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Wisconsin Arts Board Special Meeting

Monday June 29, 2026
Meeting Location | Virtual

Board Members Present
Brian Kelsey
Lynn Richie
Marcela "Xela" Garcia
Jayne Herring
Karen Ann Hoffman
John W. Johnson
William Mitchell
Jennifer Schwarzkopf
LaShawndra Vernon
Matthew Wallock

Staff Members Present
George Tzougros
Kaitlyn Berle
Amelia Schaetzke

Board Members Excused
Dinorah Márquez Abadiano
Susan Lipp
John Potter
Tyler Marchant

Welcome and Introductions _____Kelsey

Chair Kelsey called the meeting to order at 11:31.

Approval of the Arts Board FY27 Budget Recommendation_____Johnson (for Potter)

The Budget Committee recommended a FY27 budget that includes the state General Purpose and Program revenue amount of $1,184,600 (which has already been approved as part of the FY25-27 biennial budget) and the National Endowment for the Arts revenue amount of $1,134,238.

Richie moved and Schwartzkopf seconded a motion to support the WAB Budget Committee's recommendation. Motion carried.

Tzougros pointed out two changes from FY26. 1. In FY26, state and federal each provided $25,000 toward America 250 projects which will not be available in FY27.
2. Arts & Health funding continues in FY27 with $50,000 from both federal and state sources ($100,000 total). While this is a reduction from the FY26 funding levels of $75,000 from both state and federal sources ($150,000 total), WAB is pleased that this funding

continues.

FY27-29 Biennial Budget Process_____Tzougros

WAB's Biennial Budget submission is due in September. The Budget Committee will meet prior to that. To date, no parameters have been issued to the WAB by the Governor, nor by the Department of Administration.

Other Business_____Kelsey

Kelsey reported that, to date, only one of the candidates for governor – Joel Brennan – has instigated a discussion with WAB leadership about the arts.

Adjournment

Vernon moved and Johnson seconded adjournment. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.