

**Capitol Preservation Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2024, 3:00 p.m.
State Capitol Building,
Senate Conference Room 230
2300 N. Lincoln Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73105**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nancy Leonard
Kristie Buerger
Cliff Branan
C.J. Cavin

Brent Gibson
Keith Jones
Duke Ligon
Victor Pozadas, Sr.

Trait Thompson
Nathan Wald

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Aaron Cooper
Tracie Chapman

Duane Mass
Hunter Zearley

GUESTS:

Beverly Hicks, OMES
Karl Kramer, OAG
Amber Sharples, OAC

Jarica Walsh, OAC
Dr. Erin Latham, OAC
Christina Naruszewicz, OAC

♦ *Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES); Deputy General Counsel (DGC)*
♦ *Oklahoma Arts Council (OAC) ♦ Oklahoma Attorney General Office (OAG)*

1. Announcement of filing of the meeting notice and posting of the agenda in accordance with the Open Meeting Act: [Nancy Leonard, Chair]

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.

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

Ms. Leonard called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

3. Welcome/Introductions:

Chairwoman Leonard welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

4. Discussion and possible action on approval of meeting minutes from September 24, 2024.
[Chair]

Nathan Wald moved to approve the meeting minutes for September. C.J. Cavin seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Ms. Buerger, aye; Mr. Cavin, aye; Mr. Gibson, aye; Mr. Jones, aye; Mr. Ligon, aye;
Mr. Pozadas, aye; Mr. Thompson, aye; Mr. Wald, aye; Ms. Leonard, aye.

5. Discussion and possible action to approve the proposed artist exhibitions in the East and North Capitol Galleries for May 2025 through January 2026. [Erin Latham, Ph.D., Curator of Capitol Exhibitions]

Dr. Erin Latham with the Oklahoma Arts Council presented the proposed artist exhibitions and rotation schedules where artworks will be displayed in the East and North Capitol Galleries from May 2025 through January 2026.

Rotation 3: May – July 2024

First Floor Rotunda:

East Gallery: **Mike Larsen** from Perkins, Oklahoma. He created the ‘Flight in Spirit’ lunette in the Fourth Floor Rotunda.
Acrylic.

North Gallery: **Katherine Liontas-Warren** from Lawton, Oklahoma.
Drawing, Painting, Printmaking.

Rotation 4: July – September 2025

First Floor Rotunda:

East Gallery: **Connie D. Phillips** from Smithville, Oklahoma.
Acrylic and Oil.

North Gallery: **Darci Lenker** from Norman, Oklahoma.
Embroidery.

Rotation 5: September – November 2025

First Floor Rotunda:

East Gallery: **Mary James Ketch** from Norman, Oklahoma.
Acrylic.

North Gallery: **Randy Watkins** from Cushing, Oklahoma.
Photography.

Rotation 6: November 2025 – January 2026

First Floor Rotunda:

East Gallery: **Wayne Cooper** from Depew, Oklahoma.
Oil.

North Gallery: **Kristin Gentry** from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
Watercolor and Ink.

The Art Standards Committee met prior to the meeting and recommended approval.

C.J. Cavin moved to approve the proposed artist exhibitions in the East and North Capitol Galleries for May 2025 through January 2026. Trait Thompson seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Mr. Branam, aye; Ms. Buergler, aye; Mr. Cavin, aye; Mr. Gibson, aye; Mr. Jones, aye;
Mr. Ligon, aye; Mr. Pozadas, aye; Mr. Thompson, aye; Mr. Wald, aye; Ms. Leonard, aye.

Commissioner Branam entered the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the Fallen Heroes Christmas Tree, displayed from the end of November through December, placed at the Northeast wall insert of the Hall of Heroes on the second floor, pending House Speaker approval of space. [Nathan Wald, Co-Chair of Architecture and Grounds Committee (A&G)]

Commissioner Nathan Wald clarified that the Fallen Heroes Christmas would instead be placed on the second floor's Southeast wall area of the Hall of Heroes.

The Architecture and Grounds Committee met prior to the meeting and recommended approval.

Duke Ligon moved to approve the Fallen Heroes Christmas Tree displayed from the end of November through December 2025 in the Hall of Heroes on the second floor, pending House Speaker approval. Trait Thompson seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Mr. Branan, aye; Ms. Buergher, aye; Mr. Cavin, aye; Mr. Gibson, aye; Mr. Jones, aye;
Mr. Ligon, aye; Mr. Pozadas, aye; Mr. Thompson, aye; Mr. Wald, aye; Ms. Leonard, aye.

7. Collections Manager Report [Christina Naruszewicz, Director of Collections Management]
Update on the Capitol Re/Installation Project.

Ms. Naruszewicz with the Oklahoma Arts Council reported on the following collections care and maintenance projects:

In September, the South Plaza bronzes, *As Long as the Waters Flow* by Allan C. Houser and *Tribute to Range Riders* by Constance Whitney Warren underwent conservation treatment through grant funds acquired by the Friends of the Capitol. These annual treatments help protect the patina of the works from weathering and damage.

Ms. Naruszewicz informed commission members that this was her last presentation and her final day with the Oklahoma Arts Council, as she has accepted a position at the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Commissioner Trait Thompson provided commission members with history on the bronze sculpture, a *Tribute to Range Riders* featuring a bucking bronco and a steadfast cowboy in wool chaps, the first sculpture installed on the grounds of the Oklahoma State Capitol.

8. Chair Updates and Discussion: [Chair]
Possible presentation and/or discussion on the ongoing state capitol building.

There were no updates or discussions at this time.

9. Adjournment:

There being no further business, Nathan Wald moved to adjourn. C.J. Cavin seconded the motion. Seeing no opposition, the meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.