C. Murphy	C. Cadby			
L. Sarli	J. Russell			
T. Worden	C. Patch			
J. Zeeman	J. Hensley			

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Janet Kopenhaver welcomed members. The Grants Day meeting of the Arlington Commission for the Arts was called to order by Janet Kopenhaver at 8:30 a.m.

2. Recusals

The policy on recusals was distributed at the April 22 meeting. Going forward, Arts Commission members will not comment on or answer questions about organizations for which they have recused themselves.

The following recusals were noted from the Commission members during discussions of groups:

- Carol Cadby – Educational Theatre Company, Encore Stage & Studio, Synetic Theater, WSC Avant Bard
- Carol Patch – Bowen McCauley Dance

3. SPACE AND SERVICES STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

J. Lynch presented status of space availability and proposed recommendations. There were no issues.

Motion was made by Carol Cadby to accept staff and facilities committee recommendations. It was seconded by Wanda Baez. The motion passed unanimously.

4. REVIEW OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

- Panel summarized their comments on each application, followed by J. Lynch giving staff panel comment summary. Commission liaison for the group then gave comments, followed by general comments from Commissioners. Each Commissioner then gave their scores for each group. The highest and lowest scores were eliminated, and the remaining 12 scores averaged.
- Average Commission Review Scores (in score order, highest-lowest), were as follows:

Bowen McCauley Dance	92.1	
Arlington Arts Center	88.6	
Encore Stage and Studio	88.2	
Synetic Theater	88.2	
UrbanArias	86.2	
Arlington Artists' Alliance	84.1	
Washington Shakespeare Company	83.4	
BalletNova Center for Dance		82.7
National Chamber Ensemble		82.3
Educational Theatre Company	81.8	
Jane Franklin Dance	81.2	
No Rules Theatre Company	78.6	
Dominion Stage	77.8	
Teatro de la Luna	76.9	
Washington Balalaika Society	75.5	
Indian Dance Educators Association	71.9	
Arlington Players, The	71.3	
Arlington Philharmonic Association	68.4	
Opera NOVA	68.3	
Metropolitan Chorus, The	62.6	

5. AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion was made by Leo Sarli to fund all groups; seconded by Carol Cadby. By show of hands, the motion failed (4 yes; 9 no; 1 no vote)

Motion was made by Marsha Semmel to fund organizations that had average commission review scores of 70 and above and to then fund groups proportionally based on their scores; seconded by Courtney Murphy. The motion passed (10 yes; 3 no; 1 no vote). Janet Kopenhaver noted that the final funding dollars totals would be approved by the Commission when they approve the letter to the County Board Chair with grant recommendations at the May Commission meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.