



**STATE CAPITOL PRESERVATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Jan. 19, 2023; 3:00 P.M.
OKLAHOMA STATE CAPITOL BUILDING
SENATE CONFERENCE RM. 230, 2nd Floor
2300 N. LINCOLN BLVD.
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73105**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Leonard
Cliff Branam
C.J. Cavin
Aaron Cooper
Deena Fisher
Brent Gibson
Keith Jones
Lou Kerr
Duane Mass
Janet Morrow
Victor Pozadas, Sr.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce Fisher
Chip Mullens
Charles Moore

GUESTS: Beverly Hicks, OMES
Karl Kramer, OAG
Amber Sharples, Exec. Dir. of the OK Arts Council
Jarica Walsh, OAC
Connie Tate, DAR

1. Announcement of filing of the meeting notice and posting of the agenda in accordance with the Open Meeting Act:

Chair Nancy Leonard was advised that notice for this meeting was filed with the Secretary of State, and an agenda was posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

Ms. Leonard introduced and welcomed new member Victor Pozadas to the commission.

2. Call to order, Roll Call, and Determination of Quorum:

Chair Nancy Leonard called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

3. Discussion and possible action on the approval of the minutes of the special meeting held on November 16, 2022:

C.J. Cavin moved to approve the meeting minutes for November. Cliff Branam seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Mr. Branam, yes; Mr. Cavin, yes; Mr. Cooper, yes; Ms. Fisher, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes;
Mr. Jones, yes; Ms. Kerr, yes; Ms. Leonard, yes; Mr. Mass, yes; Ms. Morrow, yes;
Mr. Pozadas, yes.

4. Present to the Commission final version of the bronze plaque for the Daughters of the American Revolution, previously approved and to be installed after the viewing of the actual plaque by the CPC. [Duane Mass, Capitol Architect and Curator]

Mr. Mass presented the members with the final Daughters of the American Revolution etched bronze plaque to be installed on the exterior of the Capitol entry plaza, pursuant to the location that was approved by the Commission in concept, pending the final artwork in May 2022. He introduced Connie Tate with the National Society for Daughters of the American Revolution organization, a women's service organization dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education, patriotism, and honoring the patriots of the Revolutionary War. The organization plans to put a marker at all fifty state capitols within the next four years to commemorate the 250th birthday anniversary of the United States. There are future plans for a dedication of the plaque.

Presentation only. No action taken.

5. Discussion and possible action to authorize the installation of artwork commissioned by the Art in Public Places project of the Oklahoma State Capitol, *People of the Great Sky, Constellations of the Land* by Jessica Moore Harjo. [Deena Fisher, Jarica Walsh, Director of Visual and Public Art]

Ms. Walsh presented the selected artwork, *People of the Great Sky, Constellations of the Land*, by Dr. Jessica Moore Harjo, commissioned by the Art in Public Places project of the Oklahoma State Capitol.

The Commission approved the project on December 17, 2020, the artist selection on June 17, 2021, and the design concept on August 19, 2021. Ms. Walsh explained that the artwork was not brought before the members to view before installation due to the scale of the project being 65 feet long. Ms. Walsh with the Arts Council requested authorization from the Commission to install the artwork in the lobby at the visitor entrance and then, after being installed, come back before this body for formal accession into the Capitol Art Collection and the Oklahoma Public Art Collection.

Commissioner Fisher reported that the Art Standards Committee met before the meeting and recommended that the Commission accept/authorize the installation of the artwork by Dr. Jessica Harjo in the Capitol.

Deena Fisher moved to approve and authorize the installation of the artwork *People of the Great Sky, Constellations of the Land* in the Capitol. C.J. Cavin seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Mr. Branan, yes; Mr. Cavin, yes; Mr. Cooper, yes; Ms. Fisher, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes;
Mr. Jones, yes; Ms. Kerr, yes; Ms. Leonard, yes; Mr. Mass, yes; Ms. Morrow, yes;
Mr. Pozadas, yes.

6. Discussion and possible action to authorize the installation of artwork commissioned by the Art in Public Places project of the Oklahoma State Capitol, *The Resonating Memory of Red Earth* by Anita Fields. [Deena Fisher, Jarica Walsh, Director of Visual and Public Art]

Ms. Walsh reported that the artist needed more time to prepare the selected artwork, *The Resonating Memory of Red Earth*, and plans to present it at the April meeting.

The Commission took no action and continued this item to another meeting.

No action taken.

7. Discussion and possible action to authorize the installation of artwork commissioned by the Art in Public Places project of the Oklahoma State Capitol, a Spiro-inspired painting by Yatika Fields. [Duane Mass, Capitol Architect and Curator]

Ms. Walsh gave a presentation on the selected artwork, a Spiro-inspired painting by Yatika Fields, commissioned by the Art in Public Places project of the Oklahoma State Capitol. The painting will be installed on the ground floor, the east wall of the Capitol, past the visitor entrance.

The Commission approved the project on December 17, 2020; the artist selection on March 16, 2021; and the design concept on October 21, 2021.

Commissioner Deena Fisher reported that the Art Standards Committee met before the meeting and recommended that the Commission authorize the installation of the artwork by Yatika Fields in the Capitol.

Deena Fisher moved to approve and authorize this artwork installation, a Spiro-inspired painting, into the Capitol. Duane Mass seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Mr. Branan, yes; Mr. Cavin, yes; Mr. Cooper, yes; Ms. Fisher, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes;
Mr. Jones, yes; Ms. Kerr, yes; Ms. Leonard, yes; Mr. Mass, yes; Ms. Morrow, yes;
Mr. Pozadas, yes.

8. Discussion and possible action to authorize the installation of artwork commissioned by the Art in Public Places project of the Oklahoma State Capitol, *Making Her Mark*, by Sara Scribner. [Deena Fisher, Jarica Walsh, Director of Visual and Public Art]

Ms. Walsh gave a presentation on the selected artwork, *Making Her Mark*, a lunette mural by Sara Scribner, commissioned by the Art in Public Places project of the Oklahoma State Capitol. The artwork reflects the impact of women in leadership in Oklahoma.

The Commission approved the project on December 17, 2020; the artist selection on October 21, 2021; and the design concept on February 17, 2022.

Commissioner Fisher reported that the Art Standards Committee met before the meeting and recommended that the Commission authorize the installation of the artwork by Sara Scribner in the Capitol.

Deena Fisher moved to approve and authorize the installation of the artwork, *Making Her Mark* into the Capitol. C.J. Cavin seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Mr. Branan, yes; Mr. Cavin, yes; Mr. Cooper, yes; Ms. Fisher, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes;
Mr. Jones, yes; Ms. Kerr, yes; Ms. Leonard, yes; Mr. Mass, yes; Ms. Morrow, yes;
Mr. Pozadas, yes.

**9. Collections Manager Report: [Jarica Walsh, Director of Visual and Public Art]
Update on the Capitol Re/Installation Project:**

Ms. Walsh reported that the Oklahoma Arts Council is making plans for a dedication ceremony for the *Making her Mark* lunette mural. They are also working with the Governor's Office on a dedication ceremony for the unveiling of the bronze bust of Governor Stitt, to be held in March.

She also reported that the Arts Council has officially taken over the docents program for the Capitol.

No action taken. Report only.

10. Chair Updates and Discussion:

Possible presentation and/or discussion on the ongoing state capitol Building construction and Governor's mansion construction:

There was nothing to report at this time.

No action taken.

11. Adjournment:

There being no further business, Duane Mass made the motion to adjourn. Cliff Brannan seconded the motion. Seeing no opposition, the meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.